

would immediately let us know if he found anything of value.

In connection with Chicago letter of March 24, it is desired to state at this time that signatures of those subjects whom we located as having been in Reno some time ago, were all forwarded to the St. Paul office at an earlier date.

There was a rumor that a short time ago a bullet proof car was seen in the Scott Motor Company of Reno, and accordingly appropriate inquiry was made and agents were informed by Mr. Root of the Scott Motor Company that the rumor is absolutely without foundation.

Additional U-Drive companies were checked at Reno by photograph and also names and addresses of Subjects, but no identification was made. Apparently subject only patronized the one company, Walters, mentioned in previous reports.

Referring to letter from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., addressed to the Salt Lake City office, dated March 26, 1934, a search was made of all the laundry marks on file at the office of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East Second St., during the months of October, November and December, 1933, and February and March 1934, and they were compared with the list of laundry marks contained in Inspector Rorer's letter, in addition to the laundry mark "C7-" referred to in Agent Gere's report dated 4-2-34, Salt Lake City, Utah, and a few laundry marks were found similar to the laundry marks found in the possession of subjects. Upon checking these laundry marks, it was found that they belonged to local residents of Reno, not at all involved in this investigation. The entire list of laundry marks has not as yet been checked, but substantial progress has been made in that respect.

A complete list of the laundry marks in question, together with 28 of the known names of Subjects and their aliases, were left with J.A. Barbash, Manager of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East 2nd St., John Miramon, Manager, Reno Laundry, 205 East Plaza St., and B.A. Reed, Manager, I.X.L. Laundry, 505 East 5th St., as follows:-

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Names:

Bob Barker,
Arthur R. Barker,
"Doc" Barker,
Fred Barker,
F.C. Blackburn,
J.E. Blackburn,
T.C. Blackburn,
E.L. Burnes,
E.L. Burns,
R.L. Burns,
R.L. Burns,
A. Carter,
Harry Campbell,

R.E. Davis,
Claude Dale,
George Dunn,
E.V. Davis,
J. Darrows,
Volney Davis,
H.J. Harvey,
A.S. Hunter,
Raymond Hadley,
George Heller,
R.E. Hamilton,
Alvin Karpis,
Alvin Korpis,

Ray Karpis,
William Lohman,
William B. Lohman,
J.H. Lockwood,
S.E. Lockwood,
Ted Murphy,
E.L. Murray,
George L. Martin,
C.E. Moore,
R.E. Nelson,
F.G. Ward.

The managers of the laundries named above, were requested to telephone the Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake City, Utah, Wasatch 1797, in the event laundry is received in the future bearing any of the laundry marks indicated, if believed to be owned by any of the above-mentioned names, or any other names believed to be used by any of Subjects, and they promised the cooperation of their markers and drivers in causing the apprehension of Subjects.

In connection with the information in the report of reference that the telephone company at Reno had some difficulty in installing a telephone in apartment 240 at the Hiland Apartments that Subject Fred Barker and his woman had left, a further contact was had with the telephone company and they advised that it would be impossible for an individual to make the connection themselves and put through any long distance calls as this would be noticed immediately at the office and they would have made an immediate inquiry. Hence this angle will not be checked further.

All photographers have been covered locally and no developments have occurred. They all state they cannot identify subjects either by their photographs or by their names and aliases. All ladies shops have been covered and all available records checked. This resulted in determining that at the Eastern Coat Suit and Dress Company 211 North Virginia, Reno, a Mrs. Blackburn of 240 Liberty Street purchased a pair of women's slacks on October 31st, 1933. Mrs. S. Lilienfeld of the Eastern Coat and Suit Co., advises that the slacks were called "Varsity Slacks" and were made by Theodore Kotzli Company, Santee Street, Los Angeles. The slacks had a white label on the inside near the seat, made of cloth, with the words "Varsity" in black thread stitched and the word "slack" stitched underneath in red. The exact style or size could not be determined from the records other than the fact that the material was wool flannel, retailed for \$5.98 and the slacks were made in tan, red, gray, brown, navy blue and white colors. This was a cash

transaction and the proprietor could not recall the purchaser. No charge account was had at the store, and the only reason they have a record of this sale is because a deposit was made on the merchandise, so that same was held for several days for Mrs. Blackburn before the full price was received.

Miss F.M. Plumridge of the New York Shop, Reno, located 23 South Virginia, found a sales slip reflecting that on October 13th, 1933, a Miss Blackburn of 240 Liberty Street, purchased tan riding breeches for \$12.75, and a brown or tan felt sport riding hat, size about 22, for \$6.50. The only reason this store has a record of the purchase is due to the fact that the purchaser left a deposit of ten dollars upon which the articles were held at the store for several days until the full purchase price had been paid. The riding breeches described by Miss Plumridge as being of a waist size 28, whipped cord material, and as having been manufactured by the "Over the Top" Sport Togs Company located either in New York or Chicago. An examination of other merchandise manufactured by this concern disclosed that its label is of white cloth with the words "Over the Top" stitched in black thread, immediately underneath which is a circle and in the center of same a figure on a horse, all stitched in black. Underneath the circle appear the words "Sport Togs" in black. The brown or tan felt hat purchased on this date was manufactured by the same concern and therefore both of these articles should have labels similar to the one above described in each. It should be noted that while these stores cannot recall the transaction or identify the purchasers as the woman living with Subject Fred Barker, the facts ascertained show that Fred Barker and his woman were living at 240 Liberty Street, Reno, from October 6th, 1933 until November 2, 1933, and since both of these purchases were made during this period, it is very evident that the purchaser in each instant was the woman living with Subject Fred Barker as Mrs. Blackburn.

Referring to the information contained in the reference report wherein it is indicated that the Barkers had a telephone at 130 Pueblo Street, Reno, while living here, and that one Upson of the Star Taxi was the individual to see with respect to access to the premises, Mr. Hartley Upson connected with the Star Taxi and residing with his mother at 630 Elko Street, stated that his former wife, now deceased, Mrs. Marian Upson owned the property at 130 West Pueblo Street, and for two or three months during the winter of 1932-33 she rented the premises to a large woman and her two sons. Hartley Upson was unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. Kath Barker, but his description tallied in most respects. He stated that he did not see either of the two men but that he saw several new automobiles including a Buick and a Pontiac at that address. Upon being prompted he stated that these parties gave the name of Davis. That they paid their rent in advance and

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at the time they left had a few days rent paid in advance which they did not attempt to collect. That he believed they left Reno at the time they left 130 Pueblo Street, as he has not seen them since. He did not know anyone who fraternized or associated with the Davis family and neighbors next door are the only ones in Reno whom he believes had occasion to see the Barkers under their alias of Davis at the Pueblo address. They paid their rent with new twenty dollar bills. He was not able to identify the photograph of subjects as being any one he has seen in Reno.

In checking the wires at the Postal Telegraph Company on local characters, particularly Bill Graham, who is reported to be a friend of all gangsters, and no doubt knows the subject in this case when they were in Reno, a telegram was located which was addressed to Graham at New York City while the latter was there on February 22nd, 1934, and reads as follows: "Mose wired from Minneapolis wants number where he can 'phone you did not send address conditions same here as when you left". (Signed) "Cliff".

There was another undated wire to Mose Barnett, 910 Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota which reads as follows: "Call me tonight at seven thirty my time" (Signed) "Bill".

Another wire to Bill Graham from San Francisco dated 10-23-33 and signed by one "Eddie" reads as follows: "Party Los Angeles, leaving today stopping Saint Paul Hotel".

Still a fourth wire of possible interest was sent by Bill Graham on 9-22-33 to Bill Donovan, 153 Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill., and reads as follows: "Write me Eds phone and address" (Signed) "Bill Graham".

These are the only telegrams that appear might even be of possible interest in connection with this case. However copies of all wires sent out by Graham are available and in possession of Agents.

A further study will be made of all these telegrams however, to make sure that nothing has been overlooked. A list of all telephone calls made over the telephone of Graham and his associates for the past few months dating back to October 1st, 1933, in the case of Graham's personal telephone and father back in some instances is available, and runs up to March 1st, 1934. The long distance calls for March 1934, have been sent to Sacramento but will be back in a few days and will be secured. These records do not reflect any long distance telephone calls to St. Paul, or vicinity, although there are a few to New York. As soon as this list is supplemented with the records for March 1934, complete list will be prepared for the interested offices.

A continual observation is being observed nightly of

all gambling joints and other like places. Subjects have not put in their appearance. However as long as agents are here, these places will continue to be frequented and the customers observed.

A check is partially completed of the real estate companies here and will be covered in the next report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE: Make careful check of Mose Barnett mentioned in a wire incorporated in this report at Minneapolis. If he has any connection at all with subjects in this case, then it will more definitely tie William Graham into the picture also.

The CHICAGO OFFICE: Will ascertain the general reputation etc., of Bill Donovan, 153 East Ohio Street, Chicago, mentioned in a wire incorporated in this report.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: Will follow up all leads at Reno and will no doubt make some investigation at Carson City to see if perchance subjects are known to have been there.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: R.E. VETTERLI
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: All dry cleaning establishments in Reno and Sparks, Nevada, contacted, and list of laundry marks and cleaners marks, together with all known names used by subjects, left with them, and their cooperation assured in notifying the Salt Lake City Office and local authorities at Reno in the event subjects return to Reno or Sparks in the future. Jewelry store located at Reno, Nevada, where photograph of Barker Bros. and Karpis identified. Description of watch left by Alvin Karpis for repairs under alias R. E. Davis secured. Date of transaction Nov. 28, 1932. Arthur Barker, Feb. 20, 1933, purchased new watch from Ginsburg Jewelry Co., Reno, Nevada, under name Davis. Check of real-estate offices concluded, as well as check of news-stands, with no developments.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge R.E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City Division Office, dated April 6, 1934.

AT RENO, NEVADA

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents Gere, Sackett and Vetterli:

Approximately twenty-five dry cleaning establishments in Reno and Sparks, Nevada, were contacted, and lists of the laundry marks

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and cleaners marks on clothing belonging to subjects were left with each concern, and they promised their active cooperation in notifying the Salt Lake City Office and the local authorities at Reno in the event that subjects or any of them should return to Reno, and deposit clothing with them for cleaning.

It was ascertained at the Paragon Cleaners, 226 Sierra Street, that subject Alvin Karpis, whose photograph was identified by both Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ghiglieri, proprietors, had cleaning work done at that establishment on October 24, Oct. 30, and Nov. 14, 1933, amounting to \$16., under the name of Burns, his marks at that place being 637-3 and 283-4.

AT SPARKS, NEVADA

All of the known names of subjects, numbering 39 names, were left with Postmistress Mrs. Dora E. Richards, and she promised her active cooperation in the event subjects should receive mail thru the Sparks Post Office or leave a forwarding address. As Sparks, Nevada, is but six miles from Reno it is anticipated that subjects might use the Sparks Post Office for the transmittal of mail rather than use the Reno Post Office.

Chief of Police Fred Morris was also contacted and furnished with the names of subjects, and his attention called to the two Identification Orders received by him covering subjects, and he promised his cooperation in causing the apprehension of subjects in the event they are seen at Sparks.

AT RENO, NEVADA

The check of all real-estate concerns was concluded without obtaining any information of value. A check was made of all stores and other places where racing form sheets are sold in Reno, without obtaining any information tending to show where Fred Barker purchased racing forms as set out in previous report. A check has been started of all taxi companies and taxi drivers operating in Reno to determine which cab was used by the woman living with Harry Campbell, as alleged by Mrs. L.L. Rowan. The check so far has been nonproductive and will be concluded forthwith.

It was ascertained at Ginsburg Jewelry Co., from Mr. R.K. Sherman that he identified a photograph of subject Arthur Barker when presented to him by Agents as being the photograph of an individual by the name of Davis, no initials given, who purchased a Gruen Longacre watch, case No. 55140, Feb. 20, 1933. This watch was a man's wrist-watch, 14 carat, yellow gold, rectangular in shape, but plain in design.

Mr. Sherman states that Arthur Barker turned in another watch on the purchase of the Gruen watch, receiving a trade-in value of \$62.50. He also positively identified a photograph of Alvin Karpis as being one, R. E. Davis, who brought in a Gruen watch for repair Nov. 28, 1932, bearing case No. 801070, repair No. 6196, scratched on the inside of the case. This watch was also octagon in shape and was an 18 carat, man's gold, wrist-watch. Mr. Sherman stated that this Gruen watch was a very expensive watch and very noticeable owing to the fact that immediately surrounding the glass on the face of the watch there was a white and green enameled design.

Mr. Sherman states that he believes subject Karpis was in to have this watch again repaired after Nov. 28, 1932, but could find no further record. He was positive, however, that he had not seen any of the subjects in this case for five or six months. He made positive identification of subjects Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker and is also quite confident that Harry Campbell accompanied the other three subjects when the transaction took place in his store as outlined above. He does not identify at all the photographs of Volney Davis. He states that subjects were always well supplied with money, well dressed, and he specifically recalled telling Mr. Ginsburg, the owner, that he was rather suspicious of subjects.

He identifies the photograph of Fred Barker as accompanying other subjects to the store, and recalled that on one occasion he endeavored to sell subject Fred Barker a green, sapphire ring, worth \$500, or \$600., and almost completed the transaction. However, the transaction was never completed and there was no indication that subject Fred Barker would ever return. However, the address and telephone number of the Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Office was left with Mr. Sherman, who promised to immediately telephone the Salt Lake City Office, collect, in the event subjects put in their appearance at Reno, and to also notify the Chief of Police at Reno, in the event no repair work was left which would necessitate the return of subjects to the store.

Mr. Sherman has the reputation at Reno of having one of the most remarkable memories for names and faces of any individual in this community, and accordingly it is believed that his identification of certain of the subjects can be relied upon considerably.

Other jewelry stores were checked and the only information of value obtained was one jeweler believed he identified the photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell, as having been seen by him in Reno, sometime ago, but not in the recent past.

Referring to New York City Office wires to the Salt Lake City Office, April 3rd, requesting data on certain telephone calls placed by J.C. McKay, an associate of William Graham, at Reno, with whom all gangsters are supposed to connect locally, it was ascertained that Reno telephone 3203 is the residence of McKay and 5211, the residence of Graham. This information was wired the Salt Lake City Office for transmission to New York.

Regarding New York wire of April 5th to Salt Lake City regarding further calls by McKay long-distance to Reno on April 3rd, it was ascertained that Reno telephone No. 5224 is the home telephone number of George Thatcher, attorney, who has previously represented Graham and McKay, locally. There is no such telephone number as Reno 4111. However, there is a Reno No. 4111, and this is the office phone of Thatcher and Woodburn, attorneys. Reno No. 3501 is the local telephone number of Attorney Robert E. Burns, who is understood to be a relative of Attorney Taaffe, of San Francisco, who is now representing Graham and McKay in New York. This data was also wired the Salt Lake City Office for transmission to New York City Office.

Through Mr. Preston of the telephone company, Reno, the long-distance telephone calls were secured for the summer of 1933, from the resort Cal-Neva, owned by Graham and McKay at Lake Tahoe, but closed during the winter season. A check of these telephone calls fails to reflect any information of value. However, a complete list is on file with Agents locally for future reference. In addition, all long-distance calls for Graham and McKay and their lieutenants for the month of March, 1934, were secured, but no calls found indicating any connection with subjects in the instant case. These are also on hand locally and at the earliest possible date all long-distance telephone calls secured to date will be listed and forwarded to the interested field offices for probable future reference. In addition, all wires secured from the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies

sent and received by Graham and McKay will be copied and forwarded to all interested offices for possible future reference.

On the night of April 5th a visit was paid to the Green Lantern, the only house of prostitution in Reno openly operated in Reno outside of the "stockade", and a Mrs. Hoppe and her chinese butler, were both shown photographs of subjects in this case, and they selected the photograph of subject Arthur Barker as being an individual that they had seen in Reno, but stated he had not frequented that house and they had not seen him for several months.

From Mrs. Hoppe, it was ascertained that a girl by the name of "Marie", who works in Crib No. 9 at Reno "Stockade" had been on the line for a number of years and if approached properly she would cooperate with Agents with a view to identifying subjects. Accordingly, a call was made at the "Stockade" and it was ascertained that "Marie" only worked during the daytime. However, the photographs of subject were shown to the operators of the bar inside the "stockade" proper, which is under police supervision, but no identification was made.

The prostitute by the name of "Marie" was located the same night at the Mizpah Hotel, where she resides, and she identified subjects Fred Barker and Harry Campbell as individuals she had seen at Reno, time and place unknown, but not within the past few months.

Another local prostitute, name unknown, who was visiting with "Marie" also identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker, while a local musician who was visiting with the young ladies in question, is confident that he saw subject Alvin Karpis gambling around the Bank Club and playing far several months ago, but none of the last mentioned parties has seen subject recently.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA: Will pursue the remaining few leads in this case locally.

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Division of Investigation

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

April 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

On April 2, 1934, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni with a letter dated March 31, 1934, from George M. Murray, manager of the New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota, a copy of which is attached hereto. The package referred to therein contains yellow corn meal made by the Quaker Oats Company and the ransom letter, which was left with this package, is attached hereto, covered with cellophane, for the Division. Please furnish this office with photostats of this letter.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding the package of oat meal, together with the brown paper, which was wrapped around it, apparently, by the kidnapers.

As early as practicable, investigation will be conducted in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG,
Assistant Director.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen;

Sometime ago, a young man brought a package to the Hotel to be delivered to a Mr. John B. Brakeesham whom he said would be coming in on the Bus. Later on, an hour or two, he came back and said the man Brakeesham, whom he claimed was his father would not be on the Bus, he had just been advised by phone from St. Paul. He said he would leave the package here and call back for it.

No one ever called for the package and last night we opened it to see what it might be. It turned out to be a letter from Edward Bremer to Chas. McGee, appointing him payoff man in the kidnaping also instructions to McGee for delivering the ransom money.

I have mentioned this to no one and am forwarding the package and letter to you, under separate cover.

This may all be water that has flowed under the bridge but I thought you would want the thing any way. My son was on duty at the desk when this took place and has a fair description of the man whom he talked to.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Geo. M. Murray

NEW HOTEL BRUNSWICK
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

FILE NO. 7-33

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

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE Apr. 4, 1934.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Apr. 4, 1934.	REPORT MADE BY W. R. RAMSKY, JR. AP.
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Check of records California State Division of Motor Vehicles, reflects various automobiles registered in California in names or aliases of instant suspects, and investigation proceeding to check each. Howard Mulansy, reported associate of Bentz, not returned to Palo Alto, California. Captain H.A. Hansley, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, and E.W. Brink, American Railway Express Company, furnish additional information regarding Bentz brothers. Negative investigation as to car reported delivered to Mrs. Lohman or Mrs. Blackburn Oct. 27, 1933. State Quarantine Stations, and California State Highway Patrol cooperating in search.



REFERENCE:

Report Special Agent William R. Ramsky, Jr., San Francisco, California, April 2, 1934.

Further check of the records of the State Highway Department, reflects that automobiles had been registered to the following persons who have the names or aliases of instant suspects, and investigation is being conducted in this office, as well as being requested of the Los Angeles Office, with reference to the identity of these persons.

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E. L. Burns, 719 Patterson Bldg., Fresno, registered a 1928 Buick 6 Sedan, motor #2544495, serial #8390 on January 22nd, under license #LL 1188, as sole owner.

R.L. Burns, 673 S. Hobart, L.A. registered a 1931 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 606917, serial #707345 under 1934 license #EM 436 on January 30th, 1934, as sole owner.

R.L. Burns, 2220 Charnwood Ave., L. A., registered January 20th under 1934 license #6N 1201 as sole owner, a 1932 Chevrolet 6 Coupe, motor #3028879, serial #6B40 18891, 1933 address 1402 E. 78th St., Los Angeles.

R.L. Burns, Box 584, 622 N G, Tulare, registered a 1930 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #1406853, serial #6AD 2640 on January 26th under 1934 license #5C 2824 with Q. F. Mefford, 251 North O St., Tulare.

R.L. Burns, 335 East 55th St., Los Angeles Co., Long Beach, registered a 1935 Dodge Coupe, motor #A 426690, serial #A554817, on Jan. 9th, under 1934 license #SY 2500 as sole owner.

R.L. Burns, 5115 1/2 S. Main, Los Angeles, registered a 1929 Ford Sedan, motor #A 1823781, as sole owner under 1934 license #6V 7477 on Jan. 15th 1934. Had this registered under 1933 non-resident permit #85279 on May 20th, 1933, which expired Dec. 31st, 1933. Car formerly registered under 1933 Arizona license #BA25 and title #154519 by R. L. Burns, 306 E. 4th Ave., Tucson, Ariz. Certificate of title and registration showing Mr. Burns as sole owner on file at Sacramento.

T. S. Blackburn, 568 Ocean View St., Whittier, registered a 1929 Nash Sedan, motor #335351, serial #452152, under 1934 license #6Y 6149 on Jan. 27th with the GMAC 714 W. 10th St., Los Angeles, as legal owner.

Geo. L. Martin, 505 Church St., San Francisco, registered a 1927 Studebaker 6 Coupe, motor #EU 58689 as sole owner on Jan. 31st, under 1934 license #6K 9359, 1933 license #J 9283 and address 276 Willard St., San Francisco.

George L. Martin, 1358 W. 36th St., Los Angeles, registered a 1924 Studebaker 6 Dep. Pha. motor #207353, serial #1206678, under 1934 license #3M 6418, as sole owner, on Jan. 13th, 1934.

Volney E. Davis, 1442 Laburnum St., Chico, registered on Feb. 7th, under 1934 license #3A 7909, as sole owner, a 1924 Chandler 6 Tour, Motor #151596.

Fred Barker, 2947 31st St., Sacramento registered a 1931 Pontiac Sedan, Motor #800560, serial #707423, on Jan. 8th, under 1934 license #1D 6176.

Fred Barker, 202 Holmes Ave., Ontario, registered a 1929 Ford Coupe, motor #A 4237206 on Feb. 24th (on a 1929 Ford) under 1934 license #2R 7230, legal owner as Santa Ana Fire Co., 407 W. 5th St., Santa Ana. 1933 address 122 7th St., Long Beach.

Fred Barker, c/o Sledge Ranch, Lombos, registered on Feb. 1st, under 1934 license #3Y 9238, as sole owner, a 1928 Dodge Coupe, motor #A 45940, serial #A 49710.

Arthur Barker, Box 274, Indio, registered a 1929 Hup. Rd. motor #115068, serial #A 114179 on Jan. 20th, under 1934 license #5T 3178, with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, 714 W. 10th St., Los Angeles, as legal owner.

Arthur Barker, 3303 Laurel Ave., Oakland, registered a 1926 Chevrolet Land Rd. motor #2194737, serial #6V 4026 on Feb. 13th under 1934 license #8G 9195, as sole owner.

Harry Campbell, 5618 S. Budlong, Los Angeles, registered a 1928 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4985056, serial #21AB100330 on Jan. 23rd, under 1934 license #1P 7538 with Myer Podolor, 3700 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, as legal owner. 1933 address 1442 W. 58th Pl., Los Angeles.

Harry Campbell and Grace Campbell, Blackstone Hotel, Long Beach, registered a 1929 Cad. 8, Coupe, motor #503627, as sole owner, under 1934 license #7Y 4907, on Jan. 31st, 1934. 1933 address 543 Riverdale Dr., Glendale, change of address Feb. 15th 1933 to Blackstone Hotel, Long Beach, then on Sept. 1st, 1933, the Motor Vehicle Division received a change of address to 905 2nd St., Santa Monica; registered under 1934 address Blackstone Hotel, Long Beach. Attached to the application is a 1932 New York certificate of registration #2F3674 in the name of Harry and Grace Campbell, Roscoe, N.Y.; bill of sale dated Oct. 4, 1929 showing sale by the Binghamton Cad. Corp. to Harry S. Campbell.

Investigation with reference to H.J. Harvey, 1209 Oak St., San Francisco, developed that this individual has no connection with suspects, and is at the present time Purchasing Agent for the Crocker Union Plant, 735 Harrison St., San Francisco.

Special Agent Philbrick conducted investigation at Palo Alto, Calif., in connection with which he has submitted memorandum as follows:

"On April 4, 1934, while at Palo Alto, California, on other expedite official business, I ascertained from Lieut. R. Lawrence of the Palo Alto Police Department, that Howard Mulaney had not returned to Palo Alto, from his reported trip to visit mining claims in Nevada. Lawrence stated that they had not been able to develop any further information regarding the whereabouts of Mulaney's mining claims. He further stated he believed that Mulaney's wife is residing at 521 Fulton St., and might be able to furnish information in connection with this matter, or ~~some~~ ~~other~~ ~~person~~ ~~might~~ ~~develop~~ ~~information~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~his~~ ~~whereabouts~~. Lawrence further advised that the manager of the Texas Restaurant in Palo Alto, is reliable, and that possibly through him some information could be developed." Further investigation will be conducted by this Agent at Palo Alto, California.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty conducted further investigation in connection with this matter, and has submitted a memorandum as follows:

"Captain H.A. Hansley, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, New Montgomery St., San Francisco, was again interviewed, and stated that Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, at Chicago, Ill., may have information of the present whereabouts of

Ted Bentz; that in 1932 Ted Bentz was sentenced in Superior Court of Cook County, Ill., for having stolen bonds in his possession, and through the intercession of Paul Girard, received a short sentence of but six months in the County Jail and three years' probation; that Ted Bentz agreed to assist in the recovery of the bonds stolen by his brother, Ed Bentz, from a Madison, Indiana, bank on Nov. 12, 1931; that Ted Bentz makes regular reports to Cook County (Ill.) Probation Officer.

E. W. Brink with the American Railway Express, 2nd & Market St., stated that just received a message from Chief Special Agent Plowman of the American Railway Express, Chicago, that there recently was seen in Chicago at place where Bentz' known to live (the particular Bentz not designated), certain automobiles as follows:

1929 Dodge Sedan, bearing 1934 California license No. 5-A-2785, registered to Antonette Pedersen, R.R. #3, Box 135, Orland, California; 1934 California license 3-J-3575 on a De Soto Sedan, registered to Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, c/o Walter Clifford, 310 Locust St., San Francisco, and 1934 California license No. 5-J-480, registered to Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, c/o Clark Coe, Rhodma Hotel, 811 Geary St., San Francisco, California."

Special Agent Geraghty also conducted investigation at the Warren Boyd Company, 1560 Van Ness Ave., the Graham-Paige Co., 1665 Van Ness Ave., the Auburn California Company, 1625 Van Ness Ave., the Buick Agency, 1601 Van Ness Ave., the Chrysler Motors, 1200 Van Ness Ave., the Chevrolet Motors, 1700 Van Ness Ave., Earl C. Anthony Automobile Co., 901 Van Ness Ave., but was able to obtain no information indicating that Mrs. William Lohman or Mrs. T.C. Blackburn had secured delivery of an automobile from any of these concerns in October, 1933. Special Agent Geraghty exhibited photographs of Mrs. Paula Harmon and Mrs. Kate Barker, but at none of these places were they recognized as individuals with whom they had dealings at any time.

Contact was had with A.C. Fleury, in charge of the Quarantine Division of the State Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, California, by this Agent, furnishing him with descriptions of all cars involved in instant investigation, together with the names and aliases of all suspects, and Fleury promised to immediately notify this office should these cars or individuals be noted at any of the border quarantine stations in this district. Photographs of instant Subjects will be furnished Mr. Fleury upon receipt from the Division.

Captain Raymond Cato, Chief of the California State Highway Patrol, was also furnished this information, and the cooperation of his organization, covering all highways in this district elicited.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE is requested to refer to the information contained in the body of this report relative to the names of individuals bearing the aliases of subjects or suspects in this matter, and to ascertain their identity.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE is requested to contact Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, for information he may be able to furnish relative to the whereabouts of Ted Bentz, bearing in mind information contained in the body of this report, relative to the activities of Bentz, and also verify the reported information that Ted Bentz makes regular reports to the Cook County, Ill. Probation Officer.

THE ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE. The attention of this office is directed to report of this Agent dated April 2, 1934, in which is noted information developed by Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, indicating that one Chic Emerson, 906 West 26th St., Minneapolis, was a representative of the George Wing Co., in San Francisco, a year ago, and may be able to furnish information requested in the letter of Inspector Rorer, dated March 26, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Division Office, a copy of which was sent this office. A lead for the purpose of interviewing this individual having been inadvertently omitted from reference report.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE at Palo Alto, California, will conduct further investigation with reference to Howard Mulaney, interviewing the manager of the Texas Restaurant, and consider the advisability of a mail ~~to the~~ 523 Fulton St.

At San Francisco will conduct investigation with reference to the automobiles associated with the Bentz brothers, reported to be registered in San Francisco, and will conduct investigation as to the identity of the individuals bearing the aliases of instant suspects.

The San Francisco Office will conduct further additional investigation as requested by reference report.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT: PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-5 & 4-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. H. HEYWOOD
TITLE AND SYNOPSIS: WILLIAM ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Flash cards on automobiles known to have been in possession of Subjects and suspects placed in files of W. Va. State Road Commission Automobile Bureau. No information pertaining to registration of cars by Subjects and suspects apparent in files of W. Va. State Road Commission, although cars registered in the same or similar names, said cars being, however, old models.

REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector Rorer addressed to Salt Lake City Office, 3-25-34.

DETAILS: AT CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Agent made a search of the registration records of the Automobile Bureau of the West Virginia State Road Commission, which revealed that some of the cars mentioned in reference letter have been registered in the State of West Virginia, and indicated that none of the Subjects under their true names or aliases had registered a car in the State of West Virginia.

In searching these records, however, it was found that the following named persons had registered cars in the State of West Virginia during 1933 and 1934, but from the age of the cars registered, it is probable that none of these persons are Subjects of the instant investigation.

Fred Barker, 1971 W. Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va., registered 1932 model sedan, Motor # 500562, on 3-24-34.

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Arthur Barker, Newhall, W. Va., registered 1926 model Ford Coupe, Motor # 14241510, on 7-31-33;

J.J. Burns, 618 Ohio Avenue, Charleston, W. Va., registered Ford Roadster, Motor # A 1891828 on 1-19-33;

Albert Carter, Amherstdale, W. Va., registered 1927 Buick Sedan, Motor # 1926579, Serial # 1861776, on 3-9-34;

A. Carter, Camden-on-Gauley, W. Va., registered 1929 model Nash Coupe, Motor # B 48149, Serial # B 35460, on 11-13-33;

Albert Carter, Amherstdale, W. Va., registered Pontiac Coupe, Motor # 473915, Serial # 427672, on 11-17-33;

E. E. Davis, Mullens, W. Va., registered Ford Coupe, 1930 model, Motor # A 2094762, on 4-5-33;

George M. Haller, Route 6, Grafton, W. Va., registered 1928 model Whippet Coupe, Motor # 195676, Serial # 193292, on 9-16-33;

H. E. Hamilton, 816 Second Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., registered 1931 model Ford Coupe, Motor # A 4048316, on 7-21-33;

Robert E. Hamilton, 616 So. Terrace Street, Huntington, W. Va., registered 1932 Chevrolet Coach, Motor # 3011522, on 1-31-33;

E. L. Martin, 41 E. Main St., Buchanan, W. Va., registered 1926 model Ford Roadster, Motor # 150028024, on 10-18-33;

C. E. Moore, 2751 First Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., registered 1929 model Reo Sedan, Motor # CA 19221, Serial # 19466, on 6-5-33;

C. E. Moore, Route # 3, Belleville, W. Va., registered 1924 model Studebaker Touring, Motor # 201110, serial # 1200174, on 9-25-33;

Harry Campbell, Nuttalberg, W. Va., registered 1927 model Chevrolet Roadster, Motor # 3586714, Serial # 12 AA 67434, on 9-11-33.

Because of the age of these cars, an investigation is not being conducted to ascertain the identity of the owners until requested to do so.

As requested in reference letter, flash cards were placed for each automobile and subject with the Automobile Bureau, West Virginia State Road Commission, and in the event the suspects register a car in the State of West Virginia or one of the mentioned automobiles is registered, the Pittsburgh Division Office will be notified immediately by wire collect.

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April 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Extortion, there are transmitted here-
with copies of each of the extortion notes postmarked January 30,
1934, February 8, 1934, March 31, 1934, April 2, 1934, and April
4, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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Director,

cc- Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division Office,
St. Paul, Minn.

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April 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of April 5, 1934, addressed to the Division by Mr. Clegg, transmitting a ransom letter which was originally left in a package of yellow corn meal in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping. As requested there are transmitted herewith three photostatic copies of the ransom letter.

The package of oat meal or corn meal together with the brown paper which was forwarded under separate cover has been received at the Division and laboratory examination of these articles is going forward.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Quinn
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Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

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

In compliance with telephonic instructions of Mr. Clegg and in accordance with Division letter of March 29, 1934, in connection with the alleged "leak" of confidential information in the Barker-Karpis case, I beg to submit the following:

On March 30th at Topeka, Kansas I interviewed Mr. Wint Smith, who is in charge of the Kansas State Police in a quasi-legal and administrative capacity. Mr. Jim Bracewell, Special Agent of the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, had afforded permission to mention his name and to say that he, Bracewell, had understood from Mr. Smith that the latter possessed information, or alleged information, relative to the possible finding of latent prints in the Bremer case prior to the newspaper publicity appearing on and after March 15th with reference thereto. I told him that I would be glad to receive from him any information along these lines that he possessed and that any data secured from him would be treated in the strictest confidence, if he so desired. Mr. Smith apparently knew nothing about this matter, or endeavored to convey that impression. He engaged in a number of different poses for a period of approximately an hour purporting to reflect a strenuous endeavor on his part to recall where he might have received information of this nature. He incidentally went into his own history to some extent, stating that he was an attorney, and an assistant attorney general of the state of Kansas and, of course, received investigative information from a number of the officials working under him. He called up a number of highway patrolmen, asking them if he had received this information in the Bremer case from them and they replied in the negative. He then recalled that he might have received information along these lines from one Joseph Anderson, one of the principal assistants, and who is rather well known in criminal investigative circles in Kansas and Oklahoma. Mr. Anderson could not be located through various long distance telephone calls. He was said to be conveying prisoners between Lansing and

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Columbus, Kansas. Mr. Smith thought he might communicate with him later in the day. The only information that could be elicited from Smith was the statement that he believed he had heard that the Barker-Karpis gang was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnap case; that he wasn't sure just when he had heard this, but thought it was about a month ago. Rather late in the afternoon of March 30th, in my absence from Mr. Smith's office, he stated that he had succeeded in getting in touch with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Anderson told him he believed that he had secured information to the effect that the Barker-Karpis gang was wanted in the Bremer kidnaping somewhere in Oklahoma, but he was not certain there were any latent prints mentioned in connection therewith; that he, Anderson, while in Oklahoma and during the night of the raid on March 15th, was in company with Special Agent Hollis of the Oklahoma City office and with George Stewart, Police Detective at Tulsa, Oklahoma. I indicated to Mr. Smith that I wanted to get in personal touch with Mr. Anderson and he said he was not available then, but he expected Anderson would be at Stillwater, Oklahoma on Monday, April 2nd.

At Oklahoma City on March 31st I talked with Special Agent Hansen relative to the allegation that he may have discussed certain matters in connection with the Bremer case with Bracewell, as per certain paragraph of Mr. Rorer's letter of March 29th. Mr. Hansen said that he believed he had met Mr. Bracewell on one occasion, said occasion being February 17th and 18th of this year, when Hansen was one of those engaged in a "sweep" of certain territory in the Cookson Hills in Oklahoma. Mr. Hansen stated that he did not recall any of the details of the conversation with Bracewell that might have any bearing on this matter, but pointed out, in response to questioning along that line, that he, Hansen, knew nothing at that time of any latent prints having been found. The records of the Oklahoma City office corroborate this statement inasmuch as telegram from the Division advising of the finding of a latent print was received at Oklahoma City sometime on February 18th. Hansen had left Oklahoma City on the 17th and did not return thereto until the afternoon of the 18th and, even had he secured the information promptly upon his return, would not have been in a position to talk to Bracewell about it on the 17th or on the morning of the 18th, as he did not see Bracewell after leaving the Cookson Hills raid.

After reviewing the file in the Oklahoma City office, I talked to Special Agent H. E. Hollis. I pointed out to him the possibility of an employee of the Division making a specific statement hastily and in

fear of administrative action when, if time were afforded him to reflect, a different character of statement might have been made. I indicated that if he would tell me the entire truth concerning the unintentional participation on his part in this alleged "leak", that I believed the consequences would not be severe; that he could eliminate any past statement that he might have made from consideration but that if he persisted in affirming his absolute innocence in the matter of talking, inadvertently, or otherwise, to law enforcement officers, and investigation afterwards developed his complicity therewith, that his services with the Division would be terminated. He stated that he desired to reiterate his former statement and that he positively had not spoken about latent prints to any person outside of the Divisional personnel.

On the afternoon of March 31st I proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma with Special Agent in Charge Brantley and there met Mr. William Voight, correspondent of the Associated Press. We renewed our personal acquaintance and I informed Mr. Voight that I desired to secure from him confidentially, or otherwise if he so desired, any information he might possess, or might be able to secure, relative to the alleged "leak" in connection with the latent print identification in the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Voight immediately stated that he thought that was entirely settled and the information secured to the effect that this "leak" had occurred from the Twin Cities was correct. I indicated that his understanding was not entirely accurate. He professed entire ignorance of any information other than the foregoing. I told him that I would consider it a personal favor if he would secure any facts he possibly could in connection with this matter by reason of any close personal acquaintance he might possess with Mr. Burks, Assistant Manager of the Tulsa World. He stated that his acquaintance with Mr. Burks was not of a very intimate character, but that he would do his best to secure the information desired. This happened to be Mr. Burks' "day off" and he was out of town. Mr. Voight stated that he would endeavor to see Mr. Burks on the following day, April 1st. I told him that I would return to Tulsa on that date. Mr. Voight apparently was leaving on a fishing expedition for the greater part of Sunday. Mr. Voight expressed great admiration for Mr. Hollis, with whom he had evidently been on good terms. He stated that he regretted that Mr. Hollis had been connected with the possible "leak" of confidential information in connection with this matter and that the possibility of Mr. Hollis becoming involved in trouble with the Division was common knowledge and a matter of considerable interest in Tulsa. Mr. Voight stated that he was sure Mr. Hollis had done nothing wrong in any manner. I pointed out that Mr. Hollis might have inadvertently dropped something without any consciousness of serious consequences arising therefrom.

The same day, March 31st, I interviewed Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, who, it will be recalled, was one of the contact men in the Urschel case. After quite some social conversation I advised Mr. Kirkpatrick of the information I possessed to the effect that he, Kirkpatrick was in possession of data indicating latent print identification of the Barker-Karpis gang for some time prior to the newspaper publicity occurring on and after March 15th. I told Mr. Kirkpatrick that Mr. Bracewell was very positive in his opinion that he, Kirkpatrick, possessed this information for some time prior to the press dissemination thereof. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he recalled very distinctly that on March 15th, the day of the so-called "Mannford raid", he had been in Fort Worth at a rodeo and that he had there met Detectives Swinney and Weatherford of the Fort Worth Police, and that Swinney and Weatherford had told him that they understood certain parties in the Bremer case had been identified by means of a latent print. Mr. Kirkpatrick was questioned as to the time of the day he secured this information and it was apparent that it could have been obtained by these detectives after the publication thereof in the local papers at Dallas and Fort Worth as the story broke on the morning of March 15th and was in St. Paul at noon on that day, and Kirkpatrick saw these detectives on the afternoon of March 15th. Inquiries, however, should be made of these two detectives at Fort Worth as to the time they secured the information and the source thereof. Mr. Kirkpatrick expressed his entire willingness to furnish any information he might possess, or might be able to secure in connection with this matter. He stated that he had met Agent Hollis on numerous occasions and admired him, but that his personal admiration would not stand in the way of affording all possible information to the Division. He expressed his great admiration for the Division. I am of the opinion that Kirkpatrick is sincere.

I interviewed Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department. I went into the matter with him at some length. He, of course, was fully conversant with the condition of affairs as locally known. He stated that he never at any time possessed information to the effect that latent prints had been found in the Bremer case and, therefore, of course could not have given out this information to any newspaper men, or any other person. He recalled the newspaper publicity in the matter of latent prints and stated that he had been interested therein, but that he had believed these newspaper stories to be false, making a rather peculiar statement that if this had been true, he felt quite certain that the Agents of the Division that had been working with him and his men would have told them of it; therefore, when he read it, he assumed that it was untrue, otherwise, he would have been informed by the Divisional representatives relative thereto. He went into the matter at some length, stating that he did recall some conversations had by him and other Tulsa detectives with Agents Farland, Sorola and Hollis. I gained the impression that these conversations took place in a room occupied by Special Agent Farland at the Hotel Mayo in Tulsa at a time when Farland

came to Oklahoma in connection with the possible complicity of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Kansas City massacre and at a time prior to the date upon which the Divisional offices were informed of the finding of latent prints, and, therefore, Mr. Stewart, or any other person could not have secured this information at that time. Mr. Stewart also referred to the conversation with Special Agent Sorola in connection with certain flashlights, he stating that Sorola had indicated that the sale of flashlights to the Barker-Karpis gang had been confirmed by the sellers thereof, but did not specify any statement from Sorola as to the place of identification by the sellers of these flashlights and stated that no information was received from Sorola in connection with latent prints. It might be noted that at that time Sorola was engaged in checking a certain store at Bristow, Oklahoma (near Tulsa) with regard to information received from the Division to the effect that said store sold the kind of flashlights figuring in the Bremer case. Captain Stewart talked at some length and the impression was gained that he was endeavoring to inject other names into the picture than that of Agent Hollis and assiduously refrained from any considerable use of the name of Hollis.

In view of the fact that Detective Chase was a subordinate of Captain Stewart, it was deemed advisable to refer to possible knowledge possessed by this detective. Captain Stewart stated that he was certain Chase knew nothing about this matter and could not have given any information to any newspaper men in connection therewith. He said that he and his men conversed at some length always on various cases worked on by them, exchanging mutual information, and that he was very positive that Chase knew nothing about the latent prints as he, Captain Stewart, would have had knowledge of this fact. In view of his positive statement as to this, it was deemed desirable not to interview Chase directly, but Stewart was requested to discreetly endeavor to obtain information from Chase as to whether he had information relative to the latent prints and he said that he would. It might be pointed out that Special Agent Black had already interviewed Chase and had received his positive denial that he, Chase, knew anything at any time concerning latent prints.

The subject matter of the personality of Mr. Burks, Assistant Editor of the Tulsa World, was discussed with Detective Stewart and the latter indicated that he considered him to be unreliable; that Burks would be friendly on some occasions and treacherous on others.

It may be here mentioned that in conversation with Mr. Kirkpatrick, the latter confidentially stated that Stewart was making a great name for himself in connection with the capture of major criminals but that Stewart

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was unreliable and presumably dishonest in connection with the handling of minor offenders and cases. It was also indicated by Mr. Kirkpatrick that it would not be improbable that Stewart or his men might "spill" information to the Tulsa World. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in the recent past Stewart had received favorable publicity from the Tulsa World and because of this would, no doubt, not be adverse to affording this newspaper confidential information which he might possess.

Incidentally, Captain Stewart stated that a new man had been nominated for Police Commissioner of Tulsa and that Burks had offered to speak favorably of him, Stewart, to the new man. Stewart stated that he was not interested in anything he might say. This is merely recorded for the purpose of affording local atmosphere.

On April 1st I returned to Tulsa with Special Agent in Charge Brantley and on the evening of that date again met Mr. Voight. The latter had been fishing all day and apparently had been unable to contact Mr. Burks. It was decided, however, not to delay the matter further and I called upon Mr. Burks. He stated that he would be unable to talk for fifteen or twenty minutes as he was busily engaged in getting an edition to the press. It was obvious that Mr. Burks looked upon the approaching conversation as an extremely disagreeable ordeal and desired a few moments to consider his attitude before meeting his interrogator. I waited for Mr. Burks and used every persuasive art I might, or might not, possess in an endeavor to obtain the true facts in connection with this matter from Mr. Burks, but without avail, except that I learned a few more and different stories from him as to his connection with the latent prints. He first called attention to the fact that newspaper men, like Divisional representatives, considered information in their possession as confidentially sacred. I agreed with him and pointed out that I would treat any information he gave me as confidentially sacred; therefore, he should have no hesitancy in talking freely to me. This did not seem to impress him. I told him that I was sure that if he would tell me the true facts that there would be no serious consequences, but there might be serious consequences for any person or persons in whom he might be interested, if all of the facts were not freely given. He insisted emphatically that if he gave me all of the facts, Special Agent Hollis would not be involved at all. He stated that if he told me everything he knew, that I would be no nearer the solution of the problem than I was at that time and that I would be no nearer in fixing the responsibility on a member of the Division than I was then. In other words, it was apparent that he was endeavoring to

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Impress upon me the fact that no representative of the Division figured in the matter at all. I still told him that I would be extremely glad to receive all information possessed by him. He then said that on February 10th the St. Paul Police Department had requested the Tulsa Police Department to send them fingerprints of the Barker-Karpis crowd. This was two days after the return of Bremer (Bremer was released at 8:00 P.M., February 7th.) Burks then intimated that he had built up his story from this request of the St. Paul Police for these fingerprints; that he assumed that inasmuch as the St. Paul Police desired these fingerprints, therefore, they must have latent prints with which to compare them. I pointed out that many requests emanate every day from Police Departments for fingerprints and this fact naturally does not mean that latent prints are in possession of any Police Department for the purposes of comparison. He insisted that he had built up his story from this request. I then pointed out that this request of the St. Paul Police did not indicate the possession by the St. Paul Police Department of flashlights and gasoline cans. He said at that time he knew nothing about flashlights or gasoline cans and had heard nothing in connection therewith, and that his first information relative to latent prints occurred on and after March 15th and had apparently been received by him by reason of the newspaper story first appearing in Minneapolis. This it will be noted is in contradiction to a previous statement made to me to the effect that he had built up the latent print story from the request of the St. Paul Police and also contradicts stories previously told to Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Special Agent Black. Later Mr. Richard Maher, City Editor of the Tulsa World, figured in the conversation, but nothing was elicited from him. Mr. Burks expressed haste to go to his supper and apparently did not enjoy the interview. It was very evident that Mr. Burks, while willing to add to the many stories told by him, would give no real information. Mr. Voight then entered the picture, endeavoring to impress upon Mr. Burks the fact that unless he, Burks, gave me other information, that Mr. Hollis "was on the spot." I had incidentally told Mr. Voight this previously. However, this did not influence Mr. Burks.

I endeavored to talk further with Captain Stewart, but he was not available; however, on April 2nd Captain Stewart stated that he had talked to Detective Chase and Chase denied positively ever knowing anything concerning any latent prints and, of course, denied giving any information along these lines to the representative of the Tulsa World.

With specific reference to Division letter of March 29th, relative to the statement therein of Mr. Bracewell to the effect that three newspaper representatives were on the Mannford raid, I desire to state

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that this is an understatement as four newspaper representatives were on the raid, consisting of Mr. Voight of the Associated Press, a representative of the Bristow, Oklahoma newspaper, a representative of a Sapulpa, Oklahoma newspaper, and a woman "free lance" correspondent from Sapulpa. This raid was conducted by Chief of Detectives Stewart of Tulsa and Sheriff Strange of Creek County, who between them invited these representatives of the press. Two of these press representatives were equipped with cameras for the purpose of securing pictures of law enforcement officers in action.

As a rather amusing sidelight, a representative of the Fox Movietone outfit visited the Oklahoma City office on the morning of April 2nd and desired to know if any further raids were in progress and to participate therein. He was referred to the local Sheriff's office and told that the Oklahoma City office was not interested in the matter.

Incidentally, Mr. Brantley, who was not at Oklahoma City at the time of the Mammford raid, was told that on any future occasions when Police officers contemplated raids of this kind and invited Divisional representatives to participate therein, that no participation therein shall be afforded by the Divisional representatives if any newspaper representative is found in the posse.

On April 2nd Mr. Joseph Anderson, Assistant to Wint Smith of Topeka, Kansas, was finally located after inquiries at Stillwater and Vinita, Oklahoma. Mr. Anderson, it will be recalled, was the individual mentioned by Mr. Smith as having informed him that he knew of the latent print identification prior to the newspaper publicity relative thereto. Mr. Anderson promptly stated that he did not possess such information; that the first information he possessed relative to latent fingerprints was secured from a perusal of the newspapers. He stated that he had heard previously that the Division's representative at Tulsa had requested the Tulsa Police Department for the fingerprints of Harry Campbell. This apparently had no bearing upon the matter in question. From my interview with Mr. Anderson I am rather convinced that he knows nothing about any latent prints in connection with this case, or any other latent prints. He is more or less a typical rural Police officer.

A check was made of long distance telephone communications emanating from the residence in which Agent Hollis has been residing in Oklahoma City for the past several days, principally during the period of this investigation, but no information of any pertinence was developed therefrom. Mr. Hollis was further interviewed and persisted in reiterating his previous statement to the effect that any publicity that might have arisen could not have emanated from any information given

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by him inasmuch as he did not give any information to any individual that could have resulted in this publicity.

The New Orleans office is being requested by letter to secure a statement from Special Agent Sorola, although it is my opinion that said Agent is not guilty of any undue loquacity in connection with this case.

Mr. Frank Blake at Dallas, Texas has been telephonically requested to interview Fort Worth, Texas officers Weatherford and Swinney for the purpose of ascertaining just when they secured the information which they conveyed to Mr. Kirkpatrick relative to the latent fingerprint problem.

It would appear that this is all that can be done at the present time. I am of the opinion that this publicity emanated through an indiscreet remark in the Oklahoma City jurisdiction, and further, that this indiscretion was on the part of Special Agent Hollis. I am frank to admit, however, that I have no proof in connection therewith, but base this opinion upon the logic of the situation, the fact that the publicity developed immediately after the raid at Mannford, the references to Agent Hollis by the various individuals interviewed, the fact that Agent Hollis was not certain at one time whether he had spoken to any person concerning the matter, the particular story of Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World which originally placed the blame upon Hollis, and the general attitude of the officials in and around Tulsa with whom Mr. Hollis has been on terms of official intimacy.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

There is attached a copy of the American Bankers Association's "Protective Bulletin" for April, 1934, forwarded to the Division by the Pittsburgh Office.

At page 4 are photographs and wanted notices on the following individuals:

- Alvin Karpis
- Fred Barker
- Neal G. Bowman
- Clyde C. Barrow
- Raymond Hamilton

The data contained at this page might be of interest and help to Mr. Stapleton.

When he has reviewed the attached bulletin it is suggested that it be returned to the Division's files.

Respectfully,

W. H. D. Lester
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Crime, Once an Adventure, Now a Livelihood

Bandits Awaken the Night Before

THAT bank bandits have not forgotten the old adage, "Misers arise early, but crooks awaken the night before," is attested by the continued popularity of early morning robberies. The recent activities of these morning-glory bandits, who gain access to bank premises either by forcible entry during the night, kidnaping a bank officer or holding up the first employee to arrive, makes it advisable to repeat warnings sounded in past issues of this BULLETIN. Since these approaches to bank robbery have succeeded despite the use of modern protective equipment, all bankers should heed the teachings of experience by adopting the most effective measures to frustrate such attacks.

Once upon the premises, the criminals experience little difficulty in holding up the janitor or cleaners and other employees as they arrive at the bank. They are forced to lie on the floor face down or herded together under the watchful eye of an armed guard. After the time lock has run down, an officer is forced to open the safe at the point of a gun and under threat of death.

Three preventive measures are suggested to thwart morning-glory band-

1. Set the time lock on the safe containing the securities and cash (except that needed during the first hour or two of the following day), so that it will not release the locking mechanism until 10 A. M. at the earliest.
2. A bank officer should telephone the bank daily, about thirty to forty-five minutes before opening time, and code answers should be agreed upon to warn the inquiring officer that any other response means trouble and calls for shooting irons. For example, the officer's question might be: "Is this the First National Bank?" A brief reassuring answer such as: "Everything O.K." or "Yes, this is the First National Bank," indicates nothing irregular, but extending the reply to include the bank's address, such as "at Main and Broad Streets," would be the danger signal.
3. Combinations should be changed frequently and also divided between two employees, so that both must work the dials to open the safe.

In addition to the above, the following plans merit careful consideration at every bank:

1. Appoint and alternate one or more employees to reach the vicinity of the bank a few minutes before opening hours and take designated positions near the bank. Upon arrival of the bank officer assigned to open the door, a greeting shall pass if he is accompanied by friends, but if in custody of criminals no recognition would be displayed. In the latter instance, the police should be immediately notified.
2. If the employee opening the bank is unaccompanied, it should be under-

the premises carefully and finding everything normal, give the watchers a prearranged signal. Failure to receive this signal should also cause immediate notification of local authorities.

3. Some bankers have installed in their homes a simple electrical silent alarm connected directly with the police, sheriff or vigilantes, the alarm being a hat hanger upon which is kept an extra hat for use in the emergency of being compelled to accompany bandits to the bank. When removing the hat, a slight pressure on the hook sounds the silent alarm. Such a device should be watched to prevent false alarms and tested occasionally with advance telephone warnings to the other end.

Bank robberies are usually perpetrated by hardened criminals—repeaters whose "mugs," fingerprints and descriptions are on file in more than one rogues' gallery. But the growing number of unfamiliar faces in recent stickups is a sign of the times. The appearance of so many recruits in bandit raids is doubtless related to unemployment, prohibition repeal and an uprising against the restraints of society.

We cannot emphasize too strongly that banks and particularly those in communities, must use the most effective preventive measures to frustrate these early morning attacks of bandits, for they always strike where resistance is

Fugitive Badly Wanted

A PREVIOUSLY unidentified member of the forgery ring warned against on p. 2 of our December issue was arrested in Chicago on January 25.

His true name is MORRIS L. SILVERMAN (5468) who was previously referred to as Melvin Dan, alias Harry Robbins, Sam Lewis, Leo Rosen, Sam Warman, Max Chapman, Lester Weiss, etc. This slippery crook



MORRIS L. SILVERMAN

was released at 1:30 A.M. on January 26, in \$10,000 bail and evaded prosecution by the simple expedient of forfeiting his bond. Later it was found that the collateral posted as security for the crook's appearance, instead of being worth twice the amount of the bond, as required, had an actual value of less than \$5,000. Inquiry into the manner in which the crook's release was obtained was promptly started and an order against midnight bonds has since been issued. Also, one of the persons interested in the transaction has been held on a contempt charge.

Meanwhile Silverman has not been rearrested and we have little doubt that he and his cohorts will soon resume plotting their schemes against banks. At least ten men in addition to Silverman have been employed as "front men" to negotiate forgeries at banks. They used the names MORRIS BERMAN (5467), alias Sam Greenberg, Herman Feldman, David Levinson, Sam Gold; and HENRY COLKER (5469).

In nearly every case, one of the crooks opens an account in a city bank by depositing about \$500 in cash. This amount is allowed to remain in the bank for some time. The

where the same operator opens a new bank account by depositing a check on the first bank to transfer his cash balance. Since this check is always paid it serves to allay suspicion. Later

Leo Rosen

Melvin Dan

Max Chapman

forged checks for sizeable amounts drawn on other accounts are deposited, and sufficient time is allowed for them to clear. Practically all of the withdrawals are made over the counter for large amounts. This should arouse suspicion as legitimate customers usually give checks to merchants and others, instead of transacting business at the bank for cash.

David Levinson

Sam Gold

Morris Berman

In one case, Silverman employed a stenographer and sent her to the bank to make deposits and withdrawals.

We again reproduce the handwriting of Silverman and his two unidentified accomplices. Members are urged to watch their new accounts for similar writing. If any suspicious account is opened, our agents should be notified promptly and they will investigate.

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Henry Colker

Silverman should be wanted by the police in Buffalo and Chicago. A reward of

arrest and delivery into the custody of a Buffalo, N. Y., police officer has been offered by underwriters. Any information regarding his whereabouts should be communicated to our agents who will endeavor to effect his arrest and protest the informer's interest. Neither the Burns Agency nor its employees accept rewards.

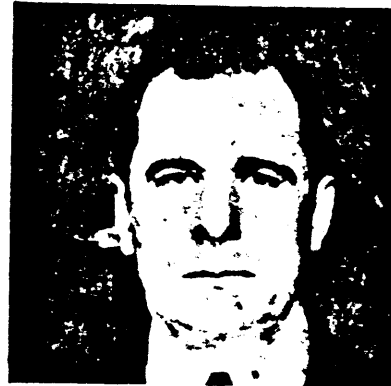
Descriptions: Silverman is 33 years old; height, 5 ft. 8½ in.; weight, 155 lbs.; dark chestnut hair, fair complexion, hazel eyes, good dresser, Jewish, born Chicago, has tattoo "Hook" on right forearm. Fingerprint classification: 27/12 II/OI 16/.

Morris Berman is 35 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 160 lbs.; dark complexion, dark hair, large prominent nose, good talker, Jewish.

Henry Colker is 37 to 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 6 or 7 in.; weight, 160 lbs.; medium heavy build, medium dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, Jewish features, was dressed well but conservatively in dark clothes.

\$5,000 Reward

A REWARD of \$5,000 has been offered by surety companies for the arrest and conviction of ALLEN R. HAMMEL (5559), who disappeared on December 15, 1933, with \$39,000 in currency.



ALLEN R. HAMMEL

He is wanted for grand larceny by the Chicago police department which holds a warrant for his arrest and should be notified by wire when he is apprehended. The reward offer expires on June 30, 1934, and the companies offering the reward reserve the right to be the sole judge as to the merits of any claims.

Description: 41 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 160 lbs.; blue eyes; brown hair, combed back; has thick neck, and wears high top shoes.

A. B. A. Bulletin Scores Again

OUR March warning, concerning JOHN HENRY BAKER (2223), alias J. S. Parker, J. W. Miller, etc., resulted in his arrest on March 13 at Fort Wayne, Ind.



JOHN HENRY BAKER

After Baker had opened an account at a Fort Wayne bank, Mr. Alvin Kiengle, an alert teller, recognized him from his photograph and writing reproduced in our March issue. Upon returning to attempt a withdrawal, he was detained by a bank guard and taken into custody by local police. Baker himself admitted he "was ready for business" as he had opened accounts at two other Fort Wayne banks. Our agents were promptly notified of the arrest and they in turn wired victimized banks to lodge warrants.

As previously related, Baker made his second escape from a convict camp at Gainesville, Ga., on October 19, 1933. Since then we have received reports of his operations in various states including West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Invariably he opened a savings account with a personal check on an out-of-town bank payable to the bank with which he was dealing. If given a passbook, he would display it as identification to a different teller to whom he presented for cash another out of town check purporting to be issued by some firm. Of course, all of his checks bounced back marked "no account." Some of the firm checks which the crook used were ostensibly issued by the Stauer Manufacturing Company, the Industrial Soap Company, the Laural Soap Company or the Shoe Chemical Company.

If Baker is identified in connection with cases not already reported to us, detainer warrants should be filed with Chief of Police Brennan at Fort Wayne.

Description: 34 years old; height, 5 ft. 9 3/8 in.; weight, 155 lbs.; ruddy complexion, brown hair, blue eyes. Fingerprint classification: 31/2 W/R O/O 15/19.

Blotter Snatcher Stopped

FREQUENT warnings circulated by the Burns' Los Angeles Office resulted in the arrest at Santa Monica, Cal., on February 17, of FRANCISCO AUGUSTO DOS SANTOS (4338), alias Harry Nebel, Herman H. Payne, Antonio Parella, etc., a versatile forger. Dos Santos is his true name but he was last mentioned on p. 3 of our December issue as Harry Nebel as his true name was unknown.

This crook used several different methods to negotiate his forgeries and operated from coast to coast. Sometimes he presented worthless checks drawn on other local banks payable to himself, endorsed in an assumed name and also bearing the forged endorsement of a depositor. On other occasions, he tendered worthless checks payable to a depositor and drawn on another local bank. On such checks he forged the depositor's endorsement

and declared that the depositor sent him to the bank to have it cashed. Often he posed as a depositor or a brother or friend of a depositor. At other times he drew a check payable to himself under some alias, endorsed it and forged the name of a depositor as maker. He would then present this item for cash at the bank on which it was drawn. Still another scheme found him posing as a savings depositor who had forgotten his passbook. He presented a check drawn on an out-of-town bank bearing the ostensible endorsement of the depositor he was impersonating and received cash after the teller had compared the endorsement with the signature card and detected no dissimilarity.

Upon interrogation by a Burns' man and local police, Dos Santos and detainer warrants should be forwarded to the chief of police at Santa Monica.

Description: 42 years old; height, 5 ft. 5 in.; weight, 125 lbs.; dark brown hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 A2a/A2a 5/2.



FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS

detainer warrants should be forwarded to the chief of police at Santa Monica.

Description: 42 years old; height, 5 ft. 5 in.; weight, 125 lbs.; dark brown hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 A2a/A2a 5/2.

bank depositors and reproduced them. He was allowed to loiter about a bank where he intended to pass checks and study the various tellers. Upon selecting one whom he considered the least alert, he would wait for some customer to write out a check or deposit slip. At an unobserved moment, he quickly appropriated the blotter which the customer had used and took it home. Using a mirror, he would forge the signature freehand on a blank check. Unable to speak English fluently, he seldom conversed with any teller unless it was absolutely necessary. He appeared at banks with or without mustaches.

When Dos Santos' room was searched, more than fifty blotters were found, also many pads of blank checks taken from various banks. Crooks of his type can be defeated if certain precautionary practices frequently urged in these columns are adopted. Loitering by strangers can and should be stopped. The use of blank blotters on all lobby writing desks and prompt removal of discarded deposit slips by bank employees will be of material assistance. Blank checks should not be left on counters and should be given only to known depositors or their properly identified messengers. Whenever a stranger presents a check drawn on another bank bearing an ostensible endorsement of a customer, the endorsement should be verified by telephone before cash is advanced.

Since Dos Santos' operations have been nationwide, all tellers should study his photograph carefully. De-

Arrest On Sight

THE arrests of **FRED BARKER** (4595) and **ALVIN KARPIS** (4597), murderers and bank bandits, are long overdue.

Their apprehension on June 17, 1931, at Tulsa, Okla., was reported on p. 4 of our July 1931 issue. At that time they were held on burglary charges. Following their release under



ALVIN KARPIS

bond, they were rearrested at Claremore, Okla., but broke jail and escaped. During December 1931 they killed a sheriff at West Plains, Mo., when he tried to stop them for questioning. They are also believed to be implicated in other murders and in bank holdups.

These desperadoes are wanted by the sheriff at West Plains for murder and the Division of Investigation in the U. S. Department of Justice is also interested in locating them. Any information regarding their whereabouts should be forwarded to the nearest Burns office.



FRED BARKER

Descriptions: Barker is 32 years old; height, 5 ft. 5 in.; medium build.

auburn hair, medium complexion. Fingerprint classification: 29/20 I/O 18/. He has a scar from a gunshot wound on his left knee.

Karpis is 25 years old; height, 5 ft. 9 3/4 in.; weight, 130 lbs.; slender build, blue eyes, brown hair, and medium complexion. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 Rr/U 5/5.

NEAL G. BOWMAN (5560), alias Neal Glenden Bowman, Glen Bowman. Bank bandit.

This man escaped from the Lima state hospital at Lima, Ohio, on December 25, 1933, and will doubtless return to his former profession of robbing banks. He was received by the Ohio state penitentiary at Columbus on September 9, 1925, to serve from one to fifteen years for burglary and larceny. On September 23, 1926, he was paroled, but was returned for violation on October 28, 1927. He was restored to parole on May 20, 1930.



NEAL G. BOWMAN

but on June 25, 1931, was again returned for violation with a new sentence for bank robbery. On January 31, 1932, he was transferred to the Lima state hospital.

If this man is apprehended, Hospital Superintendent Mr. R. E. Bushong, M.D., should be notified immediately by wire.

Description: 31 years old; height, 6 ft. 1 3/4 in.; weight, 161 lbs.; tall and slender build, medium chestnut hair, sallow complexion, light maroon eyes; occupation, auto mechanic; born,

at root of neck left side at 7-0 back and below lobe of right ear. Fingerprint classification: 21/19 I/O 21/16.

IN a spectacular jail delivery at Huntsville, Texas, on January 16, **CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW** (5541), killer and bank bandit, succeeded in effecting the escape of **RAYMOND HAMILTON** (5542), his former partner in crime, and four other convicts.



CLYDE C. BARROW

Both Barrow and Hamilton have been implicated in western bank robberies and Hamilton was serving a thirty year term for bank robbery when he escaped. Any information concerning the whereabouts of either should be forwarded to the sheriff and the warden of the state prison at Huntsville.

Descriptions: Barrow is 24 years old; height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 125 lbs.; light complexion, hazel eyes, dark blond hair. Fingerprint classification: 9/29/26 /U MO/OO 9/9.

Hamilton is 21 years old; height, 5 ft. 6 1/2 in.; weight, 138 lbs.; small



RAYMOND HAMILTON

medium complexion, blue eyes, Fingerprint classification:

Double Forgeries

REPORTS recently received from Kansas City indicate that a master forger, HUGH WELLER HOPKINS (4090), alias E. M. Messler, George Henry, etc., last reported on p. 5 of our June issue, is again active.

Since the tellers who handled the transactions are unable to furnish a description of the person who secured the cash, it cannot be determined whether or not Hopkins appeared at the banks to cash these forgeries or employed an accomplice for this purpose. But the handwriting on the checks indicates that Hopkins wrote them.

Invariably this crook employs the same method of operation. A check bearing the forged signature of a bank customer is deposited to the credit of another customer. A check payable to "Cash" and bearing the forged signature of the second depositor is presented simultaneously for encashment. The amounts obtained range from \$10 to \$300. On some occasions Hopkins secures specimen signatures from discarded deposit slips or from blotters which customers use and leave in the bank. Prompt removal of discarded deposit slips from counters of writing desks by floormen or other bank employees, and the use of black blotters, will help to prevent crooks of this type from securing signatures.

Hopkins served terms in several penal institutions and was last arrested on December 1, 1923, in Duluth. Upon conviction he was sentenced to serve one to ten years in the Minnesota penitentiary from which he was released in December, 1930.



HUGH WELLER HOPKINS

A warrant for his arrest is held by Detective Lieutenant Frank Borne-

man of the Seattle police department, check detail. If Hopkins appears at your bank, detain him for questioning by local police, show them this article, also notify our agents' nearest office. Tellers should be instructed to use caution in dealing with strangers who deposit checks of one customer to another customer's account and then attempt to withdraw funds.

Description: 52 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 131 lbs., medium build, black hair, yellowish blue eyes, dark complexion, dark beard; second toe amputated at second joint; right leg deformed, walks with a limp. Sometimes he carries a black walrus Gladstone bag with two straps which he values highly and wears Stacey-Adams or Johnston-Murphy shoes. Using pince-nez glasses, he always wears dark suits, and has a rather commanding but somewhat broken voice. He was born in Missouri; speaks with a southern accent, and claims his home is in Atlanta, Ga. Fingerprint classification: 1/3 R/O OO/O 16/.

Bowen Continues Active

DESPITE his alleged insanity, WILLIAM BOWEN (4703) continues to give evidence that he is possessed of sufficient mentality and cunning to gain subsistence and traveling expenses through the use of fake travelers checks.

Late reports placed him in Houston where he circulated four of the bogus forms bearing the name of the United States National Bank of Portland, Ore., which were described on p. 4 of our January issue. These items are in \$20 denominations and bear the words, "Affiliated with Chase National Bank, New York, N. Y.," also, "This check is protected by the Bankers Protective Association." Bowen made the checks passed in Houston payable to himself under his most recent alias of "Osco L. Cates."

As reported in previous articles, this crook has a long criminal record and served terms in several prisons. Whenever arrested, he makes strenuous efforts to be found insane and repeatedly succeeded in being confined in insane asylums instead of prisons.

All members are urged to be on the alert for Bowen and wherever possible warn merchants and other customers

against him. If he is taken into custody, notify our agents' New York office by wire. Bowen is wanted by the police at Bridgeport, Conn., Harrisburg, Pa., Jacksonville, Fla., and other cities. A state warrant is held by the chief of police at St. Joseph, Mo., charging Bowen with embezzlement of a 1933 model Form V8 coupe, motor number 354131, which he secured with a bogus travel check. It is possible that Bowen may be traveling in this car at the present time.



WILLIAM BOWEN

Description: 41 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 152 lbs.; dark complexion, gray eyes, left eye crossed.

Bank Robbing Code Advocated at Meet Of Bonehead Club

Dallas, Tex.

Government control of the bank robbing industry through the Federal BRA (Bank Robbing Authority) was proposed at the weekly meeting of the Dallas Bonehead Club, March 9. Craig Dunlap, big chief of the club, who is expected to visit California, was instructed to stop over in Washington and present the BRA idea to President Roosevelt and General Johnson.

The club authorized its representative to have their fellow-member, Smoot Schmidt, appointed administrator of the new Federal agency with full power to regulate hours so that no bank can be robbed during the lunch hour. Chiseling will not be permitted. At the suggestion of Dr. J. H. Black, the club ordered all bank robbers to obtain a license before practicing their profession.

From The American Banker

Gilmore Home Again

THE veteran check passer, JOHN GILMORE (2065), alias "Flicker" Gilmore, "Red" Gilmore, John Gilmer, etc., was arrested at Uniontown, Pa., on March 5.



JOHN GILMORE

This old crook and his petty thefts have been the subject of many articles, the last appearing on p. 3 of our February 1932 issue. Shortly after publication of that article, he was arrested in Wheeling, W. Va., returned to Pittsburgh and sentenced to serve an in-

determinate term in the Allegheny County jail, from which he was released on May 17, 1932. Nothing further was heard from him until February of this year when a Montgomery, Ala., bank reported an attempted swindle. Gilmore deposited a \$635.98 check on the State Bank of Winfield, Kan., for collection, claimed he had been robbed by hitchhikers and requested a small advance. He also claimed that years ago he carried a small account at the Montgomery bank but when an officer attempted to verify this, Gilmore quickly disappeared.

We have little doubt that this old wandering crook defrauded other banks during the time he was at liberty. Therefore, if his photograph is identified, details should be forwarded to our agents who will advise where detainer warrants should be filed.

Description: 55 years old; height, 5 ft. 4 3/4 in.; weight, 135 lbs.; medium build, ruddy complexion, gray hair, blue eyes, no teeth. Fingerprint classification: (5) 1/1 U/U III/IIO 8/15.

to customers known to hold stock in defunct companies by warning them against dealing with these crooks.

Descriptions: Cummings is between 35 and 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 150 lbs.; smooth face, brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion.

Evans is 45 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; slightly gray hair, prominent teeth, medium complexion; was very nervous.

A SCHEME similar to that used by Cummings and Evans is reported by an Alabama bank. Two men, one MR. GILBERT (5565), and an S. G. BUCHANAN (5566), of Elberta, Ala., recently, claiming to be attorneys employed for the purpose of asserting rights of holders of various bonds issued through a Chicago firm. They called on individuals who held these bonds and said they had uncovered evidence that some of the funds of the Chicago firm had been misused by members of the company. Of course, cash was needed to prosecute the claims of bond holders and they generally requested advances of \$150. In one case they collected that amount but in another the Elberta bank intervened and saved its customer from loss.

J. G. Buchanan

Customers should be warned to exercise caution in dealing with either of these men. They are reported to be traveling in a large new Buick car bearing Minnesota license number B29-331.

Descriptions: Gilbert is 50 years old; has dark complexion, and is of medium build. Buchanan is 6 ft. tall, weighs 210 lbs., has light complexion.

Worthless Stocks and Bonds

A RECENT report from Connecticut indicates that the band of swindlers reported on p. 5 of our November issue under the title "Stock Settlement Racket" is still active.

This gang selects its victims among persons holding stock in companies which are more or less defunct. In the latest case, a man using the name P. W. CUMMINGS (5563) called on a bank depositor and claimed to be a representative of the International Creditors Association, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa. He had learned she invested in a certain stock issue of a firm which had gone in bankruptcy, and declared he could collect most of the money she had invested with interest. The customer gave Cummings \$10 in cash as an initial fee and a few days later he telephoned he had been transferred to another state but that a MR. E. W. EVANS (5564) would call on her.

A few days later a man claiming to be Evans called. He offered to give her a certified check for \$2,093 as a 75% settlement in return for her personal check for \$408.60 which represented a 20% commission on the amount collected, less the \$10 initial fee which she had already paid. The customer agreed and Evans promptly cashed her check at the bank on which it was drawn.

The "check" she received in "settlement" purports to be issued by Whipple, Wendell & Burr, Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Mo., on the First National Bank of St. Louis. It bears a fac-

similarity to a safety paper, filled in with a typewriter and checkwriter and signed "A. B. Devine, Auditor." The firm name appears at the top and the name of the drawee at the lower left. The certification is apparently rub-

P. W. Cummings

ber stamped and an illegible signature is signed as cashier. This item was returned by the St. Louis bank with advice that the drawees have no account and the certification is a forgery.

These same crooks are believed to have used bogus certified checks which purported

E. W. Evans

to be drawn on the Federal American National Bank and Trust Company of Washington, D. C., and the Cleveland Trust Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Another fake form was ostensibly issued by Hirschberger, Thorne, Jaeckel and Dix on the First National Bank of Chicago.

Our records show no bank to have suffered through the actions of this gang. But members of our service

THE circulation of worthless bond coupons is again reported, this time by a Charleston, W. Va., bank which was victimized by a female swindler giving her name as Mrs. Harvey L. Stone. A comparison of handwriting indicates she is the same woman previously mentioned on p. 4 of our September issue as MRS. HOWARD W. BIGELOW (5400) alias Mrs. Frances Foster, etc.

Apparently this woman travels from city to city presenting for encashment coupons of a variety of worthless bonds. When dealing with bank employees she makes a great effort to create the impression that she is a customer of the bank. Having established herself in the banker's confidence and allayed suspicion, she presents the coupons, signs an ownership certificate, and usually receives cash for their face value.

In Charleston she passed four coupons, having a face value of \$22.50 each, of the now non-existent Detroit, Toledo & Ironton R.R. Co. The bank had a customer whose name was similar to the one she used and the banker, believing her to be the wife of their depositor, promptly gave her the funds.

For years past frequent publicity has been given to the Pro-

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the value or validity of bonds or coupons presented and the identity and title of the presenter. Banks have learned to their sorrow the time to scrutinize and investigate such transactions is before cash is advanced, not afterward.

Members should bear in mind that in addition to passing bogus or worthless bond coupons, crooks also offer defaulted bonds as collateral for loans and securities "fences" are eager to use banks as clearing houses for stolen bonds. In the latter case the securities offered for sale, or as collateral, are often the proceeds of bank holdups, burglaries or sneak thefts.

Communication, by wire if necessary, with the registrar of the issue presented or in the case of Government bonds with the U. S. Treasury Department will determine the value or status of securities. Therefore, we again repeat that banks should never cash coupons or accept bonds for collateral or sale without verifying their true value, also the identity and title of the presenter. Otherwise they may be unwittingly aiding and abetting a bank crook in realizing on ill gotten gains.

Wm Howard St. Bigelow

All members are urged to have this and previous articles carefully studied by every employee to whom bonds and coupons may

be presented in the course of business. Besides the article mentioned others appeared on p. 2 of our January 1933 issue, p. 4 of the September 1932 issue in connection with the arrest of C. J. WALSH (5031); pp. 5 and 6 of July, pp. 4 and 5 of April, p. 4 of February and p. 3 of January, 1932.

Members are warned to be on the alert especially for worthless bonds and coupons of the Kansas City Railways Company; the Eastern Michigan Railways; the Hudson County Water Company; the Colorado Midland Railway 4's; the Detroit Pontiac Lapeer and Northern Railway Co. 1st 5's; the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railway Co., 50 year 2nd Mortgage 4's; the Kansas City Outer Belt Electric Railroad Co.; the Kansas City and Memphis Railroad Co.; the 28th and 29th Street Crosstown Railroad Co. of New York; the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co. of Iowa; the Pittsburgh-Wheeling and Lake Erie Coal Co.; the Toluca, Marquette and Northern Railroad Company; the Second Avenue Railroad Co. of New York, first mortgage 5's; and the Metropolitan Street Railway Co.

Members are also urged to be on the lookout for Mrs. Bigelow. A warrant has been issued for her arrest and any information regarding her whereabouts should be forwarded to our agents.

Description: 30 to 35 years old; height 5 ft. 3 to 5 inches; weight 120 to 135 lbs.; blue or gray eyes; brown hair; was well dressed; had a businesslike appearance.

MARGARET DENNIS (5569). Check swindle in Davenport, Iowa.

This woman was arrested in Davenport on February 13 and sentenced to serve thirty days in the local jail. She opened an account with a valid cashier's check drawn on another bank. A few days later she returned and deposited a personal check drawn on the bank which issued the cashier's check. Before returns could be received on this



MARGARET DENNIS

item, she passed numerous checks on merchants and then hurried to the bank and withdrew the major portion of her account. Prior to her arrest, she had been in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was preparing to leave for California when apprehended. It is apparent from the manner in which this woman worked that she is not a novice and her swindles may continue when she is released. If she is identified in connection with other crimes, details should be promptly furnished to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 25 years old; height, 5 ft. 1 in.; weight, 115 lbs. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 aU/aU 5/5.

*Margaret Dennis
4614 Davenport*

BY means of a forged card of introduction and a counterfeit check, a clever swindler who called himself E. A. HOLTZ (5571), defrauded a Montreal bank of \$150 recently.

He presented an item which appeared to be a Secretary's check issued by the Hudson Trust Company of Hoboken, N. J. It is printed on pink safety paper and bears a decorative border. "Hudson Trust Company" appears on a decorative gray background design and across the left side also on a gray background are the words "Secretary's Check." In the centre of the check, a pink circle with the words "Hudson Trust Company, New Jersey," surrounds the figure of a sailing vessel. "Par in New York City through the Northern New Jersey Clearing House" appears at the lower left. The item is signed with the true names of the secretary and assistant secretary of the New Jersey bank, but no attempt was made to simulate their genuine signatures. Number 26218 appears in the upper right corner, but this number is not in the series used by the bank in the present case.

WARNINGS

J. L. ARLITT (4883). Worthless draft; New Orleans.

Claiming to be in the bond business at Austin, Texas, Arlitt called on a New Orleans banker with whom he was acquainted. After considerable conversation concerning the merits of the Universal Engineering Company of New Braunfels, Texas, he requested cash for a draft on that firm. The banker agreed to honor the draft upon condition that Arlitt telegraph the drawee for permission to draw. On the following day, Arlitt returned and displayed a telegram ostensibly from the Universal Engineering Company which read, "Will honor draft forty dollars by Arlitt, Schulz, Treasurer." The draft was put through for collection, but the drawee refused to honor it. A New Braunfels bank advised that suit against either the Universal Engineering Company or Arlitt would be fruitless.

In an article published on p. 6 of our April 1932 issue, we described how a San Francisco bank lost \$75 through cashing a check which Arlitt drew on the American National Bank of Austin, Texas. At that time the drawee reported Arlitt had cashed similar checks throughout the United States.

Description: 52 years old; height, 5 ft. 9 or 10 in.; weight, 175 to 185 lbs.; dark complexion.

W. F. BRAGDON (5567), alias F. L. Bradwell. Forged checks; Stroud.

grocer as a meat cutter. After working for a few days Bragdon disappeared. Later it was learned he had evidently signed his employer's name to a check which he cashed in Bristow, Okla. He also passed other bad checks in Stroud and Bristow.

Members are warned to be on the lookout for this crook as he may attempt to find employment with bank customers elsewhere and continue his check passing operations.

Description: 36 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 190 lbs.; sallow complexion; flat nose, bridge of nose appears to have been crushed; walks erect; is quite talkative.

RICHARD BRALEY (5568), alias Raymond Gilbert. Check swindle; Biddeford, Me.

Raymond Gilbert

Braley opened an account in a Biddeford bank with an initial deposit of \$90 cash. He withdrew all but \$5 of his balance, then passed a \$73 check made payable to his order by Raymond Gilbert on the First National Bank at Lewiston, Me. This item was returned by the drawee marked "no account with us." New England members are warned to exercise caution in dealing with Braley.

Description: 22 years old; short stature; build, light complexion, well dressed.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 4, 1934

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL - MR W. A. RORER

BREKID CHIEF OF POLICE DANILL SAINT PAUL HAS REQUESTED AND IS BEING
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REFLECTING ARRESTS TULSA JOPLIN HOUSTON BIRMINGHAM ATLANTA AND
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Division
U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
April 5, 1934.

HW:aw

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

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MS:aw

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 or 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.

M. Sorola
M. Sorola,
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 28, 1934.

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MR. CLEGG
MR. CONNELLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. Egan
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROBER

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

It is suggested that the 25,000 tabulating cards punched in connection with the sequencing of currency serial numbers be disposed of.

In all except approximately 1500 cases the numbers were printed on sheets of paper which have been placed in the Division files. The remaining 1500 numbers were printed on the tops of the cards and were copied from that source by the Equipment Section in preparing final copy of the list of numbers.

In view of the fact that the list has been printed and checked against the original numbers, it is not believed necessary to keep the 1500 cards referred to above. On the other hand, if it is desired to have a complete record of the source of information employed by the Equipment Section, the 1500 cards should be retained and filed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Harbo

R. T. Harbo.

Edward L. Brennan

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- Mrs. Kelley
- Chief Clerk
- Chief, Unit
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- Supervisor, Steno. Pool
- Inspector
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what do you think?

Clyde Tolson.

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Quinn
- Miss Gandy
- Mr. Locke
- Mr. Renneberger
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This is in reference to the Bremer notes

JOHN J. EDWARDS.

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 Mr. Little
 Mr. Lowdon
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*Mr. Nathan is trying to
determine what is needed for handling
such matters -
Suggest hold for a while
longer - H. CLEGG*

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April 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Pursuant to your instructions, I met Assistant Director Harold Nathan at the New York office where [redacted]

[redacted] and who furnished considerable information concerning underworld characters at St. Paul and Chicago. It was apparent during the interview with [redacted] that [redacted] had furnished [redacted] the information which he had given the Division and explained [redacted] purpose for furnishing this information to the Division, was to effect, with the assistance of the Federal Government, a transfer of [redacted] Leon Kramer, now serving a sentence at Dannemora, New York in solitary confinement.

[redacted] Kramer, escaped from the Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, New York, in August, 1932.

[redacted] obtained information concerning the identification of certain members of the underworld of that city through [redacted] own observation and through conversations [redacted]

[redacted] expressed great fear of the underworld, stating that there had been an attempt made on the life of [redacted] therefore, did not desire Mr. Nathan to interview [redacted] as a representative of the Federal Government, but desired that Mr. Nathan interview him under the pretext of being an attorney. [redacted] also desired to accompany Mr. Nathan to Dannemora Prison because [redacted] stated [redacted] could persuade [redacted] to disclose the information in his possession. This, of course, Mr. Nathan explained [redacted] was not desirable and an interview would not be had with Kramer under these circumstances, but suggested that Kramer be interviewed with several other prisoners and in that way cover up the fact that Kramer alone had been interviewed by a representative of the Federal Government.

[redacted] seemed to think that [redacted] had information and if it were disclosed to the Government and the Government acted upon same, it would immediately become known who had furnished this information. Of course, this would be true only in the event Kramer does have information which is exclusively known to him alone and certain members of the St. Paul underworld. I personally doubt that such is the case, although Kramer may have considerable information which may possibly be of value to this Division. It is noted that Kramer was an escape between August, 1932 and

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June, 1933, having been located in New York City on June 8th when he was found shot and injured in an apartment at 305 East 88th Street and since that date has been in solitary confinement at Dannemora. This, of course, precludes the possibility of his having any direct information bearing on the Hamm kidnaping case or the Bremer kidnaping case, inasmuch as Hamm was kidnaped on June 15, 1933 and Bremer was kidnaped on January 17, 1934, both being released June 19, 1933, and February 6, 1934, respectively.

Information, in addition to that already furnished the Division, was obtained from [redacted] to the effect that Doc Stacey, owner and operator of the O-P Inn at Chicago, frequently arranged for the renting of apartments in an apartment house on Kedzie Avenue. [redacted] did not recall the exact address of this apartment but described it as being on a corner, on the first floor of which were located a beauty parlor, a shoe repair shop and the rental office for the apartment; that across the street from this apartment was located a gas station and also a Ford automobile showroom. [redacted] stated that it would not be difficult to locate this apartment from the description furnished [redacted]

[redacted] also described the Barkers and Karpis as wearing light gray suits, gray fedora hats, and colored shirts with ties to match and that the Barker brothers wore their hats down over their eyes but that Karpis generally wore his hat well back on his head. [redacted] when exhibited a photograph of Kate Barker, immediately identified the same as the mother of "the boys" and stated that Mrs. Barker generally wore glasses; that her hair was light gray; that she appeared older than the photograph indicates and is thinner than she appears in the photograph. [redacted] also stated that whenever the gang planned to do a job, the mother would leave town several days in advance and that the gang would later meet her in some other city.

The above information respecting the apartment and the descriptions of the Barker brothers, Karpis and Kate Barker has been furnished the Chicago office with instructions to conduct an appropriate investigation with respect thereto.

Mr. Nathan caught [redacted] guard when he asked [redacted] [redacted] was acquainted with one Dave [redacted] quickly replied in the affirmative stating that [redacted] had met him at Sing Sing Prison on the occasion of [redacted] visit to see [redacted] Kramer, who was also serving a sentence at Sing Sing prior to his escape. Mr. Nathan propounded the next

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question to [redacted] with reference to [redacted] acquaintanceship with Berman. [redacted] appeared to catch [redacted] and tried to impress Mr. Nathan that [redacted] only happened to meet Berman on [redacted] visits to Sing Sing but did not know that he was from St. Paul. [redacted] apparent actions when being questioned concerning Berman indicated to me that [redacted] possibly had obtained information through Berman concerning the St. Paul underworld or that Berman was the source of [redacted] information concerning St. Paul.

[redacted] was not pressed for information except that which [redacted] voluntarily offered and [redacted] was not questioned as to [redacted] own identity. [redacted] description from my personal observation is as follows:



Incidentally [redacted] indicated during [redacted] conversation that it was upon information furnished through [redacted] to the Division which resulted in the arrest of Karpis and Arthur R. Barker. Mr. Nathan explained [redacted] had probably misinterpreted press reports to the effect that these two had been identified as involved in the Bremer kidnaping case but that they had not been arrested. [redacted] was also advised by Mr. Nathan that what information [redacted] had disclosed to the Division appeared to be correct, so far as the information already in the possession of the Division showed, but that the Division was desirous of obtaining additional and more specific information concerning the members of the Barker-Karpis outfit, especially as to their present whereabouts.

[redacted] stated that it was also [redacted] information that, during the trial of two New York gangsters in St. Paul on a charge of murder, another gangster, whom the Federal Government was seeking, was very active

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in St. Paul in endeavoring to fix the jury [redacted] did not know the identity of this gangster nor did [redacted] recall the names of the individuals, who were tried for murder. It is apparent that these individuals are Albert I. Silverberg and John Newman.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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P. O. Box 274,
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April 9, 1934

Mr. Harry E. Landis,
District Director,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Newport, Vermont.

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Dear Mr. Landis:

Transmitted herewith you will find ten group photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell, who are wanted by this Division for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. Your office has already been supplied with copies of Identification Order No. 1212, relating to Alvin Karpis, and Identification Order No. 1213, relating to Arthur R. Barker.

I am also transmitting to you at this time eight copies each of the individual photographs of Ed Bantz, Mrs. Ed Bantz, and Bantz, Tommy Carroll, Carly Claus, Paula Harmon, and Mrs. Kate Barker, who are also wanted in this same connection, in addition to being wanted in connection with numerous bank robberies. You will note that each of these photographs carries a description of the person to whom it refers.

These enclosed photographs are being transmitted to you for the use of your officers along the Canadian border and if you require more of them, kindly so advise in order that a further supply may be obtained and furnished to you.

It is noted that you will also find a list pertaining to the automobiles which it is believed have been used by members of the Bremer-Karpis gang in their operations in various localities.

It is deemed advisable to submit the attached list of automobiles for the information of your border patrol.

In the event that any of the above persons should be apprehended at any of the border points within your jurisdiction, or should any information be obtained, it is requested that the same be immediately telephoned, charges collect, to Mr. C. D. McKean, in charge of this Division Office, Room 1002, U. S.

Post Office and Court House Building, Boston, Telephone Liberty 9834.

Any assistance you can render in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Encls.

W. J. WEST,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.



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LIST OF AUTOMOBILES USED BY BARKER-KARPIS GANG

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Auburn Sedan, motor No. 24157. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and fenders top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William E. Lehman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-2-3762 in the name of William E. Lehman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,777,268. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by E. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. G. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn and T. E. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 18004.

Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,858,090, bearing Ohio license 26785, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of F. G. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

Ford V8, motor No. 18-425060, bearing Ohio license No. 926771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of F. G. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 24093 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 8 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 965160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one H. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1893 was issued covering this car on January 2, 1933.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 229420, was registered on October 3, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. 2-47350 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-24802 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 2554674, serial No. 1-CA025077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. 2-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 21-2181, changed to 21-2181, Serial No. 12479
was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis
under the name of E. L. Burns, 301 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minn-
nesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the
State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. 2-22021 to E. L.
Burns, 301 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 12-306791, was registered in
the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. 2-25033 to E. L.
Murray, Box 245, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L.
Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Drake-Peuge Sedan, motor No. 21-2181, chassis No. 100111,
purchased from the Drake-Peuge Agency, San Francisco, by E. L.
Burns, who paid cash and graded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan,
motor No. 21-2181, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7925. 1933 Cali-
fornia license 2-N-2241, was issued for this Drake-Peuge Sedan to
E. L. Burns, 2220 California Street, San Francisco, California.
An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during
February 1933, by E. L. Burns, who gave his address Higway apart-
ments, Reno, Nevada.

Aliases used by the Barker-Karpis gang are:

Fred Barker with aliases: J. Parsons, E. L. Ford, Ed Murray,
E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, C. E. Blackburn,
and A. H. Hunter.

Arthur Barker with aliases: Fred Barker, Charles Dale, Ed
Barker, E. L. Murray, E. L. Harvey, and A. H.
Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Bailey, George Haller, Alvin
Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis,
A. Carter, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns,
William Lehman, William B. Lehman, and E. L.
Burns.

Harry Campbell with aliases: E. E. Blackburn and George L. Burns.

Volney Davis with aliases: E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, E. L.
Burns, and A. H. Hunter.

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
April 6, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE LARSON:

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

Copies of the group photograph of the Alvin Karpis Gang were on this date left with United States Immigration Inspectors W. R. Brooks located at the Detroit-Windsor Ferry; Arthur Kahl, located at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel; and Earl Fanner, located at the Ambassador Bridge.

These officers were requested to detain any of these individuals who attempted to cross the border and notify the Detroit Office.

A further specific request was made that no publicity be given to this matter.

H. D. Zimmerman
Special Agent

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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, addressed to this Office from St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of March 21, 1934, wherein it is requested that this Office advise the basis for the statement that Paula Harmon used the alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith prior to the Summer of 1933.

You are respectfully referred to Page 6 of the Division memorandum dated February 21, 1934, which indicates that Paula Harmon used the alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith when arrested by the Police Department at Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 25, 1926. Also please refer to letter dated March 3, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office from the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was furnished you, wherein request was made of the Chicago Office that photostatic copies of the photograph and fingerprints of Paula Harmon secured from the Council Bluffs, Iowa Police Department be furnished the St. Paul Office. It is presumed that the Chicago Office complied with this request.

Very truly yours,

WFT:cc
cc - Chicago
cc - Division

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W. S. CONRO
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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April 7, 1934.

United States Marshal,
New York, N. Y.

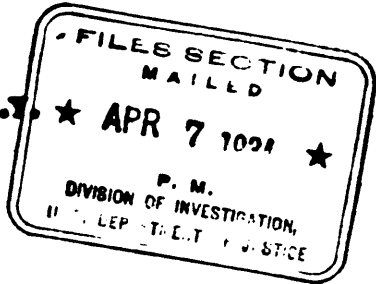
Dear Sir:

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:

f-- William J. Graham

Very truly yours,

Copy to:
Div. Off.,
New York, N.Y.



Director.

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Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
April 8, 1934.

Inspector Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul Division Office, dated March 23, 1934, relating to the above entitled matter. In compliance with the request contained in said letter, a thorough and complete check has been made of the records of the Automobile Department in the office of the Secretary of State for Illinois for the registration of the automobiles listed in the letter of reference together with the names listed for the years 1933 and 1934 and a request has been made to have stop cards placed in the files of the Secretary of State. A search of the files of the Automobile Department revealed the following information:

Illinois 1933 license 456-178 was issued on 2-23-33 to J. E. Blackburn, Coffeen, Illinois, for a Ford sedan, motor #1231611, 1928 model. This application for registration indicates that the car was purchased in 1928 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under #587286. The notary who executed the jurat is L. T. Wilderman, Coffeen, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 857-622 was issued on 6-8-33 to J. E. Blackburn, Harmon, Illinois for a Buick sedan, motor #1293723, serial #1246786, 1925 model, which was purchased on May 27, 1933, not previously registered in Illinois, and the Notary is Ellis R. Kayler, Harmon, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 905653 was issued on 3-15-33 to E. E. Davis, 2937 Augusta Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois for a Pontiac coach, motor #163620, serial #150642, 1928 model, purchased 2-14-33, and the Notary is Louis J. Gramma, no address.

Illinois 1933 license 536768 was issued on 2-18-33 to Arthur Barker, Route #1, Barksville, Illinois for a Ford Coupe, motor #13711355, 1926 model, registered in Illinois in 1932 under 1075528. A.M. The Notary is Edwin H. Fauss, Barksville, Illinois.

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Illinois 1933 license 800589 was issued on 1-17-33 to Arthur Barker, Route #5, Pekin, Illinois for a Chrysler sedan, motor 685592, serial #80250, 1925 model, purchased August, 1926, and registered in Illinois in 1932 under #488535. The Notary is Frank N. Peabody, Washburn, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 847464 was issued on 2-23-33 to Dock Barker, R.F.D. #2, Hillsboro, Illinois for a Plymouth coach, motor #U81385, serial #V129DD, registered in Illinois in 1932 under #912172. James Mitt, Hillsboro, Illinois is the Notary.

Illinois 1933 license 1,208,723 was issued on 8-8-33 to H. J. Harvey, 205 Constatte Avenue, DuQuoin, Illinois for a 1924 Maxwell touring car, motor #451266, serial #54096, purchased 8-1-33 and the Notary is E. J. Hanmann, DuQuoin, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 1029257 was issued on 4-27-33 to R. L. Burns, 820 North Monroe, Decatur, Illinois for a Chevrolet sedan, motor 1340710, serial 3AC190961, 1929 model, registered in Illinois in 1932 under #703543. The Notary is W. E. Fauber, Decatur, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 1229191 was issued on 9-8-33 to A. Carter, General Delivery, Dupu, Illinois for Buick coach, motor 2177639, serial 2177062, 1930 model, purchased July 14, 1933. The Notary is E. H. Hunt, 121 North 6th Street, Dupu, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 1252564 was issued on 8-11-33 to George Dunn, 6138 Stewart Avenue, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois for a Dodge sedan, motor A406742, serial A334960, 1925 model, purchased 8-7-33. The Notary is Joseph Peah, no address.

Illinois 1933 license 1266794 was issued on 11-18-33 to George Dunn, 1022 Ayars Place, Evanston, Illinois for Paramount sedan, 1928 model, motor 212101, serial 2333, purchased 10-27-33. The Notary is Samuel Harrison, 1820 Sheridan Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 1090714 was issued on 4-26-33 to George Dunn, 331 Evans Avenue, Aurora, Illinois for a Ford coupe, motor 12724293, 1926 model, purchased 4-10-33. The Notary is Donald W. Corcoran, 80 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. This license was transferred to a Ford sedan, motor A1519770, 1929 model, and the old car was sold on May 16, 1933, to George Brown, 331 Evans Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. The Notary

is Mae Weismaker, 11-15 South Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois. This license was again transferred to Essex coach, motor 410163, serial 455877, 1928 model, purchased on 8-19-33. The old car was sold on 8-19-33 to Ventzel Foster Motor Company, 11-15 South Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois. Mae Weismaker is the Notary.

Illinois 1933 license 955580 was issued on 7-21-33 to George Dunn, 1022 Arara Place, Evanston, Illinois, for ElFay Taxi Cab, motor B2007, serial 2P67, 1931 model, purchased 7-15-33. The Notary is Clarence E. Wheeler, 17 Ficks Place, Mt. Vernon, New York. This license was purchased 8-1-33. The old car was sold on 8-1-33 to Nathan Auto Parts, Inc., 33 West 145 Street, New York City. The Notary is Elsa Norma, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 896845 issued to R. L. Burns, 801 Cartwright Street, Chillicothe, Illinois on 8-22-33 for Hummobile sedan, motor 44458, serial 440626, purchased May 6, 1933 and the Notary is William Fuener, 2229 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 184602 was issued on 7-21-33 to E. V. Davis, Grays Lake, Illinois, Box 322, for Ford coupe, motor 7323420, 1933 model, purchased June 27, 1933. The Notary is Victor Di Fazio, no address, no seal.

Illinois 1933 license 780920 was issued on 4-18-33 to G. E. Moore, 6627 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford Tudor, motor A1731178, 1929 model, purchased 2-13-30 and licensed in Illinois in 1932 under 906879. The Notary appears to be Frank Panoce, no address.

Illinois 1933 license 57945 was issued on 1-1-33 to G. E. Moore, 5129 Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois for a Packard sedan, motor 246567, serial 246277, 1929 model, purchased on 3-4-29 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 57945. The Notary is Orrin C. Chamberlain, 3316 Grove Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 774267 was issued on 4-17-33 to E. V. Davis, 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Chevrolet sedan, 1933 model, motor 8554674, serial 1CA0323077, purchased 4-15-33. The Notary is Joseph Bugl, 5346 West 22nd Street, Chicago, Illinois. This license was transferred to Ford Deluxe coupe, 1933 model, on 7-19-33, motor 328480.

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purchased on 7-1-33 and the old car was sold 6-30-33 to Vrba Motor Company, 5100 N 25th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Notary is H. Johnson, 5100 N 25th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 574723 was issued on 3-29-33 to Mrs. George L. Martin, 411 Westmoreland Avenue, Peoria, Illinois for a Whippet, 1928 model sedan, motor 9299487, serial 249362M, purchased in October, 1928 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 966852. Edith Martin, 1725 South Washington, Chicago, Illinois is the Notary. This license was transferred to a Willys coupe on June 7, 1933, motor 12347, serial 15145. The old car was sold to Koemmerling Motor Company, 813 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois on May 29, 1933.

Illinois 1933 license 515915 was issued on 2-1-33 to George L. Martin, 5704 North Campbell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Ford Special coupe, motor 3892083, purchased on 2-21-31 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 419511. The Notary is John P. Swanson, 3315 Diversy, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 633476 was issued on 2-13-33 to George L. Martin, 1913 Morse Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Dodge sedan, 1929 model, motor H36046, serial DA31083, purchased on May 25, 1929 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 633117. Walter Nicklefs, Park Ridge, Illinois is the Notary.

Illinois 1933 license 638836 was issued on 3-2-33 to Henry Campbell, 1702 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois for a Buick mobile sedan, motor 451278, serial 63382, purchased September 15, 1931. Name of Notary illegible and no address.

Illinois 1933 license 21324 issued on 1-1-33 to E. Lester Burns, River Street, Momence, Illinois for a Chevrolet sedan, 1931 model, motor 2890226, serial 21AE76744, purchased in 1931 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 21324. Notary is Harry Hall, City Clerk, Momence, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 498479 was issued on 3-3-33 to William Lehman, Rural Route 74, Edgemoor Station, East St. Louis, Illinois for a 1926 model Dodge touring, motor A350800, serial 1A279083, purchased 11-15-28 and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 692922. The Notary is George Kswinger, 866 North 75th, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 790464 was issued on April 22, 1933 to John J. Burns, 6225 Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Chevrolet coach, 1930 model, motor M28349331, serial S2LAD565, purchased 7-12-30. Notary illegible. This license was transferred to Chevrolet coach, 1933 model, motor 3916754, serial 1CA0971471, purchased 10-6-33 and the old car was sold to Ruby Chevrolet Inc., 1422 E 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Notary is Henry Nealesch, 5754 South Albany, Chicago, Illinois. The address of J. J. Burns in the application for the transfer is given as 6727 Bennett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 867933 was issued to J. J. Burns, 1201 North Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 4-9-33 for a Ford Tudor, 1930 model, motor 3368218, purchased May 24, 1930. The Notary is Louis Morris, 4086 Division Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 890033 was issued on 4-12-33 to R. E. Hamilton, DuQuoin, Illinois for a Ford sedan, 1929 model, motor 1935214, purchased in June 1932, and registered in Illinois in 1932 under 893164. Notary illegible.

Illinois 1934 license 123166 was issued to George Martin, 1021 Ash Street, Winnetka, Illinois on 1-3-34 for a LaSalle sedan, 1929 model, motor 422080, serial 422080, purchased as a used car 3-26-31 from the Cadillac Motor Company, 2301 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. No lien. Illinois 1933 license 147868. Notary Arthur L. Warren. Address of Notary not shown in 1934 applications.

Illinois 1934 license 86706 was issued on 2-5-34 to Arthur Barker, R. Route #5, Peoria, Illinois for a Chrysler sedan, 1925 model, motor 685592, serial 80250, purchased as a new car on August 25, 1924 from the Watkins Motor Company, 122 W Washington Street, East Peoria, Illinois. No lien. Notary is Phillip J. Ashmidt.

Illinois 1934 license 813032 was issued on 3-3-34 to R. E. Davis, 204 East Franklin Street, Wheaton, Illinois for a Buick 1933 model coupe, motor 2813357, serial 2660975, purchased as a new car on 12-30-33 under conditional sales contract from 5th Avenue Garage, Inc., 320 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. Lien \$583.65 held by GMAC, 619 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana.

Illinois 1934 license 134620 was issued on 1-3-34 to Dr. J. J. Burns, 318 West South Street, Dwight, Illinois for a Hudson sedan, 1927 model, motor 466005, serial 777335, purchased new 7-1-27 from Delong Brother, Dwight, Illinois. No lien. 1933 license 101168.

Illinois 1934 license 201467 was issued on 1-17-34 to George Dunn, 314 South Broad Street, Hillsboro, Illinois for Ford sedan, 1932 model, motor 6953, serial F1452852, V8, purchased new on June 6, 1932 for cash from McDavid Motor Company, Hillsboro, Illinois. No lien. Illinois 1933 license 141521.

Illinois 1934 license 452935 was issued on 2-17-34 to J. J. Burns, 507 St. Charles Boulevard, Maywood, Illinois for a Chrysler coach, 1926 model, motor 112756, serial W822E, purchased as a used car in July, 1932 for an individual residing in Oak Park, Illinois, name and address not stated, by bill of sale which cannot be located, no lien. Illinois 1933 license 818711.

Illinois 1934 license 818639 was issued on 3-10-34 to Arthur Barker, R. F. D. #1, Burksville, Illinois for a Ford coupe, 1926 model, motor 18711358, purchased as used car on 7-6-29 from the Schmidt Motor Company, Columbia, Illinois. No lien, Illinois 1933 license 536768.

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||| Illinois 1934 license 830266 was issued on 3-17-34 to E. Lester Burns, 305 Pine Street, Momence, Illinois for 1931 model Chevrolet sedan, motor 2890226, serial 21AE78744, purchased as a used car in September, 1931 for cash from W. W. Therian Garage, 205 Dixie Highway, Momence, Illinois. No lien. Illinois 1933 license 21324.

Illinois 1934 license 879615 was issued on 3-20-34 to Dock Barker, R.F.D. #2, Hillsboro, Illinois for a Plymouth coupe, 1929 model, motor V81385, serial V129DD, purchased as a used car in 1930 from the Plymouth Motor Sales, St. Louis, Missouri. Illinois 1933 license 547464. No lien.

Illinois 1934 license 680259 was issued on 3-3-34 to William Lohman, 135 Austin Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois for a Ford sedan, 1931 model, motor A4120098, purchased new on October 12, 1931 from the Lake Forest Auto Sales Company, Lake Forest, Illinois. No lien. 1933 Illinois license 571483.

Illinois 1934 license 643908 issued on 8-1-34 to Henry Campbell, 624 West 97th Street, Chicago, Illinois for a Hupmobile sedan, 1927 model, motor A51E78, serial 83382, purchased as a used car on August 10, 1931, for cash from the Packard Motor Company, 7320 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Illinois 1933 license 688836.

Illinois 1934 license 877175 was issued on 8-19-34 to C. E. Moore, 1428 Elm Street, Quincy, Illinois for an Essex coupe, 1930 model, motor 1266574, serial 1190066, purchased as a used car in March, 1933 from H. A. Geiss, Broadway and 10th Street, Quincy, Illinois. 1933 Illinois license 849994.

Illinois 1934 license 681390 was issued on 8-21-34 to E. K. Hamilton, Rural Route #1, Spring Grove, Illinois for a Buick sedan, 1928 model, motor 2166343, serial 2073542, purchased as a used car on 5-31-33 from the Robert Crist Company, 7616 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. Illinois 1933 license 746644.

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Illinois 1933 license 1237051 was issued on 8-23-33 to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois for a Dodge sedan, 1933 model, motor IP65346, serial 3639469, purchased on August 21, 1933, not previously registered in Illinois. The Notary is John H. Montgomery, 3208 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Fee \$4.00 and manner of payment not indicated.

Illinois 1934 license 498259 was issued on 2-23-34 to J. E. Blackburn, 1259 Roscoe Street, Chicago, Illinois for a Chandler sedan, 1929 model, motor 190306, serial 43326F, purchased as a new car in March, 1929 from the Chicago Motor Company, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. No lien.

Mr. Don Butler of the Automobile Department advised Agent Morris that the odd numbers, that is the three hundred thousand, five hundred thousand, seven hundred thousand and nine hundred thousand numbers were issued to Cook County residents in 1934 and therefore Illinois 1934 license 578929 issued to George Dunn may be found in the Chicago Office of the Automobile Department. This is also true of Illinois 1934 license 544259 issued to George L. Martin.

No record could be found of registration of motor vehicles by the following persons in the years indicated:

Fred Barker	1933 and 1934
J. Darrows	1933 and 1934
A. S. Hunter	1933 and 1934
Ted Murphy	1933 and 1934
F. G. Ward	1933 and 1934
Bob Barker	1933 and 1934
Claude Dale	1933 and 1934
E. L. Marrey	1933 and 1934
Alvin Karpis	1933 and 1934
R. L. Burns	1934
A. Carter	1934
George Haller	1933 and 1934
Raymond Hadley	1933 and 1934
Alvin Karpis	1933 and 1934
Ray Karpis	1933 and 1934
William B. Lehman	1933 and 1934
Volney Davis	1933 and 1934
T. C. Blackburn	1933 and 1934
E. V. Davis	1934
J. H. Lockwood	1933 and 1934

It should be noted that George Dunn of Hillsboro, Illinois uses a serial number in his registration of a Ford V8 in 1933 and 1934. It should also be noted that Dock Barker also gives his place of residence at Hillsboro, Illinois.

It should be noted that Illinois 1933 registration 774257 is for Chevrolet sedan, 1933 model, motor 3554674, serial LCA0323077, not serial LCA023077 as shown in reference letter.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Chicago Office with the request that they conduct appropriate investigation relative to the individuals listed in this letter who reside in their territory for the purpose of ascertaining if they are identical with the subjects of this case or are in any way related to them.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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2 Chicago

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April 10, 1934

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

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

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Dear Sir:

[redacted] the individual referred to
in Division letter dated February 12, 1934 as one [redacted] alias [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed by Assistant Director Harold Nathan at the
New York Office on April 5, 1934, at which time [redacted] furnished informa-
tion in addition to that appearing in the Division letter referred to
in that [redacted] stated that "Doc" Stacci, owner and operator of the O-P
Inn, Chicago, Illinois, had frequently taken members of the out-of-
town underworld to an apartment on Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, the
address of which [redacted] does not remember, but [redacted] identified the apart-
ment as being on the corner, the first floor of the apartment being
occupied by a beauty parlor, a shoe repair shop, and the rental office
for the apartment. [redacted] stated that across the street from the apart-
ment there is a gas station and a Ford auto show room. [redacted]
stated that possibly members of the Barker-Karpis gang have resided
at this apartment in the past.

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[redacted] described the Barker brothers and Karpis, the latter being
known [redacted] only as "Ray", as always wearing light gray suits, dark
colored shirts, with ties to match, and gray fedora hats, and [redacted]
stated that Karpis generally wears his hat well back on his head.

When shown a photograph of Kate Barker [redacted] immediately identi-
fied it as being the mother of the Barker brothers and stated that
[redacted] always wore glasses, that her hair is light gray, that she
appears older than the photograph reflects, and that she is thinner
than she appears in the photograph.

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The Chicago Office is instructed to conduct an appropriate investigation with a view to locating the apartment referred to by [redacted] for the purpose of establishing whether members of the Barker-Karpis gang are now residing there or have resided there in the past.

For the information of the offices receiving copies of this letter, [redacted] alleges that [redacted] Leon Kraemer, who is now serving a sentence of forty years in Dannemora Prison, Dannemora, New York, for the crime of robbery in the first degree as a second offender. It appears that Kraemer, during August, 1932, escaped from the Great Meadow Prison at Constock, New York, and was apprehended on June 8, 1933 when he was found shot and injured in an apartment at 305 East 88th Street, New York City. Because of his escape Kraemer has been placed in solitary confinement and it is the purpose of [redacted] to have the Federal Government intercede [redacted] to arrange for the transfer of Kraemer to Sing Sing Prison at Ossining, New York, [redacted] and in order to gain the assistance of the Federal Government [redacted] has volunteered the information [redacted] set out in Division letter of February 12, 1934, and which [redacted] repeated to Mr. Nathan.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] obtained [redacted] information by associating with [redacted] at St. Paul during the time he was an escapee from the Great Meadow Prison.

The source of the above information should be treated as strictly confidential inasmuch as further negotiations are pending with [redacted] to obtain additional information from Kraemer concerning the activities of certain members of the St. Paul underworld, as well as the underworld of other large cities, which information may be of value to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC New York
Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 9, 1934.

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

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APR 13 1934

RE: Alvin Karpis,
with aliases; et al.
Edward George Bremer-Victim.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

There is transmitted herewith
letter received by Mrs. [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] for investigation at
[redacted].

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at St. Paul today, he advised me that there are approximately 18 Agents now at St. Paul; that six are being used on the regular work of the office; six on the Dillinger matter; and six on the Bremer case. Two of this number are checking the bills found in the safe deposit boxes and one or two have been on guard duty. Mr. Nathan will send in a list of the Agents tonight by tele-type, showing how they are divided.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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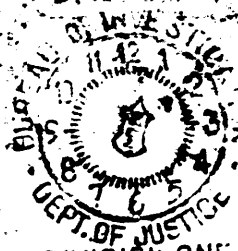
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P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



April 12, 1934. DIVISION ONE
APR 17 1934 PM

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

Dear Sir:

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

Recently Special Agent W. F. Wood con-
ducted an investigation at Waukesha, Wisconsin, during the
course of which he observed an automobile bearing 1934 Illinois
License No. 266-503 on a Cadillac Sedan. Inquiry was made at
the Sheriff's Office, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, which showed this
license was issued to one M. B. SCOTT, 1830 East Kane Place,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It is respectfully requested that your
office take appropriate steps to ascertain the identity of MR.
M. B. SCOTT at the address mentioned.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

RLM:ACF

CC - Division

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 11, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
APR 14 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: Alvin Karpis, w.a.
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al
Edward G. Bremer-Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith is

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Appropriate investigation should be made at
Phoenix, Georgia looking toward the location of Pauls
Harmon.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
St. Paul
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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 11, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; etal
Edward G. Bremer-Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

There is transmitted herewith ~~copy of a letter~~
~~dated April 11, 1934, from~~
~~St. Paul, Minnesota, to~~
~~the attention of Lincoln, Nebraska.~~

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

LMT
cc Division
St. Paul
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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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DIVISION ONE

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al
Edward G. Bremer-Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith is

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Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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April 11, 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, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

This office is in receipt of a letter from Arthur A. Ball,
Game Warden, Conservation Department, State of Wisconsin, and whose
address is Marinette, Wisconsin. In answer to circular letter he has
advised that on January 27, 1934, a local aviator flew in the vicin-
ity of Marinette, Wisconsin, and he believed that it would be wise to
thoroughly check that vicinity.

Please give this matter as early attention as is practicable.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLARK,
Inspector.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 11, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al
Edward G. Bremer-Victim.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith is

~~copy of letter from St Paul, Minn. dated 4/10/34 to~~
~~St Paul, Minn. dated 4/10/34 to~~

This for your attention at Denver, Colorado.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 12, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

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

In response to circular letter sent out to check location of certain sounds, sirens, whistles, etc., in connection with the above captioned case, a letter was received from THEODORE C. GIESCHER of Horicon, Wisconsin, in which he advised that there was a large stationary siren at Horicon, Wisconsin, which blew each week day morning at approximately the same time that a factory whistle blew; that this factory whistle blew each morning and at evening, but not at noon. Further, that the church of the writer, REVEREND GIESCHER, had a bell which rang every Saturday afternoon at 5:00 P.M. and several times on Sunday mornings, but not week days; that shifting locomotives could be heard daily and airplanes could occasionally be heard.

On March 24, 1934 Special Agent W. F. Wood conducted an investigation at Horicon, Wisconsin. He interviewed Assistant Chief of Police JOHN BERNGES, who advised that there is located at Horicon a stationary siren which blows only at noon and in case of fire. A check was made which disclosed that this siren did not blow on Sunday morning, January 28, 1934. MR. BERNGES also advised that the factory whistle blows at 8:30 and 9:30 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. He also stated that there are three churches located in Horicon; the Catholic church, which bell rings regularly on Sunday morning; the Methodist, whose bell rings only Sunday mornings, and the Lutheran, whose bell rings Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday morning. He further advised that Horicon

has four steam trains daily, one at 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., and again at 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., and in addition a gasoline coach which runs twice daily, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

Subsequent to the investigation performed by Special Agent Wood at Horicon, two additional letters were received, one of which was from REVEREND F. A. SCHWERSFEGGER, Horicon, Wisconsin, who advised as follows:

1. That there is a stationary siren but it blows only at noon, except Sundays.
2. One church bell rings Saturday afternoon at 5:00 P.M., another on Sunday morning, while the church of the writer, REV. SCHWERSFEGGER, rings twice.
3. Horicon is a railroad division point and, of course, switching trains are frequently heard - not many trains a day, and airplanes.

The other letter was from H. H. MARKHAM, Mayor of the city of Horicon, Wisconsin, who advised as follows:

1. The Van Brunt Manufacturing Company of this city has a large stationary siren which sounds each week day morning at 6:30 and 7:30 A.M. when the factory is operating.
2. One of our churches practices ringing their bell at 5:00 P.M. every Saturday and again several times each Sunday morning, but not on any other day or at any other time. The Catholics ring their bell only once each Sunday morning.
3. Horicon is a railroad junction point and has many trains. A shifting locomotive engine, many passing trains, and occasionally airplanes would fit this location.

In view of the above it can be seen that one or more of the parties who replied to the circular letter are in error with

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respect to sounds which can be heard in Horicon, Wisconsin.

Examination of the map of Wisconsin indicates that several small towns are located in the immediate vicinity of Horicon, and it is suggested that a check of these towns should be made in order to determine whether at a point between the different towns there can be heard a combination of sounds similar to those said to be heard at the hideout.

There is attached a rough sketch map prepared by Special Agent Wood indicating towns located in the immediate vicinity of Horicon, which may prove of some value.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1383

Butte, Montana, April 11, 1934.

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ALVIN KARPIS et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Gentlemen:

I am sending you herewith a set of photographs of persons wanted by this Division. If any of them should show in your territory, will you kindly advise me by telegraph or telephone, if urgent, or send me anything you learn that would lead to their location or apprehension?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

I am

Very truly yours,

L. H. DICKESON
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 133

Butte, Montana, April 11, 1934.

Customs Inspector,
Sweetgrass, Montana.

ALVIN KARPIS et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I am sending you herewith a set of
photographs of persons wanted by this Division.
If any of them should show in your territory, will
you kindly advise me by telegraph or telephone,
if urgent, or send me anything that would lead to
their location or apprehension?

Thanking you in advance for your
kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, April 11, 1934.

Mr. G. M. Gates,
Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Helena, Montana.

ALVIN KARPIS et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Mr. Gates:

I am sending you herewith two sets of photographs. These persons are all wanted. Would you kindly place them in the hands of field officers of your Service so that they may be located if one of your officers should observe one or more of them?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKLSON
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 183

Butte, Montana, April 11, 1934.

Collector of Customs,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - Kidnaping

I am sending you herewith two copies of sets of photographs of persons wanted by this Division. Will you kindly see that they are placed in the proper hands so that if any of them show in our district they may be apprehended? Anything you get, kindly telegraph or telephone this office, if it is urgent.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
April 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Sheriff Langdon of Salem, Arkansas, telephoned this office on April 11, 1934, stating that Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, some unidentified woman and an unidentified man were believed to have come to his county about two weeks ago, and that he had a party living in the vicinity of Salem, who had seen the individuals and identified photographs of Barker and Karpis. That they had pistol and shot-gun practice somewhere there and were still believed to be in the county, although Mr. Langdon did not have any definite information to offer regarding their probable location. - Your were notified telephonically of the foregoing on April 11, 1934.

Sheriff Langdon called this office again on April 12, 1934, stating that there had been a car stolen April 11th at Thayer, Mo., and he was of the opinion that it had been stolen by the same individuals mentioned above. He could not give the description of the car or other particulars regarding the matter.

A call was made to Sheriff O. C. Lindley of Thayer, Mo., by Special Agent W. F. Trainor to secure further details. Mr. Lindley was familiar with the theft of the car there on April 11th, stating that the car stolen is a 1934 model Chevrolet sedan, black color, the property of the Paul Johnson Motor Company of West Plains, Mo., and was stolen from in front of the home of Mrs. Johnson about 2:30 p.m. April 11th at Thayer. He did not have the motor or license numbers available when interviewed by telephone, but will transmit them to this office for possible future use.

Mr. Lindley is thoroughly familiar with Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, who are sought for murder at West Plains, Mo., a nearby point. He stated that constant watch is kept there for them. That they have not been seen in that vicinity recently, or he would surely have heard of it. That shortly before the car was stolen on April 11, 1934, two strange youths were seen loitering in Thayer and they probably stole the car. However, it is known to Mr. Lindley that they are not identical with Karpis and Fred Barker.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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

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April 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Referring to letter of this office dated April 10, addressed to Inspector Rorer, in connection with the kidnaping case involving ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, attached hereto, the Division will find the fingerprints of Harry Francis Fitzharris and Mrs. Harry (Thomasene) Fitzharris, which prints were taken at the New York City Office on April 7, 1934.

It is requested that Inspector Rorer, this office, the Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco offices be furnished with the criminal records of these individuals, as contained in the files of the Division.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

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

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U. S. Department of Justice
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303-A U. S. Court House & I.C. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah,
April 4, 1934

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Mr. Cowley	_____
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Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 26, 1934, I received a letter from you dated March 22, 1934, in which you refer to a telephonic conversation which Inspector W. A. Rorer had with the Division and concerning which you instructed that Agent L. D. Mine explain why he telegraphed certain information developed by Agent A.R. Gere of this office at Reno, of value to the Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, kidnaping case, rather than using the telephone in bringing the information to the attention of Inspector Rorer, and in which letter you also asked Agent Gere why he departed from Reno, Nevada, after developing valuable information, when it appears that he should have remained there.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter directed to me by Agent A. R. Gere from Reno, Nevada, under date of March 20, 1934, in explanation of his conduct in that regard and a copy of a memorandum received from Agent L.D. Mine dated March 26, 1934, in explanation of his activity in relation thereto, both of which are self-explanatory.

I have made a study of the entire activity and I respectfully invite your attention to the fact that at 9:49 PM on March 19, 1934, Agent Gere, after completing the investigation of certain leads at Reno, Nevada, in the Alvin Karpis, et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim, kidnaping case, which bore no evidence of being important leads but which were routine in form, directed a telegram to the Salt Lake City Division Office, stating that he would leave Reno at 7:00 AM on March 20, 1934, for Salt Lake City. This message was sent as a night letter and was received at the Salt Lake City Office on the morning of March 20, 1934. At 1:50 PM on March 20, 1934, Agent Gere transmitted a 406 word telegram from Reno, Nevada, to the Salt Lake City Division Office setting forth information which proved to be very valuable in the Alvin Karpis, et al kidnaping case and upon receipt of that message Agent L. D. Mine transmitted a message of similar length and similar content to the St. Paul

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Division Office, whereupon Inspector Rorer on the morning of March 31, 1934, contacted Agent Wine at the Salt Lake City Division Office by telephone and inquired the whereabouts of Agent Gere. Agent Wine informs me that he told Inspector Rorer that he received a telegram from Agent Gere in which Agent Gere notified the Salt Lake City Office that he, Agent Gere, was leaving Reno and that he, Wine, also told Inspector Rorer that he, Agent Wine, received a later telegram from Agent Gere at Reno, in which Agent Gere transmitted the "valuable information" above referred to, but that Inspector Rorer seemed excited when talking to Agent Wine and for that reason Agent Wine was not able to say whether Inspector Rorer understood him, Agent Wine, to say that Agent Gere had telegraphed from Reno on the afternoon of March 20, 1934, which would be a message received from Agent Gere subsequent to the one he transmitted on the night of March 19, 1934, making known that he was leaving Reno for Salt Lake City.

The receipt of the message containing the "valuable information" referred to above, at Salt Lake City, on the afternoon of March 20, from Agent Gere should have indicated to Agent Wine that Agent Gere had not departed from Reno but was still at Reno giving attention to the "valuable information" above referred to and if Inspector Rorer understood Agent Wine to so inform him, Inspector Rorer should have had the same understanding as to the whereabouts of Agent Gere at that time.

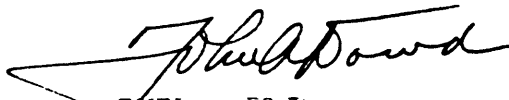
From the above it will be noted that when Agent Gere went to Reno from Salt Lake City he went for the purpose, among other purposes, of investigation certain leads in the Alvin Karpis, et al case, which appeared not to be of any outstanding importance and upon the termination of the investigation and the completion of investigations at Reno and vicinity in other matters of interest to this office, made known the fact that he had completed his assignments and was returning to headquarters. However, he subsequently developed the "valuable information" above referred to and remained at Reno and has not departed from Reno since his arrival there on March 16, 1934, and is presently there.

I am of the opinion that Agent Gere, since he telegraphed the Salt Lake City headquarters on March 19, 1934, that he was leaving Reno, should have notified Salt Lake City headquarters that his plan had been changed and that he was remaining at Reno. However, in view of the developments in the Alvin Karpis case and the fact that he was assiduously engaged in that investigation and time was of the essence, it impresses me as being reasonable

that he overlooked notifying the Salt Lake City headquarters that he had changed his plans and was remaining at Reno.

I agree with the Division that Agent Gere should have telephoned the "valuable information" to the Salt Lake City headquarters and that Agent Mine should have telephoned the "valuable information" to the St. Paul Division Office because by so doing, in my opinion, at least an hour would have been saved in transmitting the information from Reno to Salt Lake City and several hours would have been saved in getting the information from Salt Lake City to St. Paul. In matters of importance of this character I believe that economy should be sacrificed in the interest of expedition.

Very truly yours,


JOHN A. DOD
Special Agent in Charge

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March 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR J.A. MOHR:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 22, 1934.

The telephone conversation between Mr. Rorer and the Division as mentioned in this letter was not entirely accurate, and I feel that in fairness to myself, I know you will inform the Division of the true facts with respect to this matter which are as follows:

At 9 AM March 20, 1934, I received at the Salt Lake City Division Office while Acting Special Agent in Charge, the following night message from Special Agent A. R. Gere at Reno, which is shown as having been filed in Reno on 12:24 AM, March 20, 1934, which message reads as follows:

LEAVING HOME 7 AM TUESDAY
FOR SALT LAKE CITY

(SIGNED) GERE

I naturally assumed that Gere was leaving for Salt Lake City as he telegraphically advised me, and heard nothing further from him till about 4:45 PM that day when I received from Gere at Reno a long letter of 400 words giving important information as to subjects which telegrams I immediately transmitted telegraphically due to its length and the involved matters therein quoting numerous licenses and motor numbers of automobiles, rather than telephoning it to the St. Paul Division Office.

On the following morning at 9:05 AM Mr. Rorer talked to me on the telephone, inquiring about this case and I told him I had received the information in my telegram, from Gere at Reno the preceding afternoon, and that I also had received a telegram from Gere that morning from Gere advising me that he was leaving for Salt Lake City. Mr. Rorer then directed me to instruct you to proceed immediately to Reno, and I advised him that you were under subpoena on the Dunkey case and would be away for several days. He then requested me to get in touch with Gere which I did immediately after this conversation locating Gere at the Golden Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Mr. Rorer discussed with me the advisability of having an agent or agents operate under cover in Reno and I told him I believed this procedure would be highly desirable in view of conditions. He informed me that he did not believe this necessary since anyone could enter the public establishments and observe the patrons.

As a matter of fact I did not advise Rorer that Gere had left Reno and it is obvious that Gere must have received

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information of some importance subsequently to telegraphing me that he was returning. However, Mr. Gere himself will be in a better position to advise you of the exact information relative thereto. However, I do believe Gere should have advised me promptly of his decision not to return to Salt Lake City as he had planned to do.

Immediately after my conversation with Mr. Rorer at St. Paul, I contacted Gere by long distance telephone at the Collier Hotel, Reno, and he advised me that he had received additional important information and was remaining in Reno, that he was then going to Carson City, which is near Reno, to check the automobile registrations at the State Motor Vehicle Department there. I advised Gere to remain in Reno after his return from Carson City which would be within a few hours, and to check every angle, contact the California-Nevada high-way checking stations, through which all westbound automobile traffic into California is required to pass.

It is noted the Division suggests that in sending such important information as contained in my telegram to the Saint Paul Division office the telephone should be used rather than the telegraph, and I shall accordingly follow the Division's instructions as to such messages in the future.

On March 22, 1934, I received from Agent Gere at Reno, his detailed report of his investigation there. I arranged to have this report sent out the same day by air mail special delivery to the Division as well as to the interested offices.

I cannot see where this case was negligently handled on my part and know you will inform the Division of these facts in order that it may not be laboring under the impression that I did not carefully and expeditiously handle this matter at the Salt Lake City Division Office.

LOUIS D. WINE
Special Agent

COPY

Reno, Nevada.
March 31, 1934.

Mr. John A. Dowd,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503-A U. S. Court & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I do not understand the criticism contained in the Director's letter of the 22nd instant and feel sure that it was based upon misinformation from some source.

At 9:49 P.M., Monday, March 19th, I filed a telegram here advising you that I would leave at 7 A.M. the next morning for Salt Lake City, which would permit me to arrive at headquarters at 11:55 P.M., Tuesday, March 20th.

However, after filing that telegram I obtained additional information that same night which made it advisable for me to remain in Reno for further investigation, which resulted in one person being found who saw one of the Subjects, Alvin Karpis, in Reno about March 1st. All other known acquaintances of Subjects had not seen any of them since December 2nd, 1933. After obtaining that information on the morning of March 20th, I deemed it desirable to remain longer in Reno and endeavor to pick up further information as to the whereabouts of Subjects or establish definitely that none of them was in Reno at the present time.

Therefore, at 1:50 P.M. on March 20th I sent you a 406-word telegram giving detailed information as to the identification of Subjects, the names used by them while at Reno, the description of the automobiles purchased by them in Reno in January, 1933, also other automobiles known to have been in their possession, the motor numbers of same, and their automobile license numbers, also the fact that Subject Alvin Karpis was seen at Reno about March 1st this year, and that there were indications that some of Subjects might be located in this vicinity at the present time. This telegram conveyed the information to headquarters that I was still in Reno at 2 P.M. (3 P.M., Salt Lake City time) on March 20th and that I had not left Reno at 7 A.M. that day as previously advised I contemplated doing.

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I believe it almost needless to say that I am not in the habit of running away from duty, and the facts are that I did not in this instance, but have remained in Reno continuously since March 16th, and have practically established that none of subjects has been seen in Reno since about March 1st, this year, and have also obtained other very valuable information which should lead to their apprehension in the near future.

With regard to my having sent you a summary of the evidence found in this case by telegraph instead of by telephone, I sent the same by telegraph in the interests of accuracy to avoid misunderstanding and necessary repetition, which conversation by telephone frequently entails, and also in the interest of economy. In spite of this precaution, it appears that some of the information was received by Inspector Rorer at St. Paul, Minn., in garbled form, as indicated by a check of the information forwarded by me with his letter of March 23rd addressed to the Salt Lake City Office.

The telegram in question was filed at Reno at 1:50 P.M. (Pacific Time) and received at Salt Lake City at 3:14 P.M. (Mountain Time), the same being delivered at the Salt Lake City Office about 3:35 P.M., or 45 minutes elapsed time from the time of filing until delivered at the Salt Lake City Office. The cost of transmitting the telegram was \$2.33. The estimated time of transmitting the same information by telephone, allowing for the time necessary for repetitions to insure accuracy, and to properly record the conversation as to names, initials, dates, motor numbers and license numbers, would be from twenty to thirty minutes, or at a cost of from \$15.00 to \$22.50, at the rate of \$2.25 for the first three minutes, and \$25 for each additional minute.

I am inclosing herewith a copy of the 406-word telegram in question, as filed by me.

Trusting this explanation is satisfactory, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. E. Galt
A. E. GALT,
Special Agent.

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April 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to telegram from the Los Angeles office to this office, dated March 31st, in the matter of ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim) - KIDNAPING; EXTORTION, wherein is mentioned the fact that a Mrs. H. Mott, 344 West 87th Street, Manhattan, has been on the west coast for the past ten days with numerous five and ten dollar bills in her possession, which she was endeavoring to exchange for bills of larger denominations.

At the address mentioned was found a rooming house, operated by Mrs. H. Kollar, telephone Schuyler 4-9284. She said that about a month ago a Mr. and Mrs. H. Fitzharris took a room with bath at her house, at \$10.00 per week, and that they claimed to be wealthy and had just returned from Miami, Florida. They advised that they spend their winters in New York City and their summers at their large estate at Millbrook, New York. They are supposed to have eight children, some of whom have been seen by Mrs. Kollar. Some of the children are supposed to be staying with their grandmother at New Rochelle, New York. She said that Mr. Fitzharris is supposed to be a real estate broker, but he is out all night practically every night, and sleeps during the daytime. She said that about two weeks ago Mrs. Fitzharris left town, and just returned by plane April 1st. Mrs. Kollar said that Fitzharris frequently receives telegrams, usually around one or two A. M., and in many instances receives money through Western Union. She said that she recalls on Thursday, March 29th, a telegram coming in for

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Mr. Fitzharris during the day and he called up and she opened the telegram and read it to him. This telegram set forth, as she recalls: "LEAVING BY PLANE NO WORK TODAY WILL WIRE YOU COME", and was signed "MRS. MOTT". She said that she had occasion to ask one of their children who Mrs. Mott was, and the boy said it was his mother.

Mrs. Kollar also advised that no mail is received by the Fitzharrises, just telegrams, and that she has made efforts to determine the contents of these telegrams but she always found them torn up fine in the wastebasket.

The Fitzharris room was searched on April 2nd and it was practically barren. Three cheap suitcases were in the closet, but they were empty. A man's overcoat was seen, and a few woman's dresses, and a little dirty clothing, also three detective magazines. The dresser and other drawers were entirely empty. There was not a single thing in the apartment indicating the true identity of these individuals. Apparently they are exercising abundant caution in connection with their rooms, at this address. Mrs. Kollar, as you may infer, is in the room daily and is of the type that hardly would pass up anything of significance.

Mrs. Kollar said that that very day Mr. Fitzharris had paid his room rent for the week of April 1st, with a \$10. bill. She produced this bill and it was heavily perfumed. She declared that this was the perfume used by Mrs. Fitzharris, so that it is believed it is one of the bills Mrs. Fitzharris carried in her purse. The bill is a National Bank note of the Pacific National Bank of San Francisco, # A-005285. This is not one of the bills included in the ransom in this case. She also said that Mrs. Fitzharris carries a very large pocketbook and that Mr. Fitzharris has a small car with a New York license.

At the Western Union office, 74th Street and Broadway, Manager McLynn advised that Fitzharris was a newcomer in that section, and that during February, 1934, he received no telegrams or money orders. When asked as to the identity of the persons sending the telegrams or money orders in March he advised that it was his wife and upon reference to records the following was learned:

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On March 22nd she wired him \$50.00 from Cleveland, with a message saying she was in Room 675 and was leaving immediately, and for him to 'phone there.

On March 24th she wired him \$40.00 from Denver.

On March 28th she wired \$78.00 from Los Angeles.

On March 31st she wired him \$20.00 from Chicago.

All of these wires and money orders are signed "Tom" with the exception of the one from Los Angeles, which was signed "Mrs. Mott". McLynn said that Fitzharris has a New York driver's license, No. 1609235, in the name of Fitzharris, and the signature on this corresponds to his handwriting. McLynn said that no other telegrams or money orders have been received for Fitzharris with the exception of those above enumerated from his wife.

Mrs. Kollar was later contacted, and she advised that she had ascertained that Fitzharris had a 1932 Ford Coupe, the New York 1934 license number of which is 5V6213. She had further learned through observation, on the morning of April 4th, at the time of her cleaning the room occupied by the Fitzharrises, that there were in the closet two very good looking fur coats that had not been there before, as well as 22 pairs of silk stockings. On the morning of April 5th Mrs. Kollar ascertained that the fur coats and silk hosiery were no longer there.

to advise the New York Division office on the receipt of any telegrams addressed to the Fitzharrises. No further information, however, has been obtained either by

It was ascertained at the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau that the automobile bearing license number 5V6213, which was issued to Harry Fitzharris, 205 Kneeland Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., was for a Ford 1934 Coupe, motor #V18-122311, supposedly purchased from the Pleasant Valley Garage, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.

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on May 8, 1933. The operator's license, #1609255, was issued June 6, 1933 to Harry F. Fitzharris, Millbrook, N. Y. In connection with the Pleasant Valley Garage, it should be stated that Mrs. Kollar noted among Fitzharris' effects in the room, a receipt for \$50.00 dated April 8, 1934, from the Pleasant Valley Garage, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.

It was ascertained at Yonkers, N. Y., that the Fitzharrises are unknown to the police there. They had purchased a house at 205 Kneeland Avenue in July 1933 from Stephen Kodak, 530 McLean Avenue, Yonkers. Mr. Kodak was unavailable for interview, but Mrs. Kodak stated that they had bought the house, as stated, and they appeared to have plenty of money. Mrs. Kodak did not know what their business was, but had assumed that Fitzharris was a bootlegger. He had told them that he had formerly lived at Millbrook, N. Y., where he had a country place, and was a farmer there. However, he did not talk like a resident of that locality, and did not give the impression of ever having been a farmer, other than his statement to that effect. Both he and Mrs. Fitzharris gave the impression of being New York City people. Mrs. Kodak could not give any further information concerning them. She said that her husband had been sorry to sell the house to people of their apparent class, but at that time it seemed that only bootleggers and racketeers had any money to pay for real estate.

At the Post-Office in Yonkers, it was ascertained that they had no forwarding address for the Fitzharrises, but the carrier on that route stated that he was still leaving the mail there, at the mailbox outside the door, and he had ascertained from inquiries among the neighbors that Mr. or Mrs. Fitzharris came around and collected the mail at frequent intervals. Further inquiry of persons living in houses close by 205 Kneeland Avenue was unproductive of further information relative to the Fitzharrises.

From Mr. William H. Merford, representative of the New York Telephone Company, at Yonkers, N. Y., it was ascertained that the Fitzharrises had had a telephone at 205 Kneeland Avenue from about the first of February 1934 to March 7, 1934, at which time

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the service was cancelled. The telephone number was Yonkers 4384, and at the time of cancellation of the service, a bill for \$27.88 had accrued, which has not been paid to date and this office is attempting to secure the record of calls made over this 'phone. According to the records of the telephone company, Fitzharris had had previous telephone service about five years ago at Queens. They gave as references the Yonkers National Bank and the Flushing National Bank.



It was ascertained at Millbrook, N. Y., from Mr. E. A. Burch, former mayor of that village, that about two years previously, at a time when he was mayor, he had rented a house belonging to the village to the Fitzharrises. He had not known a great deal about them at that time. He was later advised by persons living in the vicinity of the house which he had rented to them that Mrs. Fitzharris was supposed to be a kleptomaniac and that Mr. Fitzharris had the reputation of being a bootlegger. The neighbors protested against having such persons living close to them. However, Mr. Burch declined to cancel the rental contract, stating that he would wait and see what kind of tenants they made. They have since turned out to be very good tenants, so far as paying

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their rent promptly is concerned, and they have caused no trouble to the law enforcement officers of the vicinity.

Mr. A. C. Wheeler, cashier of the Bank of Millbrook, Millbrook, N. Y., stated that Mr. Fitzharris had the reputation in the vicinity of being a bootlegger, and that Fitzharris himself had admitted the fact to him. Mr. Wheeler, however, was not altogether convinced that Fitzharris was a bootlegger, but thought that he had some other racket, the exact nature of which was entirely unknown to him. He stated that Fitzharris had frequently taken in to the bank for exchange for larger bills as much as \$300.00 or \$400.00 in one dollar bills, which he claimed he had collected in the course of his bootlegging operations. Some of the Fitzharris children, of whom there are five or six or more, as well as Fitzharris' mother and sister, are now living in the place at Millbrook. Mr. Wheeler claimed not to know anything as to where the Fitzharrises came from or what Mrs. Fitzharris does. However, he stated that from time to time Mrs. Fitzharris would go away on a trip and come back with money enough to pay numerous back bills. The credit of neither one of the Fitzharrises is good in the vicinity, and they are supposed to owe numerous bills. However, the bank had never suffered any loss through them, because their reputation had caused the bank to refuse any loans. Mr. Wheeler suggested that Mr. Oakley D. Robinson of Clinton Corners, N. Y., a nearby village, be interviewed, as he believed that Mr. Robinson could give further information.

Mr. Oakley D. Robinson advised that he knew the Fitzharrises well, and that they and their family had lived in Clinton Corners for several years prior to about two years ago. He stated that Harry Fitzharris is a well known bootlegger, and that Mrs. Thomasene Fitzharris, his wife, is believed to be a notorious shoplifter. He stated that although he had no personal knowledge of her shoplifting operations, that he had seen from time to time accounts in the New York newspapers of her having been arrested in various parts of the country, citing particularly Detroit, Chicago, New York City, and various places in the middle west. All these arrests had been in names other than her own, and he could not give the exact source of the information whereby he linked these newspaper stories to Mrs. Fitzharris. However, it seemed to be common knowledge in the neighborhood.

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He said that Harry Fitzharris had a very poor standing so far as his ability or willingness to pay bills was concerned, and that Fitzharris owes him, Mr. Robinson, a substantial amount of money on account of merchandise in the way of groceries and so forth purchased from him. Mr. Robinson conducts a general store.

So far as getting into trouble with the law in that vicinity was concerned, Mr. Robinson did not know of either of the Fitzharrises ever having been arrested there. He said that he believed Fitzharris had served a term in some penal institution from about 1928 to the fall of 1931, as he was away from the vicinity during that period of time. However, he never heard any definite information to that effect, and it was merely his suspicion that he had been so convicted.

At about 11 A.M. April 6th, Mrs. Kollar telephoned this office and advised that the Fitzharrises were moving out. Agents immediately proceeded to the address and learned that at 10:30 A.M., a telephone call had been received by Mrs. Fitzharris. Mr. Fitzharris was not in at the time. After receipt of the telephone call, Mrs. Fitzharris grew considerably white in the face and broke down and cried. She went to her room and there Mrs. Kollar heard her in substance cry out: "Oh, what will we do now. What a damn fool I was to count that money on the window sill. Someone must have seen me. We have to get out of here right away." She said that about an hour later, Mrs. Fitzharris went out and a telephone call was received by the son, Harry Fitzharris, Jr., who was living there with the folks, and after this telephone call, she asked Harry, Jr., who was considerably white in the face, what the difficulty was, and Harry, Jr. said there was no difficulty, but that the call was in reference to an airplane ticket. She asked Harry, Jr. who Mrs. Mott was, and he said this was his aunt.

A plant was maintained on the house, but they did not move out on that day. Airplane lines were contacted, but no reservation was made in the name of Mrs. Mott. Western Union was contacted, and advised that no telegrams had been sent out that day, but did advise that Mr. Fitzharris was in the office on April 4th, and sent a telegram to Mrs. M. Bergeron, Miami Beach, Fla., and that the telegram was, "PLEASE GIVE THIS TO IRENE", and that \$40.00 was sent with this telegram. The numbers of the bills

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were not taken. Western Union also advised at that time Fitzharris furnished a new address, to wit, 308 West 102nd Street. At that address it was established that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitzharris had lived there for the past four years. Mrs. Blair, the superintendent, and her relatives, who own the house and are reputable business people, advised that the Mrs. Fitzharris at this address was formerly Irene Eccles, a lovely woman, who for years had a responsible position with a reputable law firm in New York City, but the firm dissolved in January 1934, and on February 14, 1934, she went to Miami Beach, where her sister, Mrs. Mae Bergeron, operates a beauty parlor, and that her address is 400 S. W. 10th Street, Miami. They said that Mrs. Irene Fitzharris has supported her husband during the four or five years they lived at that address, and that so far as they could determine, Mr. Fitzharris never did a day's work. They also said that he rarely sleeps there but calls around once in a while for mail, and at the present time is \$15.00 in arrears. This room was searched, but nothing of importance was found. Mrs. Blair advised that she goes through the room every day, and has seen nothing of importance. The search of the room did disclose, however, that the former name of this wife was Irene Eccles, and that she is at the present time residing at Miami or Miami Beach, at the address indicated. Letters from this wife to Fitzharris indicate that she has constantly been in Florida since February 14, 1934. The search of the room disclosed the card of Samuel W. Salus, attorney at law, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and the card of Edward A. Attix, attorney at law, Penobscot Building, Detroit, and a writing, "M. Parsello, 8142 Draxel Avenue, Chicago."

The plant maintained at 344 West 87th Street was maintained up to the night of April 7th, when it being learned that they apparently did not propose to move, it was decided to take them to this office, which was done.

Mrs. Thomsene Fitzharris at first lied strenuously. She said that she married Mr. Fitzharris on November 19, 1910, at Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Astoria, L. I., and has had by him eleven children, seven of whom are now living. She insisted that she was never arrested in her life. She said that although she is not wealthy, she does not consider herself poor, and that they formerly owned an expensive house at Rockville Centre, L. I., which they sold, and then purchased the place at Clinton Corners, N. Y., where all of the children except Harry, Jr. are living. She said nothing whatsoever about the place at Yonkers, N. Y. She said

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that her mother is Mrs. C. Byrne, 33-20 - 168th Street, Flushing, Long Island, and that she receives an income from her father's estate, of which her mother is trustee. She first said that this income amounted to about \$220. a week, and she then changed this to about \$200. a month. She admitted leaving New York City during the middle of March 1934, and first said that she was going to Reno to secure a divorce from her husband. She said that she went by bus and used the name Mrs. Mott, because she did not want him to know anything about her travels. She strenuously denied sending him any money enroute to Reno. She admitted, however, that she changed her mind with respect to securing a divorce, and asked as to at what point in her journey she changed her mind, stated that it was a very short distance outside of New York, and admitted that she went all the way to the west coast and returned. After considerable questioning, she told part of the truth, and said that she is what is known as a kleptomaniac, and whenever she is with child, has a habit of stealing. She said that she is known as a woman who does considerable traveling, and that she left New York City in the middle of March, for the purpose of taking a trip. She said that when she left New York City, she had around \$400. consisting of a \$100. bill, two \$50. bills, and twenties, tens and fives, which she took from her husband's wallet. She said she took the bus to the west coast, and admitted being in Cleveland, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, and at Los Angeles, where she stopped at the Biltmore Hotel for two days. She said she saw no one she knew enroute to the coast, and while at Los Angeles, telephoned no one, and saw no one she knew. After leaving Los Angeles, she said she flew to San Francisco, stopped there a few hours, and then returned to Los Angeles by bus, and from Los Angeles, took a plane to New York City, arriving in New York City April 1st. She said she had no recollection of attempting, while in Los Angeles, to exchange small bills for larger bills. When asked as to the purpose of sending the money, she said the money was for her son, Harry, Jr., to whom she sent the telegrams (although they are addressed to her husband).

Mr. Fitzharris, when questioned in connection with this, consistently denied receiving any money from his wife, but when the two were brought together, was considerably confused in his explanation as to what he did with the money so received, but under his wife's promptings, finally said that he sent this money to the children at Millbrook, N. Y. by Western Union telegraph.

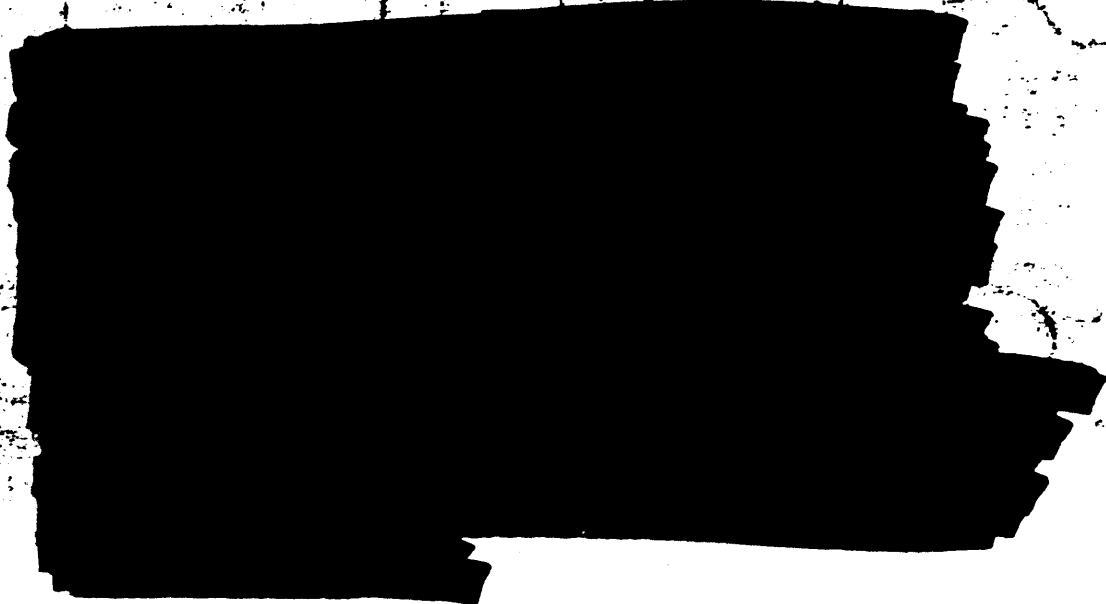
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Mr. Fitzharris, when questioned, admitted having been arrested in Detroit, Mich. on September 24, 1927, but merely on suspicion, and was released the next day. When questioned separately as to his other wife, at West 102nd Street, he said that this was another woman he was keeping.

As will be noted, the statements and explanations made by the Fitzharrises were far from satisfactory.

Their room was again searched that night, but nothing was found. She had nothing in her pocketbook but a little small change, and he had no money on his person except a few \$1.00 bills. They consented to being fingerprinted, however. The records of the Division indicate that one Harry Fitzharris was arrested at Detroit, Mich. on September 24, 1927, as a fugitive. When questioned about this he said that his wife had been arrested in Detroit, and he proceeded there to see her in jail, and upon arrival was arrested, but they had nothing on him, so he was released.

Mrs. Fitzharris admitted having been arrested in Detroit in September 1927, and receiving a suspended sentence, also an arrest in New York City, in 1920. Her fingerprints were submitted to the New York City Police Department, and the following is her record there: b7c



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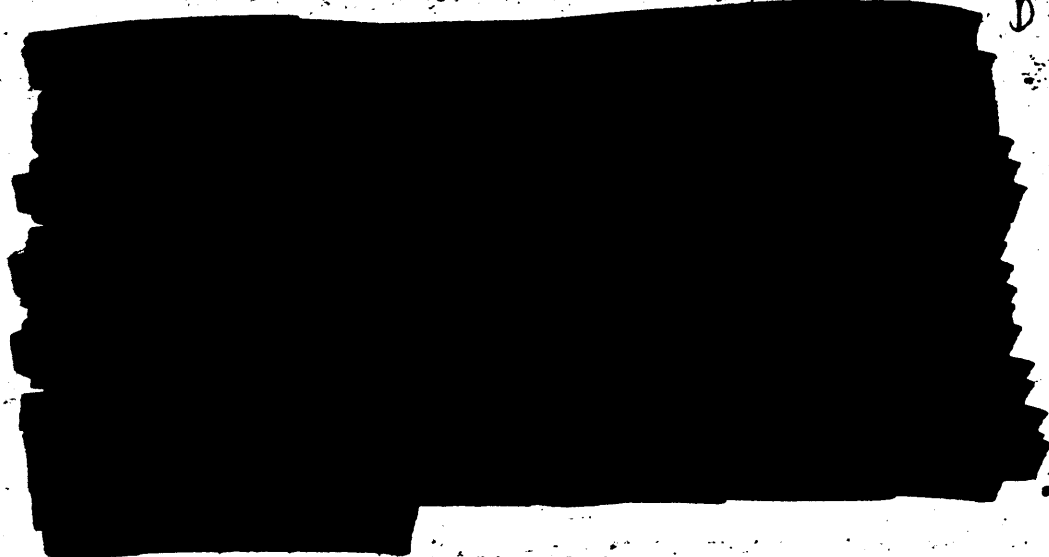
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This office is submitting the fingerprints of the Fitzharrises to the Division, with the request that the interested offices be informed as to the criminal records on file there.

The Division was also wired and requested to advise whether Mrs. Fitzharris is now wanted. They advised that she is not.

You will note from the record that Mrs. Fitzharris was arrested about 81 times, and convicted about 20 times.

The substance of the above information was telephoned to you on the night of April 7th. Will you please advise whether you believe any additional investigative work should be performed with respect to these individuals.

At the present dictation (April 10th) the Fitzharrises are still at 324 West 87th Street, although they are moving out this day. This office will keep in touch with these parties so that they

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will be available for further interview, if necessary.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On July 21, 1933, James Oscar Farrell was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Division, at which time he stated that he, Billie Burke, a former cell mate at San Quentin Prison, California, Kittie Murphy, one Farrington, Joe DeLong, Swede Henderson, Hattie McGuire, Louise Dubois, Pauline Dubois, Violet Sharpe, Elisabeth Morrow and Oley Whateley, participated in the kidnaping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.; that the actual kidnaping was perpetrated by Billie Burke, DeLong and the two Dubois sisters while he waited in an automobile nearby; that he and the other kidnapers then took the baby to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and then went to Beckett, Massachusetts where they secreted themselves in a bungalow at Camp Graylock; that he, Farrell, was the unknown man who handed Dr. Condon the ransom letters designating the point where the ransom was to be paid. Farrell was subsequently interviewed by two Agents of the Division and stated that the above account was entirely false; that the reason he told this untruthful story was he was taking "a dope cure" and was in a nervous condition and he had been persuaded to tell the above story.

Farrell subsequently wrote to Mrs. McLean advising her that he knew the identities of the kidnapers and the present whereabouts of the Lindbergh baby. He later came to Washington and advised Mrs. McLean and Division Agents that those participating in the kidnaping were Billie Burke, John Barbu, Kittie Murphy and Katherine Morrissey, assisted by Oley Whateley and Violet Shappe. In this statement, he stated that he was not with the above mentioned individuals at the time of the actual kidnaping.

Farrell's statement as given to Mrs. McLean differs from that given to Division Agents previously in New York in that he told her he had cut the baby's hair at Camp Graylock near Beckett, Massachusetts seven days after the kidnaping whereas in his original statement he claimed he cut the hair of the Lindbergh baby at the boudy house operated by one "Big Mama" near 1320 Green Street, Philadelphia on March 2, 1932. Farrell also told Mrs. McLean that on April 3, 1932, he personally handed to Dr. Condon the note instructing him where and how to deliver the ransom money. This is untrue as it has been established that the eleventh ransom note from the kidnapers was delivered to Dr. Condon at his home by an unidentified taxi driver and this note instructed Condon to proceed to a certain green house where the 12th note would be found under a stone. It was the note found under the stone which contained the directions as to the place where the ransom money was to be delivered. Farrell had first told Mrs. McLean that the baby was living. He now states that it is dead.

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He has told Division Agents and Mrs. McLean that Billie Burke occupied the same cell with him at San Quentin Prison, California. Prison records do not reflect that Burke was ever incarcerated at this prison. He has also stated that the edges of the ransom note paper were perforated whereas, in fact, they were not. Farrell has during his several interviews with Mrs. McLean and Division Agents implicated about 35 different individuals in this kidnaping. He told Mrs. McLean that the baby found near the Lindbergh residence was not the Lindbergh child but was the child of the caretaker at Camp Graylock which had been exhumed and left there as the Lindbergh baby. It was also at Camp Graylock where Farrell claimed to have cut the baby's hair soon after it was kidnaped. It has been established that the baby was killed immediately after it was kidnaped.

Investigation disclosed that Earl Scott was the caretaker at Camp Graylock at that time. He enjoys a good reputation, was interviewed and denied that there were any children at Camp Graylock during March of 1932. He did not have any children at that time.

Farrell advised Mrs. McLean that Gordon Francis Alcorn was one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and Alcorn was holding Bremer near Montreal, Canada. Within 12 hours after Farrell gave this information to Mrs. McLean, Alcorn was apprehended in Chicago and investigation disclosed that he could not have been in Montreal, Canada or implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case. Within a few hours before Reo Verne Sankey was apprehended in Chicago, Illinois on January 31, 1934, Farrell advised Mrs. McLean that he was in St. Paul, Minnesota and he was also implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case, which subsequent investigation disproved. Farrell stated too that Dr. Condon was near Montreal, Canada with Alcorn and Bremer. He also stated that the Morrissey woman, one of the Lindbergh baby kidnapers, was also one of the Bremer kidnapers and she with the other kidnapers of Bremer could be located at a certain address in Sioux City, Iowa. There was no such address and individuals described were unknown in the vicinity.

Farrell was received at the San Quentin Penitentiary on August 10, 1914 from San Francisco, California on a charge of robbery and sentenced to serve six years. He was discharged on October 10, 1917. He served this sentence under the name of Harry Davis, San Quentin Penitentiary #27762.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.; et al. Edward George Bremer (Victim)		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J.O. Ford, Farwell, Texas, purchased Chevrolet Sedan, 1933 model, motor No. 3554674, from Bergl Motor Sales, Cicero, Ill. P.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., dated 3-23-34, directed to Salt Lake City Division Office; and letter to Inspector Rorer from San Antonio Office, dated March 29, 1934.			
DETAILS: The writer and Sheriff W.W. Hall examined the records in the Tax Collector's Office at Farwell and found that 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Engine No. 3554674, Tax Receipt No. 1059, was registered on 8-11-33 in the name of J.O. Ford, Farwell, Texas, as a new car, purchased from McCrory Chevrolet Co., Clovis, N.M., 1933 Texas License Plates 865359 being assigned to the car. By telephone the writer interviewed McCrory of the McCrory Chevrolet Company, Clovis, N.M. He stated the car in question had not been sold by his firm. Sheriff Hall then recalled that J.O. Ford, who he stated is a wealthy farmer and reputable citizen and who lives five miles East of Farwell, made a trip with his wife to the World's Fair in August, 1933 in Ford's Buick Coupe, and returned to Farwell in the above mentioned Chevrolet Sedan bearing the license plates taken off the Buick Coupe. Ford advised at the time he traded in his Buick and bought a new Chevrolet, being under the impression that the car had been purchased through the McCrory Chevrolet Company of Clovis, N.M. and figuring Ford on his trip to the World's Fair stopped off at the factory and got the car, like a number of other farmers who visited the World's Fair, Sheriff Hall stated that when his clerk J.H. Martin registered the car Ford was not asked for his bill of sale. The registration records for 1933 reveal that J.O. Ford on 1-31-33 registered 1929 Buick Coupe, motor <small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small>			
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No. 2274726, and secured 1933 Texas License Plates No. A-26094. This is the car that Ford left Farwell in to visit the World's Fair.

At the home of J.D. Ford, located five miles East of Farwell, the writer and Sheriff Hall interviewed Mrs. Ford in the absence of her husband who was at Childress, Texas, attending his brother's funeral.

Mrs. Ford stated that she and her husband visited the World's Fair at Chicago in August 1933 and traded in their Buick Coupe for the 1933 Chevrolet Sedan through a Chevrolet Agency in Chicago; that she did not recall the name of the firm, but believed her husband had a receipt or bill of sale for the car which would be furnished to Sheriff Hall. The Chevrolet Sedan in question was recently traded by J.O. Ford through the Ford Agency at Farwell, Texas, who sold the car on March 27, 1934, to one L.H. Pesch, Bovina, Texas, the name in which the car is now registered under 1934 Texas License Plates 800717. Mr. W.C. Smith, sub-agent at Farwell, Texas, for Ford Cars, when interviewed by the writer, stated that Ford's Chevrolet Sedan was accepted in a trade recently and sold to L.H. Pesch; that inasmuch as J.O. Ford is considered a man of means and reliable, the original bill of sale was not asked for.

While at Amarillo, Texas, the writer was advised by Sheriff Hall that he interviewed J.O. Ford on his return to Farwell, Texas, and ascertained that Ford bought the Chevrolet Sedan, motor 3554674, from the Bergl Motor Sales at 5346 48th Street, Cicero, Ill.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Chicago and El Paso Division Offices for their information.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Confirming telephonic conversation with Mr. Newby concerning the record on Homer Virgil Wilson, Denver Police Department #8291, please be advised that the following is the only criminal record on file in the Identification Unit for this individual:

As Homer Virgil Wilson alias Whitey, Denver Police Department #8291, July 10, 1922, VaC, (Card, dice, and pool sharks) disposition 60 days county jail.

The following description appears on the fingerprints received at this time:

- Color - White
- Age - 31
- Height - 5' 7 7/8"
- Weight - 137
- Color of hair - Medium chestnut
- Color of beard - Sm. and sandy
- Color of eyes - Slate blue
- Complexion - Florid
- Names of accomplices - James McKinstry #8287
Harvey D. Oden #8288
M. H. Head #8292
Leslie M. Davis #8290

A photograph of this individual is not available in our files. A notation appears on the fingerprints that the same were classified by Sergeants Sttall and Clemens. The signature of Wilson appears on the fingerprints if the same is desired.

In accordance with your telephonic conversation, the records on the accomplices named above will also be furnished.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM

RE: ADOLPH BREMER;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIMS.
Extortion.

During the time that Edward George Bremer was being held by his kidnapers, Mr. Adolph Bremer, his father, received a number of extortion notes, some indicating that the writers thereof were the kidnapers and demanded payments of ransom. Among these letters were several postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, and in each instance they were signed "Gang Leader".

The first of these letters was dated and postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, January 30, 1934, and was addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, in care of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, which letter was received by Mr. Bremer prior to the release of his son. The letter instructed him to come to St. Louis and to bring with him the sum of \$200,000, and that he should register at a certain hotel in St. Louis, using the name Harold E. Harlan. The letter further instructed that an ad be placed in the personal column of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, worded as follows:

"I am in St. Louis. Phone me - Mr. Harlan".

The letter also instructed that instead of making the money up in \$5 and \$10 bills, it should be prepared in \$10 and \$20 bills.

The Division of Investigation immediately placed the hotel in question under surveillance, complied with the instructions contained in the extortion letter, and awaited further instructions from the extortionist.

A second letter, addressed to Mr. Harold E. Harlan, in care of the hotel in St. Louis, dated and postmarked St. Louis, February 8, 1934, was received, wherein certain instructions were set forth to effect the delivery of the ransom. After this letter

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was mailed and before it was received, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers, and, therefore, it was apparent that the writer of the above extortion notes was not connected with the kidnapers.

A third extortion note, apparently written by the same individual, dated and postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, March 31, 1934, was addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, in care of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota and demanded the payment of \$25,000 ransom on threat to kidnap his daughter. This note contained instructions that he proceed alone to St. Louis and register at a certain hotel designated in the note, and upon his arrival in St. Louis, he was instructed to place the following entry in the personal column of the St. Louis Post Dispatch:

"C.B.Q. Everything is safe, and square.
Mr. Edw. G. B."

Special Agents of the Division complied with the above instructions, and in accordance with the plan set forth in the note from the extortionist, received a fourth note, dated and postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, April 2, 1934, identified as "the letter of instruction and warning". Mr. Bremer was instructed to wrap the money up in a package and address it to Mr. C. B. Quinn, in care of 4000 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to be delivered Sunday, April 8th, between 6:00 and 6:30 P. M., without fail; that the package should be delivered by a Western Union messenger boy who should be instructed to leave it at the above address, and after the package had been received by the addressee, a letter would be forwarded to Mr. Bremer on Wednesday, April 11th, containing the following:

"We got P.K. OK."

A fifth note, addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, in care of the designated hotel in St. Louis, made inquiry whether the letter of instruction and warning had been received, and further instructed that the Western Union messenger make sure to leave the package at 4000 Washington Avenue, between 6:00 and 6:30 P.M., Sunday.

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Special Agents of the Division, assigned to this case, complied with the instructions contained in the above referred to notes, delivered the package to a Western Union messenger and carefully kept the package under surveillance at all times. They observed its delivery at 4000 Washington Avenue, which address is a church.

The St. Louis Office of the Division has caused the taking into custody of an ex-convict named John W. Heeley, who had been attending services at the church for some time past, and upon the delivery of the package at the church, Heeley was observed exhibiting considerable interest in the package and watched it intently. Heeley resides directly across the street from where the package was supposed to have been placed, as instructed in the second extortion note addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, under date of February 8, 1934.

Under questioning by Special Agents of the Division, Heeley has confessed to writing the extortion notes referred to above. This fact has also been determined from an examination made of the notes in the Technical Laboratory of the Division.

It appears from the files of the Identification Unit that Heeley as John W. Heeley was arrested by the Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, January 6, 1921, on a charge of forgery in the second degree and received a sentence of ten years, and as John W. Heeley, #23446, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve the above sentence. A notation appears on the record of Heeley indicating that he is wanted as an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, having escaped June 25, 1921. An explanation appears on the fingerprint card that the fingers of the left hand of Heeley were not printed due to stiffness, and it is possible that this individual has an additional record which can be determined after all ten fingers have been printed and furnished the Division.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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There is attached hereto a memorandum covering one of the many extortion cases resulting from the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, wherein an arrest was made at St. Louis, Missouri, yesterday, April 9, 1934, by Special Agents of this Division.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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

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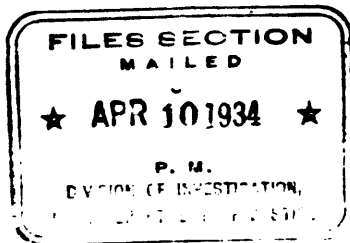
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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RECORDED MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES, PUBLICITY OFFICER.

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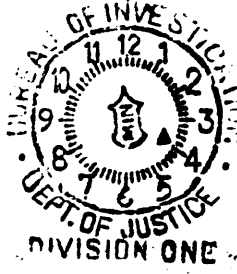
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REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. L. LISTERMAN,
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Elmer Boucher, #936, Northeastern Penitentiary, denies conversation with William Philip Gemppe concerning this case, kidnaping in general, and contends that Gemppe is ~~mentally deranged~~.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated 3-30-34; report of Special Agent H. A. Bangert, dated Pittsburgh, Pa., 3-28-34.

DETAILS: At LEWISBURG, PA.
Elmer Boucher, #936, Northeastern Penitentiary, upon interview, admitted that he casually knew William Philip Gemppe while he was an inmate there and worked on the ice box in the institution but emphatically denied that he made any proposition whatsoever to Gemppe upon the latter's discharge and further denied he had any conversation whatsoever with Gemppe relative to this case or any other kidnaping case. Boucher further stated that he was no friend of Gemppe; that there was no reason why he should ever have any conversation of such nature with him since Gemppe, in his opinion, was crazy. Boucher claims that he is not interested whatsoever in kidnaping because he has been the father of thirteen children and the same is one crime against which he is opposed. Boucher further denied he had any knowledge whatsoever concerning individuals who control or who are associated with a dope ring.

DETAILS:
The above denials on the part of Boucher were more or less substantiated by conversation with Deputy Warden Hunter and the guard on duty who stated there was no reason to believe that Gemppe had any association whatsoever with Boucher.

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April 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Last night while talking with Mr. Glegg, he informed me that the St. Paul Office has never been advised that Mr. Fay had reached an agreement with the Western Union Telegraph Company for access to their records at St. Paul and for cooperation with our St. Paul Office. My recollection is that Mr. Fay did effect these arrangements, and I would like to know why St. Paul was not advised, either by Washington headquarters or by Mr. Fay from New York.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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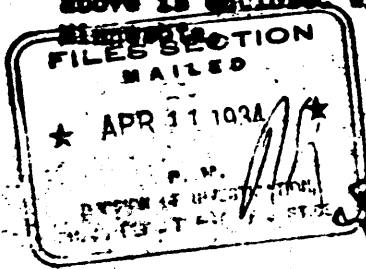
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 31, 1934, in the case entitled **HERST GUS KAHN** with aliases, et al; **MARIE B. WOLF** - Victim; Kidnaping - Impersonation, wherein it is noted that subject Kahn in furnishing a statement of his activities to Special Agent Van Wagoner on January 27, 1934 at White Cloud, Michigan, indicated that he had been associated in Kansas City, Missouri with Frank Nitti and Sam Gusik. He stated that these individuals were residing at the Metropole Hotel in Kansas City and during the latter part of November 1927, or early in December, in addition to the proposed kidnaping of Wolf in this case, four other kidnaping jobs were planned to take place about the same time. Kahn further stated that in one of these kidnapings these individuals planned to abduct a Minneapolis or St. Paul banker, who was to be held at a summer resort near a lake on which Nitti and Gusik have a summer cottage and that the lake begins with "W", and is located near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is not known which lake Kahn had in mind when he made this statement; therefore, you are instructed to have an Agent interview Kahn with a view to developing this information fully for whatever value it may have to the above entitled case.

A copy of the report of Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner referred to above is enclosed with a copy of this letter to Inspector Rorer at St. Paul,



Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Clegg called about 10 PM today and in discussion of Mr. Dowd's suggestion that we keep some undercover men in Reno, he stated that he thought it an excellent idea, as he thought the Barker-Karpis gang would eventually go back there. He stated that he thought it best to use some confidential informants, however, if available; but if not he thought that our men should do it, but that he was not in a position to recommend the number required.

He stated that they had innumerable leads in St. Paul, some anonymous and all being followed out, but that none of them were panning out as well as leads that they were getting from sources that were connected with the underworld.

I asked him if we had enough information on Van Meter for an IO, and he said that Coulter thinks Van Meter might be the man. Van Meter looks quite a bit like Green; facial similarity as seen by the photographs. They haven't found any fingerprints of Van Meter in all their processing of the apartments and guns etc. I informed him that we would send him a copy of Van Meter's fingerprints, photograph and criminal record, and I gave him Van Meter's complete criminal record by telephone. He stated that the woman who gave the information that Van Meter was the soap salesman didn't see him, but she knows that he did own an automobile like that, she knows further that he is the man whom her alleged husband let have the apartment on Marshall Avenue and where they found the butt end of the machine gun, and it was a car similar to his in which the front end of the machine gun was left in front of the apartment on Lexington Avenue. She further stated that Billie, who is Evelyn Frechette, came to her apartment immediately after the shooting and got Eddie Green and took him with her; that Eddie Green was well known to the entire mob, and when Billie came up to the front steps she said, "We have had some trouble down at our apartment, and John has been shot in the leg, but it isn't serious".

Mr. Clegg stated that the way it looks now, although they can't prove it, is that this fellow Van Meter may have been occupying the apartment on Marshall Avenue, and that he also is the man who drove up in front of the apartment in the car and that he went upstairs as a soap salesman and did the shooting, that he lost his car and didn't try to take it, the tire being punctured, and made his getaway. Then Green and this woman came down to this negro house to get them to go out and get the baggage out of the apartment, put it in his bag and bring it down to their home where Green was going to pick it up. Green came

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by with the woman Bessie late that afternoon when the shooting occurred to get this material. At the same time up at Green's own apartment where he was living with this woman Bessie, with the armory of bullet proof vests, machine gun drum etc., and first aid kit, it looks like that he was first going to gather up that stuff and clear it out of the Marshall Ave. apartment for Van Meter, and then go to his home - this is Bessie's story and her theory - that she was to go back with him to her home and no further. It then appears that he might have been going to go in the apartment house on his own and take out the first aid stuff, the machine gun, and the ammunition and go from there to wherever Dillinger was hiding out, or at least to where Van Meter was hiding out.

Mr. Clegg stated that their evidence in the case was predicated upon the statement of Coulter that Van Meter looks quite a bit like the man - more so than either Green, Hamilton, or Dillinger - but he is not positive because they have only an old photograph; the Chicago Bulletin photograph. Although the policeman said there was no doubt but that the man who came up there was Green.

Mr. Clegg gave another angle regarding Bessie, who believes that she will be sent up and is giving a little information by degrees. He isn't sure that she would stand up to testify if the feller is prosecuted. He is inclined to believe that if she got outside that they would raise a \$100,000 bond for her, for she is just too hot and knows too much. She is 36 yrs. old and a smart woman, not at all dumb; having owned a night club there and run it herself, and he believes that if she once got outside and saw her lawyers that she wouldn't testify, or give any information at all if she thought she had a chance herself. He stated that they just received information that she probably had a safety deposit box in town, that she had two banks, and \$9,000, the story being that she got this money (\$9,000) as a result of a sale of a truck load of alcohol by Eddie Green, the man who was living with her and the man who got shot, and that the money was not otherwise hot, except that it figured in an illegitimate alcohol transaction. This information didn't come from Bessie.

He stated that the money that was on her was about \$1100 instead of \$1500; about a \$100 and some of that in her purse, and about a \$1000 of it inside her sweater inside her bosom. It has been checked against all ransom notes and nothing found.

He stated further that there was a fellow out there by the name of Harry Sawyer a contact man for all the gangsters and well known in the underworld, that they have been trying to find his hide away in order to get him to talk. But due to the grand jury investigation out there and their attempt to subpoena Sawyer as a witness he left town, allegedly at least, and is supposed to be in Detroit. And he is still in hiding as there are rumors, that although the grand jury has made its first report that it is unsatisfactory and that a new grand jury is to be called. They are going to try to bring in some of the

mob that works for him, having one man in particular - they call him him man Friday - whom they are trying to locate. He used to be a bat boy for the St. Paul baseball team, his name being Pat Riley. It is mere speculation, having no evidence, but it is their belief that Harry Sawyer is the man that Dillinger contacted, the man that put Dillinger in touch with Eddie Green, and the man who is probably now through his organization having Dillinger hidden away and taken care of medically. So they intend to round up all of the Sawyer gang possible.

Mr. Clegg stated that they had the names of three doctors who have been cooperating upon the different gangsters including the Green woman that they have there, and although the operations that they know of are all legitimate, they think it not a bad idea to bring them all in and put them on the grill, which they are planning to do.

They have also turned over Identification Orders on both Hamilton and Dillinger to every pilot of airplanes in that section, to Pullman and railway conductors of all the trains, drivers of all the bus companies, and all the transportation concerns of that sort.

Mr. Clegg stated that they had received information that late Mohl afternoon after the shooting a short man and later a heavy prize fighter type of man who came to the home of Mrs. Green, the mother of the man who was shot, and asked to get in touch with Eddie, of course Eddie wasn't there, so word was left for Eddie to come down to the boat house. The Division men learned from others where the boat house was, although it was a house-boat rather than a boat house - a one room affair on a raft, and just at sundown last night they raided the place. They searched the whole place it being a booze joint, but discovered nothing except a couple of trap doors leading down into the basement, but they brought in three of the men, questioned them for awhile and fingerprinted them.

Mr. Clegg stated that the Green woman had given them the names of Ida and Goldy, Ida being Goldy's wife. And Ida's mother owns an apartment house. Ida and Goldy both work for Sawyer. Mr. Clegg thinks it quite logical for Dillinger to be hiding in such an apartment, since the legitimate apartment owners are being quite careful of the tenants they take since the late raids and shootings. They now have Ida and Goldy identified and they found that Ida's mother has cancer. They have the location of the apartment house in which they live, and although they have no information as to whether Dillinger is there or not they have the place covered, and are trying to find an entree in order to determine what is going on in the inside.

Mr. Clegg further stated that since all the additional men had arrived, they had rented seven automobiles from a 'Rent a Car Co.' in St. Paul in order to have enough cars to enable the men to run down all the various leads quicker, and the cheapest rate they could get was 10 cents per mile and furnish their own gasoline, and if the cars were

not used there would be no expense. Mr. Clegg requested that the authorization for this expenditure be sent out.

Mr. Clegg said that Larson called him this morning and stated that he had developed some information there from a woman police informant who had served as the finger woman in the arrest of a notorious bank robber in that territory around Detroit. She is highly intelligent, and she at one time lived for seven months with John Hamilton. She is now separated from her husband, but they are not unfriendly; they just don't live together anymore. She has contacts in Toledo, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., and a little town called Leipzig, Ohio, in the Detroit territory. She has expressed no desire to, but she said that she would go to Toledo try to get what information she could there, then to Indianapolis, and then back to Leipzig. Leipzig is important because they had a house under surveillance there last night, the house where the Pierponts lived at one time. Signals were observed coming from that house, and someone left the house during the course of the night. Two agents tried to follow them but they got away after about a forty mile chase. The woman would come back to Leipzig to see if in fact Hamilton was not up there.

Mr. Clegg stated that he had authorized Larson to buy her a ticket from Detroit to Indianapolis with a stop over privilege in Toledo through which she would have to go, and to give her a sum not in excess of \$25 to pay for meals. She is to telephone Mr. Larson collect any information of value which she is able to get. And furthermore that if she is able to furnish any information leading directly to the apprehension of Dillinger Mr. Clegg authorized Larson to pay her any sum which she might request up to \$1000. If she could furnish information leading directly to the arrest of John Hamilton also, Larson was authorized to pay her any sum up to \$500, however he was not to offer her a blanket amount, but an amount that would be sufficiently attractive. Larson thinks she is a very valuable informant and Mr. Clegg desires to have the information about her on record here in the Division in order that the authorization for her expenses can be gotten out.

Mr. Clegg further stated that today the agents are engaged in running down the numerous wild leads which are coming in, however they have a serious handicap in that since the shootings, about seventy-five percent of the gangsters and mobsters of the underworld have scuttled out, had their telephones disconnected and have moved, that everybody is on the hideout, knowing that they would be brought in for questioning. There are numerous cottages and places up on the lakes where they have friends or relatives to whom they can go and this fact is making it doubly hard in carrying out the investigation, there are countless thousands of these places up on the lakes. The fact that the "heat" has been on up in St. Paul has the advantage in that the citizens are willing to cooperate, but the disadvantage exists in regard to the gangsters that has just been mentioned.

I asked Mr. Clegg what he thought of the report from Connelley in regard to the rumor emanating from that District to the effect that Dillinger

was believed to be one of the men seen running away from the wrecked car in Indiana. Mr. Clegg stated that while he did not wish to state that it was not Dillinger, because he desired to have Cincinnati run down their leads in that district, nevertheless due to the fact that Dillinger is wounded in the leg, that the underworld is so shaken up, and that due to the fact that Sawyer is rumored to be the fingerman who is pointing out the places for Dillinger to hide, he believed that Dillinger could not have undertaken to travel with his wounded leg, and that St. Paul seemed to be the logical place for Dillinger to be, at least to be in the near neighborhood, mainly because it seems logic reasoning that with the twin cities to hide in and all the lake country to the north with its numerous hideouts, he would not have left that region. Mr. Clegg stated that to him the situation in Indianapolis did not look any hotter than the situation in St. Paul, but that the Division here in Washington is perhaps in a better position to judge that, and he would leave it up to the Division here as to which was the better place to concentrate.

Mr. Clegg advised that there were plenty of leads to keep the agents in St. Paul busy, that they received any number of false rumors and tips over the telephone each day and that it was necessary to keep a group of agents standing around in the office to take care of just such emergency calls, in order that they might be ready to dash out and cover these leads, any one of which might prove to be the right one. He stated that it is not merely an investigation but it assumes the aspect of a police case, where a concentration of men must be kept on hand at all times. Mr. Clegg advised that he has plenty of agents and that by the middle of the week he may be able to let some of them trickle back to their headquarters, that is if the anonymous calls and the other "hot" stuff quit.

In regard to the wounded gangster, Green, Mr. Clegg stated he doesn't see how the man can possibly live, that he is constantly falling off into comas, and that he is in a semi-daze most of the time. He believes someone hit him over the head and tried to rob him and he really doesn't know what happened to him. He has gained some strength and is in better condition than at any other time since the day of the shooting, but he has remained in a static condition for the last three days, showing no improvement. One doctor says he might get well but the other doctor doesn't think so.

Mr. Clegg stated that it seemed a certainty that Dillinger was shot, that information to that effect comes from everywhere, from Green, from Bessie who obtained her information from Evelyn Frechette, from the fact that the first aid kit was found and further from the informant in Chicago. While all of these facts cannot be proven immediately, nevertheless the story prevails. I told Mr. Clegg that the lead down in Cincinnati and Indianapolis looked pretty good; that they have several places where they might be able to pick up some valuable information, that Dillinger's sweetheart and attorney and Hamilton's people are in that district and that I thought the agents in that district would not be wasted.

Mr. Clegg requested that photographs, fingerprints and criminal record of Van Meter be forwarded to him at St. Paul. Accordingly Mr. Stapleton called Mr. Renneberger and Mr. Rumsey and requested that this be done. They left the Division at 6:45 PM today

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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RE: VERNON MILLER
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RICHARD TALLMANTON
with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O.#1201
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Dear Sir:

Reference is not only made to the above entitled case, but also to the case entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, "Kidnaping". The identification order #1218 on subject Karpis in the Bremer case lists the color of the eyes of this subject as blue. In the case entitled "Frank Nash with aliases, I.O. #1166, Escaped Federal Prisoner", Agent Baum secured through the Kansas City office pictures of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, shortly before the capture of Nash in Hot Springs Arkansas, working on information that Nash was associating in bank robberies with the two men named. The original photograph from the Kansas State Penitentiary, which was sent to Chicago Division office bearing Kansas State Penitentiary No. 1539, listed color of the eyes of subject Karpis as brown. As is mentioned on page 8 4-3-34 in the above entitled matter, various other officials have had the picture of subject Karpis identified as being an individual with blue eyes.

In view of this rather marked discrepancy, it is believed that a check of this feature should be made through the various fingerprint cards in the Division in order to determine whether an error was made at the Kansas State Penitentiary when the pictures were forwarded to the Chicago office in May 1933.

It will be noted from the criminal record of subject Karpis as forwarded to the Chicago office in May, 1933, at the request of Agent Baum, that Alvin Karpis does not appear to have been arrested at any time in Chicago, Illinois or in the Chicago office territory, and hence no work along this line can be conducted by the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Kansas City (2)
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April 11, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1934, listing the names and police numbers of individuals whose fingerprints were to be checked against latent fingerprints in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

It has not been possible to locate fingerprint records in the files of the Identification Unit for the following persons:

Willie Leonard, St. Paul P.D. #24115. James Wilson, St. Paul P.D. #24155(6).
Joseph Pinto, St. Paul P.D. #24144. William Hart, St. Paul P.D. #23981.
Joseph M. Byrnes, St. Paul P.D. #24145. John Crawford, Chicago P.D. #4575.
Lewis Reuter, Sioux City, Ia. #3479.

It has not been possible to locate fingerprint records for Albert DuVal, St. Paul Police #23982 or for James Brock, St. Paul Police #24075. However, the latent fingerprints in this case have been compared with the fingerprints of Albert Duval, our file #112953, and James Brock, our file #65122, without identification. It is thought that these two latter individuals may be identical with the individuals named in your list.

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With the exception of those referred to above, the latent prints in this case have been compared with negative results with the fingerprints of all suspects named in your letter of March 8, 1934. In connection with this list it is noted that your letter of March 27, 1934, inquires as to whether these individuals have been entered in the single fingerprint file. Your attention is invited to Division letters of March 13, 1934, and March 28, 1934, requesting your advice as to which if any of the individuals appearing in this list are such outstanding criminals as to make advisable the entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file.

With the additional information given in your letter of March 27, 1934, it has been possible to locate the fingerprints of William Jones, St. Paul P.D. #23003. They have been compared with the latent prints in

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this case with negative results. It has not been possible to locate the fingerprints of James Wilson listed as St. Paul P.D. #24155 in your letter of March 3, 1934, and as St. Paul P.D. #24156 in your letter of March 27, 1934.

The latent fingerprints have been compared with negative results with the following persons in addition to those reported in previous letters:

Tomnie Hill, our file #171546.	Edwin Pallan, Minneapolis P.D. #25536.
Abe Ginsberg, St. Paul P.D. #24535.	George Brock, our file #119344.
Homer A. Good, USM Wichita Falls #108.	Homer Good, Tulsa S.O. #10858.
John Keatte, our file #114308.	Ora E. Brackett, our file #163359.
Frank Downing, our file #321766.	Charles Coft P, our file #712512.
Joe Soltis, our file #72690.	Helen Murphy, our file #596690.
Frank Quigley, our file #415914.	Homer V. Wilson, Denver P.D. #3291.
Fred C. Goetz, deceased.	Paul C. Hanford, our file #185726.
Fred Doll, our file #576748.	Frank Anderson, our file #413627.
Roy Marschalk, our file #732119.	Thomas Touhy, our file #79515.
Alonso A. Briscoe, our file #465257.	K. C. Johnson, our file #257051.
Jack Sewell Snyder, our file #207948.	Thomas Banks, USM St. Paul #1328.
May Davis, Baltimore P.D. #39315.	William H. Niederluecke, Jr., our file #209147.
Charles Francis McGuire, our file #293222.	Jessie Touhy, Baltimore P.D. #39316.
Harry Gross, Cleveland P.D. #773824.	Lee Phillips, our file #233636.
Andrew Youpel, Division Office, Chicago	Gail Johnson, our file #59228.
Herman Kierdorf, our file #584802.	Louis Cernocky, USM Chicago.
Maurice Brown, Jackson, Michigan, S.P. #19979.	Leo Cellura, our file #711052.
Harry Miller, USP Leavenworth #29955.	Leota Graham, Council Bluffs S.O. #1304.
Bessie Nigro, our file #137966.	James Ira Hermon, our file #34412.
Goldie Johnson, our file #745686.	Frank Nigro, our file #152213.
Jasper Tillson Swanson, our file #385462.	Harold Hugh Wright, Tulsa S.O. #3168.
	Joe Howard, our file #62882.
	Sam Coker, our file #365433.
	Samuel Kemp, our file #416081.

This completes the comparisons between the latent prints in this case and the fingerprints of all suspects suggested.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

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April 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

RE: AUGUST GUS KAHN with aliases,
et al; HARRY D. WOLF - Acting
Kidnaping; Impersonation.

In reviewing the file in the above matter it is noted that Kahn, in furnishing a statement of his activities to Special Agent Van Wagoner on January 27, 1934 at White Cloud, Michigan, indicated that he had been associated in Kansas City, Missouri with Frank Mitti and Sam Gusik. These individuals were residing at the Metropole Hotel in Kansas City and during the latter part of November, 1927, or early in December, in addition to the proposed kidnaping of Wolf in this case, four other kidnaping jobs were planned to take place about the same time.

Kahn stated that in one of these kidnapings they proposed to abduct a Minneapolis or St. Paul banker, who was to be held at a summer resort near a lake on which Mitti and Gusik have a summer cottage and the lake begins with "W". Wind Lake is apparently the one referred to by Kahn which is approximately thirty miles south west of Milwaukee.

This information is being called to your attention as of possible interest in the Bremer case.

Kahn is at present serving a 2 1/2 to 5 year sentence at Jackson, Michigan as the result of conviction for carrying concealed weapons.

Respectfully,

John B. Little.

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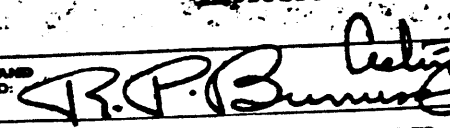
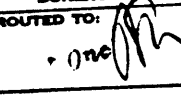
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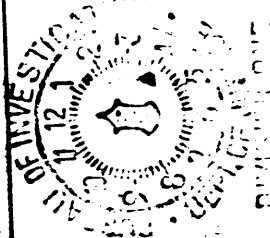
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/12/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/24 & 4/11/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. BURRUSS LL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Audrey Witcomb, former name Mrs. Wesley W. Billings, admits receiving telephone call on or about January 4, 1934, from Dutch Jones alias Doctor Jones, whom she met at Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1933, and with whom she spent many evenings in the night club operated by him, known as "The Plantation". Admits that she again met him at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he introduced her to Jack Phiefer, who operates the Hollyhocks Inn there; that she had dinner with Jack Phiefer and his wife on numerous occasions. Dutch Jones is one and the same as Robert Schmidt alias "Dutch" alias Robert Smith alias Robert Reinhardt, Toledo, Ohio Police No. 86633. She recalls that a second telephone call came to her home and was received by her father on or about January 19, 1934, but that the party making the call refused to give his name when informed that she was not at home. She admits visiting Mexico, St. Paul, Minnesota, Hot Spring and Brinkley, Arkansas. Admits meeting a man named Kohler at St. Paul, who is a former St. Paul stock broker. Also admits meeting Jimmy Fontaine, of Washington, D. C., at Hot Springs, Arkansas. She further admits having written several letters to Dutch Jones after her return to Washington, D. C., in July, 1933, but states that he never replied except by telephone. She referred to Dutch Jones and Jack Phiefer and their associates as people who never mentioned their business or source of income, and referred to them as being good spenders, people who did not drink to excess, and who gave the impression of being in some kind of racket. She</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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denied that any of them ever asked her to perform any services for them, to write any letter on the typewriter for them, or to in any way become affiliated in their activities. She found it impossible to recall the names or to identify the photographs of Dutch Schultz, George Kelly, George Bates, and those implicated in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 23, 1934. Report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

For the information of all interested offices, the Division letter made reference to telephone calls listed to members of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld, two of which calls were made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087. One of the calls was made on January 4, 1934, from the telephone Emerson 2121, located in the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota. The other call was made to Miss Billings on January 19, 1934, from the telephone Geneva 2140, listed in the name of Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is the alleged leader of the underworld in that city. The Division invited particular attention to the fact that because of the distance involved in these two telephone calls, it desired that their significance be ascertained by establishing the identity of Miss Billings and her associates. It was pointed out in the reference letter that the toll slip of the telephone call of January 19, 1934, bears the name of the Strayers Business School, in addition to the name of Miss Billings. The reference letter stated that the Division considers the above very important, and instructed that the investigation be thorough and handled in a confidential and discreet manner.

It was confidentially ascertained that Emerson 6087 is assigned in the name of Arthur S. Witcomb, 1713 Surrey Lane, Foxhall Village, Washington, D. C. No telephone was listed under the name of Audrey Billings nor does the local city directory make any reference except to one Mrs. Audrey W. Billings, who in 1933 resided at 2127 California Street, N. W., Apartment 301. Her occupation was listed in the directory as "hostess". Further reference will be made to this listing.

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The Strayers College is located in the Homer Building, 13th and F Streets, N. W., National 1748.

Arthur S. Witcomb, who resides at 1715 Surrey Lane, Foxhall Village, is the second leader of the United States Marine Band, and has been affiliated with that band since 1905.

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency contain a report dated March 2, 1932, concerning one Wesley W. Billings, wife, AUDREY BILLINGS, who at that time resided at 3724 13th Street, N. W. This report indicated that Wesley W. Billings was born April 4, 1907, was married, and since July, 1928, has been employed as an electrical switch board operator by the United States Capital Power Plant, under David Lynn. This report indicates that Audrey Billings was employed on two occasions by Lowman's Confectioners, 1312 14th Street, N. W.; that she left there February 15, 1932, at which time it was understood that she had accepted employment at Childs Restaurant. The report indicates, however, that the Manager of the different Childs Restaurants located in Washington, D. C., has no record of her employment. b7d

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It was confidentially ascertained from the appointment clerk of the Navy Department that she was forced to resign from that position in June, 1932, due to the fact that the recent enactment of Congress prohibited man and wife both working for the Government. It should be noted here that the income of Arthur Samuel Witcomb was indicated at \$225.00 a month. The home which they are buying at Foxhall Village is located in an exclusive section of the suburbs of Washington, D. C., and the homes there are estimated to be worth from about \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00. b7d

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clipping from The Washington Times, dated June 16, 1933, captioned "Eloped at 15, Girl Divorced". This article made reference to a divorce on the grounds of desertion and non-support having been granted to Mrs. Wesley W. Billings, 22, of Washington, D. C., at BRINKLEY, ARKANSAS, and that the decree permitted her to resume her maiden name of Witcomb; that she was married at Rockville, Maryland, when 15 years old. The article further stated in effect that her mother expected her daughter to return to Washington after a motor tour of the West. 88

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At Strayers College, Homer Building, 13th and F Streets, N. W., it was confidentially ascertained through [redacted] who has been associated with that college for many years and from whom this Agent has in the past received confidential cooperation, that Audrey Witcomb enrolled January 3, 1934, in the stenographic, typing and spelling course, attending three times a week in the evenings - Monday, Wednesday and Friday - for which she is paying a tuition of \$10.00 a month.

Having in mind the possibility that the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping notes may have been written by Audrey Witcomb on some of the machines at Strayers College, inquiry was made of Mr. Charles Appel of this Division, who advised that both the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping letters were written on Corona portable typewriters. It was next ascertained from [redacted] that there are no Corona typewriters in their establishment.

After conferring with Special Agent in Charge John M. Keith, and Mr. Newby of the Division, on April 11, 1934, this Agent contacted Miss Audrey Witcomb at 1713 Surrey Lane, and arranged for her to report at the Washington Field Office, which she did at 10:30 A. M. She was interviewed by this Agent in the presence of Special Agent Louis Loebel.

Miss Witcomb stated that in the latter part of February, 1933, she proceeded to Brinkley, Arkansas, for the purpose of getting a divorce from her husband, Wesley W. Billings; that she stayed there a very short time, and then went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she met one Dutch Jones at the Arlington Hotel. She referred to Dutch Jones as one who was also known as Doctor Jones and who operates a night club in the suburbs of Hot Springs known as "The Plantation". She stated that she spent many evenings in the company of Dutch Jones; that he entertained her at the night club, spent considerable money on her, and made himself very attractive to her; that he is a man approximately fifty years old, about 5' 6" to 8" tall, very heavily built, bald headed, and a man who did not use intoxicating liquors to any extent. She stated that he never spoke to her concerning his business activities and made no commitments as to the source of his financial income. She recalled, however, that he at all times had a large roll of money with him and that he spent it freely.

Miss Witcomb further stated that after she returned to Washington, D. C., during the second week of July, 1933, she wrote several letters to Dutch Jones but that he never replied by correspondence but that on numerous occasions he would call her over long distance telephone.

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inquiring when she expected to return to the West, asked concerning her general welfare, and to a large extent their conversation was along the usual "bull" which one would exchange from a casual meeting of that kind.

Miss Witcomb further stated that at no time has Dutch Jones made any proposition to her to become associated with him in his business, to act as his secretary, keep his books, attend to any correspondence, or in any way to use a typewriter for him. She frankly admitted that due to the distressed mental condition resulting from her unhappy marriage, that Dutch Jones' attentions inticed her and that she found his company very agreeable. She also frankly admitted that on one occasion she went with him to his apartment, during the absence of his wife and children, and that from a casual observation she was impressed with it being very plainly furnished, with no pretense of elegance, and that at no time did she see a portable typewriter or any other kind of typewriter in the apartment.

Miss Witcomb was next asked to recall the names of the acquaintances of Dutch Jones, and she could only remember the name of one Kohler.

Miss Witcomb frankly admitted receiving a telephone call during the early part of January, 1934, from Dutch Jones, and that it was her impression the call was made from the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota. She, however, was not definitely sure as to the point from which the telephone call originated. She stated that at that time Dutch Jones made inquiry as to whether she expected to return to the West, stating that he was very anxious to see her again, and then advised her that he was waiting at St. Paul to obtain a liquor license, after which he intended to proceed to Florida.

Miss Witcomb also recalled that some days after she received this telephone call, she wrote another letter to Dutch Jones, in which she advised him that she had enrolled at Strayers College and was taking shorthand, typing and spelling. She further recalled that on or about January 19, 1934, her father answered the telephone at Emerson 5087 and was advised by the operator that a long distance call had been placed for Miss Audrey Witcomb, and that her father informed the operator that unless the party making the call would give his name, he could not talk to his daughter. Miss Witcomb stated that it was her impression this call was made by Dutch Jones.

After staying in Hot Springs, Arkansas for approximately two weeks during the early part of March, 1933 (definite dates not recalled), Miss Witcomb motored to Mexico with her companion, Louise Kennedy, maiden name Louise Mozier, with whom she originally went West. She informed that after staying in Mexico for a short period, they returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, proceeded to St. Louis, and then to St. Paul, Minnesota.

At St. Paul, Miss Witcomb met a man named KOHLER, who was introduced to her by Dutch Jones. She stated that Kohler, a short time thereafter, absconded with a large sum of money from the stock brokerage firm which was operated by him at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that a considerable amount of publicity was given to this case in the newspapers.

Miss Witcomb further stated that Dutch Jones introduced her to Jack Phiefer and that the two of them frequently visited the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer, and in which she stated Dutch Jones had a financial interest. She stated that on six or seven occasions she had dined with Dutch Jones, Jack Phiefer and his wife in their private dining room in the Hollyhocks Inn; that Phiefer's wife appeared to be young, very attractive, good looking, and that on numerous occasions invited her, Miss Witcomb, to go bicycling with her, which invitations she did not accept.

In connection with her associations with Dutch Jones, Jack Phiefer and one Kohler, Miss Witcomb stated that she and her companion, Miss Kennedy, soon began to wonder just what operations were being conducted by these men, and that to a certain extent were suspicious on account of their absolute failure to ever mention their business enterprises or the source of their income. She further recalled that on numerous occasions, remarks would be made between these men and other men who seemed to associate with them (names unknown), concerning receiving packages of "twenties", and that her first mental reaction to this was that they possibly were dealing in dope, but that she was later informed by Dutch Jones that it had reference to twenty dollar bills. She stated, however, that at no time did she see any of the men above referred to, or their associates, display any packages of twenty dollar bills or other denomination, although they at all times had plenty of money with them.

While at St. Paul, Minnesota, she and her associate, Miss Kennedy, lived at the Lowry Hotel, she having registered under the name of Audrey Billings.

Miss Witcomb further recalled that while at Hot Springs, she recognized Jimmy Fontaine, of Washington, D. C., who conducts a gambling establishment in Prince Georges County, Maryland, near the District of Columbia line, and that he seemed to be on intimate terms with Dutch Jones and his associates. When she observed this, Miss Witcomb stated that she became suspicious of the entire gang, but continued her association with Dutch Jones, due to the fact that night club life, their willingness to spend money and their method of getting enjoyment appealed to her, and she got quite a "kick" out of it.

Photographs of Arthur Flagenheimer alias Dutch Schultz with other aliases, George Kelly, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Barker and George Bates, with their names omitted, were exhibited to Miss Witcomb, and she could not recall having seen any of them before. She was also questioned as to whether the names of Galatas, Frank Nash and Harvey Bailey were familiar to her, and she replied in the negative.

After this interview, Mr. John M. Keith talked with Miss Witcomb, with Agents Loebel and Burruss present, and he informed her that her associate, Dutch Jones, had been implicated in many criminal activities, including a large bank robbery. (Dutch Jones, according to Mr. Newby of the Division, is one and the same as Robert Schmidt alias Robert Smith alias Robert Reinhardt alias "Dutch", Toledo, Ohio Police No. 86633.) Miss Witcomb was informed that she had been invited to this office for questioning, with a view of establishing definite data concerning her relations with this gang. She was impressed with the importance of dealing frankly and freely with the Government, and when she left there appeared to be no doubt in her mind but what, in order to protect herself, she must be frank in her future dealings with this office. She promised to look through her personal belongings at home with a view of recalling the names of some other persons she met at Hot Springs, Arkansas and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Witcomb willingly reported to this office, talked freely and openly, and all of her answers to questions coincided with the data previously obtained concerning her present relations with people at Atlantic City and Washington, D. C. She gave the impression of being a girl who, having proceeded West for the purpose of securing a divorce, had become a willing victim to the extravagant expenditure of money by Dutch Jones, Jack Phiefer and their associates, and that she apparently cared little what would be the result of such associations. She gave the further impression of having innocently stepped into a gang which was

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pleased to have her join their parties on account of her rather exceptional personality, good looks and neat appearance.

Miss Witcomb has been informed that in the future some one of these associates of hers in the West or some of the gang above referred to, may attempt to use her as a tool in possibly renting an apartment in Washington, D. C. or to secure other services through her representations here, and she was given to understand that if such should take place, she should immediately report the same to this office, and she promised to cooperate in every respect.

Miss Louise Kennedy, maiden name Louise Mozier, who travelled with Miss Audrey Witcomb while in the West and went with her to the numerous night clubs above referred to, is supposed to be now living at the New Amsterdam Hotel, Washington, D. C. Miss Witcomb will ascertain her definite address and she will be questioned as soon as she is located.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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January 24, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Fay called to state that Mr. Wedemar of the New York World Telegram had communicated with him and had told him that an analysis of a photographic copy of the note found in a taxicab in St. Paul and the handwriting used in a number of communications to newspapers in New York City some years ago in the so-called Three X Murder Case Mystery, indicated they were written by the same person. Mr. Wedemar told Mr. Fay he desired to give him this "tip" and that he would like to be protected in the event anything develops in the Bremer case connecting the writer of the notes in the two cases.

Following a conversation with you and Mr. Clegg, I instructed Mr. Fay to secure and forward to the Division the notes used in the so-called Three X Murder Case. They apparently are on file at the New York City Police Department. Mr. Fay told Mr. Wedemar in his conversation with him that, of course, he could not offer any protection in a matter of this kind because if the case "broke", it would not in all probability be under such circumstances that the information could be kept away from newspaper representatives. Mr. Fay felt, however, that an analysis should be made of the handwriting on these two sets of communications even though there is a rather wild possibility that there is any connection, especially in view of the fact that there apparently was a confession by the driver of the taxicab in St. Paul that he wrote the notes for publicity purposes.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of March 27, -
1934, under the title ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; St. Paul file 7-30, trans-
mitting three photographs of latent fingerprints found
on articles at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota,
in connection with the investigation conducted in the
kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. The one unidentified latent
fingerprint has been compared with the fingerprints of
Mary Evelyn Frechette with negative results. As noted
in Division letter of April 5, 1934, the one remaining
unidentified latent fingerprint has been placed in our
file of unidentified latent fingerprints for possible
future identification.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

In talking with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul, he suggested the desirability of Mr. Newby proceeding to Cary, Illinois over the next week-end, for the purpose of endeavoring to locate the hide-out in the Bremer case. He said he felt that Mr. Newby was so thoroughly familiar with this matter, that with the assistance of two Agents from St. Paul, Mr. Newby might be able to direct this search and locate the hide-out, thereby saving considerable time. The suggestion appeals to me, and I wish you would therefore arrange to have Mr. Newby carry out the suggestion. Before Mr. Newby leaves Washington, however, you should get in touch with Mr. Clegg and ascertain whether conditions are propitious for this detail to be worked out, and if so Mr. Newby can proceed, and Mr. Clegg will arrange to have two Agents detailed to Mr. Newby for this purpose. It is not my desire for Mr. Newby to remain away from Washington for an extended period of time, and I believe that the search which Mr. Clegg has in mind should be able to be consummated within a course of two or three days at the most.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-24-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. O. HICHER JQH:M
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al. Edward G. Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Thomas Conron Hdw. Co., Danville, Ill. ordered 2 pairs of #519 Titan light welders industrial goggles from Chicago Eye Shield Co. on 9-21-31 for use in X-ray department at Soldiers Home, Danville. Said goggle not identical with the ones involved in instant matter.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Ill., dated 3-14-34.			
DETAILS: At Danville, Ill. A Mr. Kahn, purchasing agent and office manager of the Thomas Conron Hardware Co., 116 E. Main St., was interviewed with reference to the goggles allegedly purchased by his company from the Chicago Eye Shield Co., 2300 Warren Blvd., Chicago, Ill. in September of 1931, said goggles being identified as "524 M and L goggle, Welders Model". Mr. Kahn, after an examination of his records, displayed for the writer's examination a letter dated September 21, 1931 to the Chicago Eye Shield Co. ordering two pairs of #519 Titan Light Welders Industrial Goggle, containing amber lense. Mr. Kahn advised he had no recollection and his record disclosed no receipt of the aforementioned goggle designated as #524 M and L goggle, Welders Model, however, the aforementioned letter to the Chicago Eye Shield Co. indicated that two samples were being returned to said concern. Kahn advised that to the best of his recollection the aforementioned goggles were ordered by his company for use at the Soldiers Home at Danville, Ill. where they were desired for the X-ray laboratory and further stated that although the #519			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 3 St. Paul 1 Chicago 3 St. Louis		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-1663 APR 13 1934 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Routed to: [initials] FILE	
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Titan Light Welders Industrial goggle was not exactly what was desired by the X-ray laboratory that same had been ordered with the stipulation that they contain amber lenses. A sample goggle similar to the one used in the instant matter by the kidnapers was displayed for Mr. Kahn's examination, he stating, however, that he could not recall if said goggle was in any way identical with the two pairs received by his company.

It appears that the aforementioned goggles sent to the Thomas Conron Hardware Co. in September, 1931 were merely samples and that those ordered by said company were of a different model than the ones involved in the instant matter.

PENDING.

NEW YORK CITY

TET:IN
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cc 7-186

April 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

This is to record that on March 30, 1934, the following persons registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in the manner indicated:

J. C. McKay, Reno, Nevada.
E. J. Graham, Reno, Nevada.
John Taaffe, San Francisco, California.

The three were assigned to Rooms 1066, 1068 and 1070, which is a suite. The following is a record of their telephone calls:

- 3/31/34 McKay, at 10:15 p.m., called Reno, Nevada #3208 \$7.45 - (listed to J. C. McKay)
- 3/31 McKay telephoned Volunteer 8-4100 (Sherry-Netherlands Hotel)
- 3/31 McKay telephoned Rhineland 4-0251 (listed to Norman H. Bilts, 10 Grace Square)
- 3/31 McKay called Murrayhill 8-1411, which is the office of his attorney.
- 3/31 Graham telephoned at 9:39 p.m., Reno, Nevada #5215 \$5.95 (listed to E. J. Graham)
- 3/31 Graham called Murrayhill 8-1411.
- 3/31 Graham called Longacre 8-0898, changed to Longacre 8-3342 (listed to Ear Laboratories, Inc., 457 E. 46th St.)
- 3/31 Taaffe at 10:15 p.m. telephoned San Francisco Walnut 1132, which is his residence.

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3/31 Taaffe telephoned Rhineland 4-0257 (listed to Q. Dimock Wells, 975 Park Avenue)

It is noted that Rhineland 4-0251 and 4-0257 were called. It may be that the same number was called in both instances, but the above is the way the numbers were read on the telephone slips.

4/1 Graham, at 9:35 p.m., called Reno 8215.

4/1 Graham or McKay called the following numbers:

Circle 7-2700	(Hotel Warwick, 65 W. 54th St.)
Bryant 9-3630	(Luxor Gym, 121 West 46th St.)
Circle 7-8000	(Park Central Hotel, 7th Ave. & 56th St.)
Circle 7-2700	(Hotel Warwick)

4/2 No phone calls were made on this date.

4/3 Graham telephoned San Francisco, Randolph 7177, at 8:33 a.m.

4/3 Graham telephoned Reno 8215.

4/3 McKay telephoned Reno 3203.

4/3 McKay telephoned Reno 3224 at 12:47 P.M.

4/3 Graham called Reno 41111 at 12:49 p.m.

4/3 Taaffe telephoned Reno 3501 at 12:59 p.m.

4/3 Taaffe telephoned Kearney 4400 at San Francisco at 12:59 p.m.

4/3 Taaffe telephoned Kearney 4400 at San Francisco at 9:41 p.m.

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4/3 Endicott 2-6686 (William Cook, 201 W. 84th St.)
Wickersham 2-5800 (Hotel St. Moritz)
Circle 7-7200 {
Rec. 7148 (Assuming this is Rector 2, it is listed
to T. R. Cowell, 111 Broadway)

4/3 Murrayhill 2-1411
Triangle 5-2900 (District Attorney, Kings County,
Brooklyn)

The following is a record of telegrams sent:

By Postal Telegraph:

March 30th - by Graham:

To MRS. J. GRAHAM 15 PINEHURST WAY SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS SENT BY W J GRAHAM

Message: "MA GIVE LILLIE ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE SO
SHE CAN BUY HATS FOR THE CHILDREN "

March 30th - by Graham:

JAKE COPLAN KINGSTONE CLUB POWELL ST AND ELLS ST
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

"JAKE TELL BEN I AM AT WALDORF ASTORIA HOPE YOU
HAVE PLENTY OF FINNERS

BILL "

March 31st - by McKay:

MRS J C MCKAY PHONE 2203 RENO NEVADA

"DEAR I WANT TO WISH YOU ZELMA AND SAM A HAPPY
EASTER AM STAYING AT WALDORF ASTORIA LET US KNOW
IF YOU ARE ALL WELL BEST LOVE TO ALL

JIM "

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April 3rd by Graham:

WILLIAM ALLEN MANAGER SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HOTEL
SAN FRANCISCO

"ALLEN IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT MY HOTEL RECORD FOR
1930 MR HAUGHY WILL CALL FOR IT TODAY MY ADDRESS
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

BILL GRAHAM "

By Western Union

March 31st by Taaffe:

TRESSIE TAAFFE 1557 FRANCES ST SAN FRANCISCO

"MOVED TO WALDORF ASTORIA TODAY BEEN VERY BUSY
WILL WRITE YOU AT LENGTH TOMORROW PHONE OFFICE
AND TELL JOE OF CHANGED ADDRESS LOVE

JOHN J TAAFFE "

April 2nd - by Taaffe:

JOSEPH HAUGHY PHELAN BUILDING SAN FRANCISCO

"BOBS OFFICE SAYS HE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO HAVE
HIM WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY WHERE I CAN PHONE HIM
AT SIX PACIFIC TIME

JOHN J TAAFFE "

April 3rd - To Taaffe from San Francisco:

"CALL KEARNEY FOUR FOUR HUNDRED

ROBERT BURNS "

All of the above wires sent were sent through telegraph
offices located in the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria, and
arrangements have been made whereby copies of all incoming and
outgoing wires will be furnished to me. In addition, a list of
bank notes paid as ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case is being
furnished the managers of Postal Telegraph and Western Union at
these stands.

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Note: Randolph 7177 is listed to Margaret Graham,
mother of Graham.

Kearney 4400 is listed to Joseph Taaffe,
attorney for Graham.

Reno 3224 is listed to the residence of
George Thatcher, attorney-at-law.

Reno 4111 is listed to Thatcher's office.

Reno 3501 is listed to Robert Burns, an
attorney, who was in San Francisco on
April 3rd and wired Taaffe to call Kearney 4400.

Additional telephone calls:

- 4/4 McKay called Reno 3203.
- 4/4 McKay called Rhinelander 4-0251.
- 4/4 McKay called Rhinelander 4-0251.
- 4/4 Graham called Randolph 7177 at San Francisco at
9:30 P.M.
- 4/4 Graham called Wickersham 2-4400, Hotel Lexington.
- 4/4 Graham called Murray Hill 2-1411.
- 4/4 Graham called Circle 7-1080, which is the Paradise
Cabaret.
- 4/4 Graham called Topping 2-0896, which is the residence
of his attorney, John L. Flynn, 940 Grand Concourse,
Bronx.
- 4/4 Graham called Atwater 9-5683, which is listed to S.
Leroy French, 166 E. 96th Street.
- 4/4 Graham called Lackawanna 4-1000, which is listed to
the American Year Book, 229 West 43rd Street.

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There were no telegrams sent or received at the Waldorf-Astoria up to April 4th.

No mail has been received by any of the three up to the morning of April 5th.

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The bill for all three, amounting to about \$382.00, was paid this date by Taaffe. The bill was paid with four \$100.00 bills, all of which were Federal Reserve Bank notes, San Francisco, which may be identified as follows:

(1) L 00466297 A
(12) L 00316907 A
(12) L 00159772 A
(1) L 00811228 A

One of these bills bore a penciled notation "2500", such as a bank teller writes on the top bill of a counted amount.

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Taaffe received a letter this date from J. C. Haughey, attorney-at-law, San Francisco, which was mailed at that place at 7:00 P.M. 4/3/34, and was sent Air Mail.

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Graham phoned Reno 8215 at 2:52 A.M.

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Murrayhill 2-1411 called.

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Vanderbilt 3-9200 called. This is the Roosevelt Hotel.

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Rhinolender 4-1103 called. This is listed to Mrs. Frances Dervieux, 992 Lexington Avenue.

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Vanderbilt 3-9200 called.

4/7

No telephone calls.

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- 4/8 Butterfield 8-2394 called. This line has been disconnected and was listed to Gushild Falkid, 341 E. 74th Street.
- 4/8 McKay called Reno 3203.
- 4/9 Teaffe received an air mail letter from his office at San Francisco.
- 4/10 No additional telegrams have been received up to this date.
- 4/9 Teaffe sent the following telegram to Joseph Haughey, Phelan Building, San Francisco:
- "RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ABOUT DRURY MCKAY HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTICE OF DEPARTURE LETTER WIRE ME WHERE AND TO WHOM HE SENT LETTER KEEP AT THIS SUBJECT WILL WIRE OR WRITE AGAIN TOMORROW GET DUPLICATE AND FORWARD "
- 4/11 At 6:33 a.m. Teaffe received the following telegram from Haughey:
- "SENDING PHOTOSTATIC COPY PAGE OF DEPARTURE BOOK AND CHECKS VIA AIR MAIL EXPRESS TONIGHT LETTER NOT SENT BEFORE BY DRURY "
- 4/11 Graham received a letter from William T. Craff, 7 East 42nd Street, New York City, postmarked 7 P.M., 4/10/34.

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

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April 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. C. #1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM, kidnaping, and in connection with the kidnaping case in the matter of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ROY J. FRISCH - VICTIM, it is noted that on March 30, 1934 "J. C. McKay, Reno, S. J. Graham, Reno and John Taaffe, San Francisco" registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, and were assigned to suite covering rooms 1066-1068 and 1070.

Attached hereto you will find copy of the log maintained at this office in connection with their activities while at the hotel. You will note that various telephone calls have been placed by them but apparently these calls relate to the case soon to be tried in New York City.

This is to inform that a tap on their telephones has been perfected effective as of 8:00 P.M. April 11, 1934. You will be informed as to the information obtained in this manner.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

With reference to my memorandum dated March 28, 1934, covering a telephone call received from Special Agent Burruss, regarding the two long distance telephone calls made from telephones listed in the names of well known underworld characters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Miss Audrey Billings, please be advised that Special Agent Burruss telephoned to advise that Audrey Billings is the daughter of Arthur S. Whitcomb, second leader of the United States Marine Bank; that she obtained a divorce last year from one Wesley Billings, at Brinkley, Arkansas; that she returned to Washington last June from a motor tour of the west; that she is presently attending Strayers Business School three nights a week. Agent Burruss advised that Audrey Billings appears to be a girl of the "fast" type and that possibly during her tour of the west she may have become acquainted with members of the underworld of St Paul and Minneapolis, which has resulted in the above two long distance telephone calls.

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The long distance telephone calls made from the telephone of Mr. Whitcomb, Emerson 6087, have been checked; one of the telephone calls was made to a telephone in Philadelphia, listed in the name of Fleming, who formerly operated a saloon at 40th and Market Street. He has two sons, one of whom is now a saloon keeper, and the other is a prominent criminal attorney in Philadelphia. Mr. Burruss further advised that the Philadelphia and New York Offices are checking further on the telephone calls. I suggested to Mr. Burruss that after the leads have been covered, that he approach Mr. Whitcomb, in view of his employment by the Government as second leader of the Marine Bank, and discreetly interview him relative to the associates of his daughter, and in that way possibly obtain information regarding her connections.

Mr. Burruss suggested the possibility of having an Agent become acquainted with Audrey Billings, and in that way obtain the information desired by the Division. I advised Mr. Burruss that this plan did not appear to be feasible, and he agreed. It is quite possible that Audrey Billings may have received the first extortion note in the Ford case from someone in St. Paul and instructed to mail it from Washington. This possibility is being kept in mind during the course of the above investigation.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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April 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Vetterli called from Reno. He advised that there are no new developments in the Bremer case there. In connection with the Frisch kidnaping case, he stated that there was no indication of a kidnaping; that he did not believe the Division has jurisdiction; that as the matter stands now the Division is just looking for a missing person and that he desired to receive the Division's attitude relative to handling the case. Mr. Vetterli was instructed to continue with the investigation, unless he received instructions to the contrary and to concentrate on the Bremer matter. Mr. Vetterli stated he did not believe the same individuals were involved in both cases.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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Edward J. Brennan

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 11, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

With reference to the two long distance telephone calls traced from the Hollyhocks Inn and the office of Tom Banks to Miss Audrey Billings at Washington, D. C., Mr. Keith telephoned yesterday to inquire whether an open interview with Miss Billings would in any way be detrimental to the investigation in the Bremer case. I advised Mr. Keith that I saw no reason why an open interview with Miss Billings would harm the case. Arrangements were, accordingly, made to have Miss Billings brought to the Washington Field Office. Mr. Keith today telephoned me to advise that Miss Billings had become acquainted with one "Dutch" Jones; that she is acquainted with Jack Pfeiffer of St. Paul and that she has been in the Hollyhocks Inn, operated by him; that she has received communications from "Dutch" Jones, which communications were written in longhand and have since been destroyed by her; that photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and members of the St. Paul underworld are being exhibited to her, but she had not made any identification at the time Mr. Keith telephoned. Mr. Keith telephoned to inquire whether "Dutch" Jones had been involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, and he was advised that Jones is an alias used by Robert H. Steinhardt, better known as "Frisco Dutch", and Mr. Coffey of the Technical Laboratory has been requested to send to the Washington Field Office a photograph of "Frisco Dutch", taken in 1918, to be exhibited to Miss Billings. Agents Burruss and Loebel are questioning Miss Billings concerning her knowledge of members of the St. Paul underworld. These Agents are bearing in mind the fact that the first extortion note in the Ford case was postmarked from Washington, D. C. and are endeavoring to determine in a discreet manner whether Miss Billings received a letter from St. Paul with instructions to re-mail same from Washington, D. C.

A teletype message is being directed to the Chicago Office to furnish the Washington Field Office immediately with photographs of Steinhardt, whose police department number is 5813.

Respectfully,
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J. C. WILLEVER
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Los Angeles, Calif. Mar. 31, 1934

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F. I. Fay
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
570 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, N. Y.

BREKID MRS H MOTT GIVING ADDRESS THREE FOUR FOUR WEST EIGHTY SEVENTH STREET NEWYORK HAS BEEN ON WEST COAST FOR PAST FEW DAYS WITH NUMEROUS FIVE AND TEN DOLLAR BILLS HER POSSESSION ENDEAVORING TO EXCHANGE SAME FOR BILLS OF LARGER DENOMINATIONS DEPARTED THURSDAY LAST BY UNITED AIRLINE FOR CHICAGO STOP DESCRIPTION FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY HEIGHT FIVE FIVE WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY HAIR BROWN COMPLEXION MEDIUM CONSERVATIVE DRESSER ASCERTAIN IDENTITY

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March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #1278,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprint on Ed Brodie, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning this individual in addition to that already supplied in Division letter dated May 15, 1933, copy attached for your information.

Your print mentioned shows the following:

As Ed Brodie, inquiry made by Division Off., Okla. City, Okla., March 20, 1934; the following information appearing on this print: "As Ed Brodie, #29459, received SP, McAlester, Okla., March 15, 1934, from Tulsa Co., crime not given - safekeeper."

Copy to:
PD, Tulsa,
Okla.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Division in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 27, 1934

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 28 1934 PM

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
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 a letter which was sent to
Special Agent R. D. Brown on March 2, 1934, calling for inves-
tigation at Fox Lake, Illinois and vicinity. With this letter
you enclosed a copy of a letter directed to you by Sherman R.
Barnett.

Please be advised that investigation at Fox Lake
and vicinity was made by Special Agent J. L. Madala and the
results of his investigation are contained in the report of
Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated March 15, 1934, at Chicago,
Illinois.

A more thorough investigation is being conducted
in that vicinity at the present time by Special Agent W. C.
Ryan of this office, and in view of this fact, the information
contained in the above mentioned letters is being forwarded
to Agent Ryan instead of Agent Brown. You will receive copies
of the report on this investigation at an early date.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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503-a U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
April 4, 1934

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Postmaster,
Reno, Nevada

Re: Salt Lake File 7,27

Dear Sir:

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Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
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It will expedite your reply if you use this blank and hand it to the messenger. All POSTAL TELEGRAPH on the telephone

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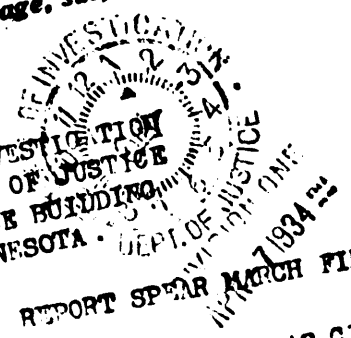
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Send the following Message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to K.C.M.O. 4-4-34

H H CLEGG
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
 ST. PAUL MINNESOTA



BREKID REFER REPORT SPEAR MARCH FIRST IDENTITY TONY AND FRANK BELIEVED
 TONY AND FRANK TRAVELAND KANSAS CITY ITALIANS NO PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE TO 1934 A.M.
 DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUED ASCERTAIN POSSIBLE CONNECTION SUBJECTS
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P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

April 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1934 requesting investigation as to the identity of the four tin cans pictured in the enclosed photographs.

This is to advise that on April 2, 1934 the photographs of the involved cans were exhibited to Mr. Joseph Stueber of Stueber and Kuck, 2600 S. Adams St., Peoria, Ill. who advised, after viewing the same, that none of the cans were identical with his product. The can manufactured by Stueber and Kuck was exhibited to Special Agent B. L. Damron of this office and an examination of same disclosed a close resemblance to can No. 1, but they are not identical, the can manufactured by Stueber and Kuck containing a different handle and the identifying marks on can No. 1 are raised whereas the similar marks on the can manufactured by Stueber and Kuck are indented; also the cans differ as to the seams. Mr. Stueber further stated that he had never seen any cans similar to those shown in the photograph and referred to as cans Nos. 2, 3 and 4. He also exhibited the photograph to several of his workers, but without results.

In view of the fact that this completes the investigation in this District as to the identity of the cans, the two photographs are being returned herewith to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge.

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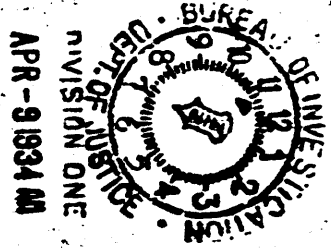
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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

April 5, 1934

RAA:HAM.

W. J. Rorer, Inspector
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota



Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Office, copy of which was furnished to each Division Office, requesting that the automobiles listed therein be checked at the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaux covered by the field offices.

This is to advise that such check was made in the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, and by letter dated April 2, 1934, the Commissioner advised that his files do not show title or tag registration of any of the cars listed nor in any of the listed names, and further advised that he has placed stop cards against each motor number, but has no way of placing like cards against names because applications do not pass through a name file before being approved; however, he will do his best to secure any information which might be of service to this office and will transmit this information immediately.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge. 1934

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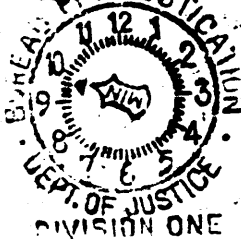
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1683,
Butte, Montana.

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Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

I invite your attention to letter which you unquestionably received from the Chicago Division Office dated March 31, 1934, having to do with making inquiry at various concerns, concerning goggles.

On page 4 of that letter the name of the Hines Motor Supply Company of Billings, Montana, is shown, being the third name on the list. The Chicago Office indicates that Billings, Montana, is covered by the Salt Lake City Division Office which, of course, is not true, that city being covered by your office, and I know that you will observe the error and conduct the investigation requested.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 11, 1934



Hon. S. M. Brewster
United States Attorney
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir: **ATTENTION: Dan B. Cowie**

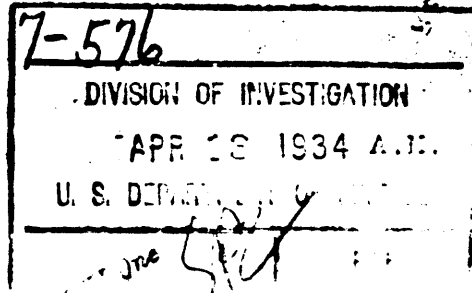
Replying to your letter dated April 4, 1934, with which you submitted a list and description of certain currency which had been furnished you by Chester Pratt of the Guaranty State Bank, Topeka, Kansas, the same having been deposited in that bank by one Phillip A. Habig, 413 Kellam, Topeka, Kansas, please be advised that the serial numbers listed have been checked against bills issued as payment of ransom in various kidnaping cases handled in this Division and it has been found that none of the bills listed were involved in any of these kidnaping cases.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge.

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4-9- 1934

TO IDENTIFICATION UNIT

There are attached hereto the following fugitive index cards:

Name	Number	Record?
Arthur R Barker	5679	yes
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Please indicate hereon whether the fingerprints on these individuals have been located in your files.

V. W. Hughes
Room 419.

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April 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During the telephone conversation this morning with Mr. Clegg he desired that I submit the following to you; The Postmaster came in this afternoon just as we were all armed up and walking out to make a raid and stated very courteously that at two PM he had received a telegram from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Mr. Evans in Washington to the effect that we are going to have to vacate two of the rooms we are now occupying and which the Postmaster had agreed that we occupy temporarily during the Bremer kidnaping. I am talking from one of those rooms now and the room next door has two of our prisoners in it and if we had to give up these two rooms we would probably have to transact our business in the hall because we would only have two other rooms and we would not have any place for any stenographers nor would we have any place to conduct our interviews, but the Postmaster did state that he was being put on the spot as he had his orders from Washington, and we kidded him along and told him that we did not see any chance of us getting out and told him we had told his assistant that it would take machine guns to get us out. But he insisted that it was proving very embarrassing to him and of course we are not particularly concerned about that but I do think that if any pressure can be obtained in Washington to take the heat off at least we will not be held up when we go out to make a raid and by that I don't want to criticize the postmaster because he just came in when we went out and we were not held up very long on his account. The matter is one that if it can be conveniently be brought to a conclusion in an amicable way or some other way why it would be a good thing for us out here. We know that the Postmaster gets his orders he had the telegram in his hand. I desired that you be acquainted with the foregoing and if anything could be done we would appreciate it."

Very respectfully submitted,

Erik G. Peterson

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April 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters dated February 15 and February 17, 1934, transmitting photographs of individuals selected from the single fingerprint file of the Division to be exhibited to witnesses in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al; Unknown Subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING. It is desired that such of these photographs as have served their purpose be returned to the Division. In this connection should it in your opinion be desirable to retain copies of any particular photographs it is suggested that you request the Division to make the appropriate copies.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: April 11, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: March 30-31/1934	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. RYAN
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:

Telephone number McHenry 327 is listed to John F. Doherty, Riverside Drive, McHenry, Ill. Doherty is representative of International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers, Union of America. Has no apparent connection with this case.

REFERENCE:

Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 5/24/34;
Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill. March 10, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT McHENRY, ILL.

It was ascertained by reference to the telephone directory of McHenry, Illinois, that telephone No. 327 is listed to John F. Doherty, Riverside Drive, McHenry, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Albert Krause, McHenry Postmaster, who advised that John F. Doherty, to his knowledge has been residing on Riverside Drive in McHenry for approximately one and a half years; that he is a box holder at the post office; that his home is the second house to the left after leaving the paved part of Riverside Drive, and is just beyond the city limits and has no carrier service. Mr. Krause further stated that Doherty is known to him in a casual way from the fact that he calls for his mail daily at the post office; that Doherty is the head of, or business agent for a union which has to do with road construction work; that he never heard any rumors derogatory to Doherty or that he was in any way connected with illegitimate persons. Mr. Krause advised that Doherty

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W. C. Ryan
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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resides with his wife and has no children, and that no one but he and his wife receive mail in their box. He stated that Doherty has men working on road jobs throughout the country and has been responsible for putting a number of men in McHenry County to work, since he has been there. Mr. Krause said that as far as he knows, Doherty is a responsible person but that possibly R. A. Kent, realtor, who is a reliable person and resides two doors from Doherty, would know more about him. He also recommended J. W. Freund, clothier, who resided next door to Doherty for about a year as another party who might know Doherty.

R. A. Kent, realtor, upon interview stated that he has been a neighbor of Doherty for approximately six months; that he is not an intimate friend of Doherty, but has a speaking acquaintance with him through the fact that when Doherty first came to McHenry about two years ago, he Doherty, rented a house across the street from where he is presently located from him. He stated that Doherty moved to his present location about November 1, 1933. Mr. Kent stated he is very familiar with both houses in which Doherty has resided since coming to McHenry, and from the description of these houses as given by Mr. Kent, it is impossible that either of these could have been the Bremer hideout. Mr. Kent further stated that from his observation Doherty has very few visitors, most of whom are older couples; that during recent months Doherty has had fewer visitors than he had a year ago; that he has never noticed anything or heard anything suspicious about Doherty. Mr. Kent exhibited to Agent a calling card given him by Doherty, which bore the following inscription: "International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America, Local 323, McHenry County and vicinity, A. F. of H. Associate".

Mr. Kent advised that Doherty's work carries him to all sections of McHenry County; that until about November, 1933, Doherty maintained an office at Woodstock, Illinois, as quite a lot of his work was located there prior to that time, but that he returned to McHenry each night; that to his knowledge Doherty has not been absent from McHenry for any long periods during recent months. He further advised that he, Kent, knows Louis Cornokey, operator of Louis' Place, at Fox River Grove, Illinois by sight from the fact that he, Kent, has dropped into Louis' place on numerous occasions, while in the vicinity of Fox River Grove; that he has never seen Louis Cornokey at Doherty's place or heard of him visiting there.

J. W. Freund, clothing dealer, was interviewed and stated that he lived next door to Doherty for over a year and at present lives across the street from him; that to his knowledge Doherty is a responsible person and he has never heard any suspicion directed toward him; that he has never noticed any suspicious persons visit at Doherty's home. He advised that the only thing he knew which might possibly be considered as against Doherty is that he was apparently friendly with Pete and John Engle the town bootleggers and used to drop in to their place for a drink at regular intervals.

Elmer Freund, son of J. W. Freund, who was present at this interview, stated that he knows Louis Cirnokey by sight, from having attended numerous dances at the dance hall connected with Louis' Place at Fox River Grove; that he has never seen Cirnokey in McHenry and that he is certain there is no connection between Cirnokey and the Engle boys, who bootleg in McHenry; that in fact they are rivals for trade.

John B. Wirtz, town marshal, advised that he is certain that Doherty is beyond reproach and that he has never heard any suspicious rumors about him. Mr. Wirtz advised that he lives four doors from Doherty and would have an opportunity to observe any suspicious circumstances around the Doherty home, but that he has never noticed such.

It appears from the investigation conducted that Doherty is no doubt a reliable party and that from the nature of his business, which extends throughout McHenry County that it would not be unusual for him to receive phone calls from all parts of the country. It would therefore not be unusual for him to receive phone calls from Louis' Place in Fox River Grove, which is in McHenry County, as the phone at Louis' Place, which is Cary 65 is a pay booth and one of the few pay booths in town.

It was thought unwise at this time, due to the close proximity of the calls, to contact Mr. Doherty relative to these phone calls, and since Doherty's business carries him frequently to all parts of McHenry County and it is possible that he might drop in to Louis' place on the occasions when he is in the vicinity of Fox River Grove, as Louis' Place is by far the most inviting place in the neighborhood, and on some subsequent visit might possibly mention or inquire relative to the reason for the check of the calls, which would negative any possible result from a tap on the phone at Cirnokey's place, in the event such is contemplated in the near future.


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

S. A. FILE NO. 7-41

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-7-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. V. Murphy
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: Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, Houston, Texas, still have in their possession one pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles, shipped to them by Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, in November, 1932.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago, Ill., 3-31-34.			
DETAILS: Mr. L. C. Hardin, in charge, Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, 7212 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, Texas was interviewed at that address relative to disposition of one pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles shipped to them by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Illinois, in November, 1932. Mr. Hardin stated he does not recall receiving a pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles. After an examination of equipment of their welder, there was found in his tool box a pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles of same design as the sample pair sent to the San Antonio Office with reference letter. Mr. Hardin stated that they have not been using these goggles as the lenses of this pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles had been misplaced without which they are of no use whatever.			
The Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company is a reputable concern.			
UNDEVELOPED LEAD			
DETAILS: San Antonio Office: Inquiry will be made of the Dixon Machine Company, San Diego, Texas as to what disposition was made of the goggles shipped to them. San Diego is a rather inaccessible place located in the oil fields Southwest of San Antonio.			
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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April 11, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with your memorandum of April 9, 1934, concerning the proposed trip of Mr. Newby to Cary, Illinois for the purpose of endeavoring to locate the hideout in the Bremer case, I have discussed this with Mr. Newby, who advises that he could leave here at 4:15 P.M. Friday, arrive in Chicago Saturday morning and return to Washington Tuesday morning, leaving Chicago Monday afternoon. Mr. Newby states that from reviewing the reports submitted in this case, he would like to have assigned to him for this investigation Agents Reinecke and McKee, who are both attached to the Chicago Office. It is noted, however in your memorandum that the suggestion was made that Agents be sent from St. Paul for this investigation. The advisability is suggested, however, to postpone the designation of Agents for this purpose until Thursday afternoon, at which time the availability of Agents at Chicago and St. Paul may be more accurately determined. It would, of course, be less expensive to choose Agents from the Chicago Office, rather than the St. Paul Office if such are available, Cary, Illinois being only about 70 miles from Chicago. Accordingly, I will call Mr. Purvis at Chicago, tomorrow evening to determine whether he can make available Agent Reinecke and one other, for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Agent McKee is in the New York District under subpoena.

Respectfully,

S. F. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Clegg at St. Paul, who suggested that one Agent be sent to Reno, Nevada at the present time to contact Mr. Vetterli; that after this Agent arrived at Reno and made his observations and was able to determine the advisability of having assistance he should make his recommendation and if, at that time, it appeared that more than one Agent was necessary another Agent or two could then be sent to Reno. I suggested to Mr. Clegg the advisability of the man going there for the purpose of obtaining a divorce. Mr. Clegg indicated that he thought this was a good idea and that the matter would be given consideration. Mr. Clegg is going to communicate with Mr. Vetterli and make final arrangements for the meeting of the Agent to be sent from St. Paul with Mr. Vetterli at Reno.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COOLEY

Mr. Clegg at St. Paul advised me today during telephone conversation that a complaint was filed against the red-headed woman this morning, and that she waived hearing and is under \$25,000 bond. He doesn't believe there is a chance of her making the bond. He further stated that they found \$4,000 in one of the safe deposit boxes; that this was being checked, and that so far, nothing of particular interest had been found. He also stated that they were about ready to examine the contents of another safe deposit box. He thinks the money is either that taken in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or Mason City, Iowa, bank robbery.

Mr. Clegg stated this woman had promised to tell everything after Green's death, but will give no further information unless he does die. Mr. Clegg feels this is a good source of information and needs to be handled very carefully. It has been ascertained that the Bremer kidnaping occurred within a few blocks of Green's residence and Green seems to fit the description of one of the men who delivered one of the ransom notes.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OHIO COUNTY JAIL
WHEELING, W. VA.

March 30, 1934.

Mr. Jos. Keenan,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

An agent of the Department of Justice was in to see me last week in regards to my letter to you of March 12th.

I told him part of my story. The reason I told him part is as follows:

That I know he cannot promise me anything and in the event I give the information necessary to make the arrest I do not care to be sentenced to the penitentiary on this charge. No doubt you agree with me on that. That is why I much prefer to deal directly with you. I can and will give you the following information and ask nothing in return until I produce on this end. The information is that I can get in touch with a girl very close to one of the Bremer gang who can tell me at once where one party is located. I have a means of identifying myself so she will give me the desired information. Any man in your department can be there and be introduced as a friend. All that is necessary for me to identify myself will be make an appointment with the girl, tell her the correct name of man I wish to get in touch with and the license number of car. The license number will pass me.

I will play fair with you people providing I get a square deal from you in exchange for the above information. The matter has been discussed with a Senator and he is in favor of taking it up with someone in Washington. I prefer to take it up with you first and I know it will be referred to you in the event he takes it up with any one else. I can promise you will get one of the men in 36 hours if it is handled as I ask.

Isn't it possible to have me brought to Washington to your office. I believe we can do much better there thru letters or Agents of the Department.

Trust I will hear from you personally so I will know that I am really in contact with you.

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Respectfully yours,

WM P. GEMPP

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Department of Justice
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Northern District of West Virginia
Wheeling, W. Va.,
Mar. 30, 1934.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Attention - Hon. Joseph Keenan,
Ass't. Attorney General.

In re: William P. Gempp

Sir:

William P. Gempp is incarcerated in the Ohio County Jail in this City, awaiting arraignment upon an indictment charging him with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Today he communicated with me by phone and informed me that if I would call upon him at the Jail he could give information of great value to the Government. In company with United States Marshal, Harry Weiss, I visited Mr. Gempp.

He informed me that he can learn the whereabouts of one, Harry Campbell, said to be wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnapping. He stated that in order to get this information it will be necessary for him to be taken to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg. He further stated that he would also have to interview a certain girl, but that this interview could be had in the presence of an Agent of the Department of Justice, whom he would introduce as his friend. He further stated that he desires, if it is at all possible, to be taken to Washington and to be permitted to interview you or a representative of your office there.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which he had written, addressed to you.

He told me that he had already communicated with the Department in regard to this matter and had been interviewed by an Agent of the Department in connection with it. I presume that the Agent referred to is H. A. Bangert, Special Agent attached to the Pittsburgh Office of the Division of Investigation. I further presume that Mr. Bangert's report, covering this interview, has already been sent you.

Mr. Gempp told me that he has recently obtained information which leads him to believe that the parties he will have to see about to leave the Country, and says that something will have to be done before April 10th. He further states, however,

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that he is confident that he can produce Campbell within thirty-six (36) hours from the time he is liberated from the Ohio County Jail. He expects, of course, to be under guard and does not ask to be simply turned loose.

Before supplying the information promised, he demands a definite promise that all Federal charges, whether in this or any other District, now pending against him be nolleed and that he be permitted to go free with an absolutely clean record. I informed him that it has never been the policy of this office to make deals of this nature with persons accused of crime. While we have, of course, extended a certain amount of leniency to prisoners who furnished information of value, it has always been our policy to require that they give us what they have and trust us to show due appreciation without any promise beforehand. I told him, however, that if the Department should see fit to make such an arrangement with him and should, in consequence, for any services he might render the Department, request this office to nolle his case, I was sure that the wishes of the Department would be complied with in that respect.

Would you kindly advise me at your earliest opportunity what steps you wish me to take in the matter?

Respectfully,

FOR THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,

Wm C. Howard,
Ass't. United States Attorney.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEELAN

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To this routing slip was attached one addressed to Mr. Fisher reading as follows: "Please refer this letter to the Division of Investigation."
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April 25, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 967,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

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

Under date of March 30, 1934 Mr. William C. Howard,
Assistant United States Attorney, Wheeling, West Virginia, ad-
dressed a letter to the Attorney General setting forth informa-
tion which he obtained from William P. Gamp, who is presently
incarcerated in the Ohio County Jail, Wheeling, West Virginia,
awaiting arraignment upon an indictment charging him with viola-
tion of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. A copy of Mr. Howard's
letter is enclosed, herewith, for your information.

It appears that Gamp had previously been interviewed
by Special Agent E. A. Bangert, as reflected in the report of that
Agent dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1934, rendered
in the above entitled case and it further appears that Elmer Boucher,
Number 936, Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, who
was mentioned by Gamp, had also been interviewed as reflected in
the report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, dated Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, April 11, 1934. From the results of these interviews
it appears that Gamp has no information of value to the above
entitled case and, therefore, you should contact Mr. Howard and
advise him of the results of the investigation made of the informa-
tion furnished by Gamp and also as to the character and criminal
record of Gamp.

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Very truly yours,

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CC Inspector Rorer

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOWARD

This is to acknowledge receipt of your undated informal memorandum, to which was attached a letter addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William C. Howard, Assistant United States Attorney, dated at Wheeling, West Virginia, March 30, 1934, wherein it is noted that one William P. Gemppe has furnished information to the effect that he can learn the whereabouts of one Harry Campbell, said to be wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, and that in order to obtain this information it will be necessary for him to be taken to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Howard enclosed with his letter a letter addressed to you by William P. Gemppe, dated at Wheeling, West Virginia, March 30, 1934.

It is noted from Mr. Howard's letter that before Gemppe will supply the information, he demands a definite promise that all Federal charges, whether in this or any other district, now pending against him be nol-prossed, and that he be permitted to go free with an absolutely clean record. Mr. Howard states that he informed Gemppe that it had never been the policy of this office to make deal of this nature with persons accused of crime; that while, of course, a certain amount of leniency has been extended to prisoners who furnish information of value, it has always been the policy to require that they furnish the information and trust that leniency would be extended without any promise being made in advance.

Please be advised that Special Agent H.L. Bengert, attached to the Pittsburgh office of this Division, has already interviewed Gemppe, who is awaiting trial in the Ohio County Jail at Wheeling, West Virginia, on charges of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and that Gemppe has furnished information which this Division is endeavoring to corroborate at the present time, with reference to his, Gemppe's, knowledge or acquaintanceship with individuals connected with the Bremer kidnaping case. In the event results are obtained from the information furnished by Gemppe, the United States Attorney at Wheeling, West Virginia will be accordingly advised.

For your information, William P. Gemppe has a lengthy criminal record, dating from October 1, 1914, when he was sentenced to the St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, Maryland, for passing bogus checks, and on January 25, 1934, having completed a sentence of one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft,

Assistant Attorney General Keenan.

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he was released to the United States Marshal, to be transported to Elkins, West Virginia, for trial on another charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. While being removed to Elkins, West Virginia, Gemppe escaped from the United States Marshal at Wagerstown, Maryland on February 2, 1934, and was re-arrested by the Police Department at Jacksonville, Florida on February 21, 1934 and returned to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he is now awaiting trial.

The letters of Mr. Howard and Gemppe are returned herewith, no action having been taken on them by this Division.

Very truly yours

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking to Mr. Clegg, at St. Paul, this evening he advised that since the death of Green, the woman, Bessie, is giving them considerable information but no evidence. She stated that there were in the apartment on Lexington Avenue, John Dillinger, "Billie" Frechette, John Hamilton, "Pat" Cherrington, and Opal Long, that ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting John Hamilton, Pat Cherrington, and Opal Long left the apartment and drove away to be gone ten or fifteen minutes, leaving Dillinger and Billie Frechette in bed. When the knock came at the door and it was learned it was a police officer, Dillinger got his machine gun, collected his ammunition, and stalled for time until aid could come from Hamilton on the outside. When the shooting occurred on the outside they knew Hamilton had returned, instead however it was Homer Van Meter, the excitement surrounding the shooting was seen a block away by Hamilton who did not come up, he went on downtown trying to contact the man Friddy, who is Sawyer's man, named Pat Riley. Hamilton was contacted at McCormack's restaurant by a man who took them away, this man probably being Sawyer. He took them away in a Ford Sedan, after the shooting Van Meter made his getaway, and Billie and Dillinger got in their Hudson and drove up alongside the apartment of the Green's, Billie came in and got Eddie and went over to Minneapolis. Eddie came back after about an hour and a half and said that medical treatment had been obtained, Bessie doesn't know which Doctor gave the treatment but she furnished two names and said that one or two of those she felt sure was the one. However everything she says is hearsay, but Mr. Clegg feels that it is accurate, she avoids anything where her name is mentioned. Sawyer was to take Hamilton and the two girls out to his place in the country but he was tipped off that there was to be a raid there so he didn't go. The gang feels that Opal Long brought all the "heat" on them up in St. Paul because of the fact that she was trailed up from Chicago, possibly when she fled by plane from there. On the other hand there is a feeling that Van Meter, who hasn't got any too much sense, may have been the cause, because he ducks out and in of every place and doesn't know how to lay low. Bessie claims that Homer Van Meter came to visit them several times before Green was shot and that if any machine guns were found in her apartment he brought them there and that they were being collected together for Dillinger who was getting ready to "blow" town. John Dillinger and Billie were living just behind the Green's, in an apartment at Girard and 33rd Street, for a time, then Dillinger went back to Chicago accompanied by Van Meter and a man named George Nelson, the latter is now supposed to have gone to California with his wife and two kids before the shooting. This part of the story is more or less of a history since Dillinger's escape from Indiana. While enroute to Chicago Dillinger stopped at Louie's place, about 45 miles north of Chicago, where they had dinner and bought a couple of pints of liquor, Dillinger becoming angry because it cost him about \$20 apiece. Eddie had only known Van Meter since the first of the year, Harry Sawyer putting them in contact with each other. When Dillinger came to St. Paul Sawyer put him in touch with Van Meter.

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When Dillinger was caught in Arizona, he had previously lived in Florida, he had a mansion on the beach where the whole crowd that was caught with him in Tucson lived also. Bessie is not sure where the beach is, when queried about Jacksonville she was not sure about it. It looks like Dillinger might heading down in that direction, and this information has been telephoned to Birmingham and Jacksonville for their information.

John Dillinger had in his apartment the pictures of himself as a youngster, he also had on the table the little wooden gun that he used down in Indiana, Bessie reported seeing the above the night before the shooting. When Dillinger left St. Paul he took his saching gun and Billie was carrying a bag which was quite heavy and which was believed to contain ammunition.

Dillinger had evidently been shot before the shooting Saturday because there was a doctor in St. Paul (name indistinguishable) who had treated him, this information having been given to Eddie Green by Van Meter.

Regarding the Bremer case, Bessie stated that Sawyer had held a dinner at his farm on Christmas and at that dinner were Doc Barker, a man named "Bill", Paul Harmon, and quite a number of the gang. Bessie wasn't present herself because she and Sawyer are at "outs". Volney Davis was there with his girl Grace. Grace is a platinum blonde, short and husky, and has been the sweetheart of Volney Davis for a long time. Davis and Breen lived at an apartment in St. Paul for a time. Fred Barker and his mother Kate were not there at the time, they went down to Chicago for Christmas. She stated that Sawyer planned the Bremer kidnaping, that Fred Barker and Ray Kappis were the brains of the physical activity, that probably in the same group were Doc Barker, Harry Campbell, and a man by the name of Bill. She is pretty sure that Volney Davis was there also. The man Bill mentioned is from Arkansas, whose home is formerly in the Osarks, he is slow and easy going, has very light blue eyes, fair complexion, high forehead, not much hair, is very large weighing more than two hundred pounds and not much taller than Mr. Clegg. He lived for a while at 565 Portland Avenue in St. Paul, however this apartment has been vacant since the shooting. I showed her the photo of William Weaver, St. Paul police number 23452, photo taken August 3, 1932, and she identified the photo as that of an additional man in the Bremer case other than the man named Bill.

The foregoing is all information, there is no evidence, but they are taking Bessie down to the jail tonight, and hope to get some more information and maybe some evidence later.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

April 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Clegg this afternoon at Saint Paul in connection with the men to be assigned to Agent Newby while he is in Chicago on the Bremer Case and advised him that Mr. Newby desired the services of two of the following four agents:

Reinecke
McKee
W. W. Peterson
Carter Baum.

Mr. Clegg suggested that Mr. Purvis be requested to extend the services of any two of these agents to Mr. Newby while in Chicago; that the selection be made by Mr. Purvis.

I called Mr. Purvis and advised him that Mr. Newby would be in Chicago on Saturday morning and suggested that he make available to him two of the above four agents for the purpose of conducting an inquiry in the vicinity of Cary, Illinois with a view to locating the hide-out in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Mr. Purvis stated he would make available two of the above four agents, but that Agent McKee was in the New York City territory under subpoena.

I told Mr. Purvis that Agent Newby would probably be in Chicago Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
April 12, 1934.



AIR MAIL

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:-

In keeping with teletype request from the Division, dated April 11, 1934, I am forwarding herewith one copy of the photograph of ROBERT H. STEINHARDT, alias "FRISCO DUTCH", alias ROBERT SCHMIDT, Chicago Police Department No. 5813.

A copy of this photograph is also being transmitted to the Washington field Office, with copy of this letter, as requested in the above mentioned teletype message.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

April 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

It is requested that the fingerprints of the following described person be checked against the latent fingerprints found in the above case:

(This description is taken from City of Chicago Police Department Bulletin)

GEORGE NELSON alias BABY FACE:

Age: 24 years
Height: 5'4-3/4"
Weight: 133 pounds
Build: Medium
Eyes: Yellow and gray, slate eyes
Hair: Chestnut, light
Complexion: Light
Fingerprint Classification: $\frac{5}{19}$ R $\frac{0}{0}$ 16 .

The photograph of the aforementioned police bulletin carries the number 5437, but this office is not informed as to what this number refers.

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Very truly yours,

H.H. GLEGG, INSPECTOR

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-7-9-34	REPORT MADE BY: R.E. VETTERLI EM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (VICTIM)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Public Utilities, Reno, Nevada, checked and "flash" placed in files. Taxi driver who hauled Mrs. Harry Campbell, Reno, located. No valuable information obtained. Grocery store and market where subjects dealt, located and subjects Karpis, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker positively identified, subject Harry Campbell partially identified as having purchased large quantities of food. None of subjects or Mrs. Barker seen at said store since December 1933. Additional cleaners marks on clothing of subjects at Reno, Nev., obtained.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City Division Office, dated April 7, 1934.

DETAILS: This investigation is a continuation of the investigation by Special Agents Sackett, Gere and Vetterli.

AT RENO, NEVADA

DETAILS: The check of taxi companies and drivers resulted in locating Robert A. Drake, owner of the DeLux Taxi Co., 207 N. Virginia Street, who recalled hauling the woman who was living with Harry Campbell as Mrs. G.L. Martin. Drake stated that sometime during October, 1933, this woman stopped at the taxi stand, and he took her to the Hiland Apartments, 234 W. Liberty Street; that several days later, she again had him drive her from the stand,

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which is in the downtown section, to the Hiland, on which occasion he gave her his card and name, suggesting she call him whenever she needed a cab. Drake recalls that during October and November, he hauled this woman, who used to call him personally, about ten times, always either from downtown to the Hiland, or from the Hiland downtown, where she would get off at the taxi stand. Informant recalls that on one or two occasions, he took her from the Hiland to the Bank Club, where she told him to wait, and after she had been in the Bank Club for about five minutes, had him drive her straight home to the Hiland Apartments. Informant also recalls that on one occasion she had him stop enroute downtown, at Conant's Market, Virginia and Liberty Streets, so that she could purchase cigarettes.

Mr. Drake advises that on all of the trips, the woman was alone, never spoke about any local people, nor did he ever observe her speak to any local people or see where she went when she left the cab at the stand. Informant recalls that on one occasion she asked him to pass a Ford V 8 sedan bearing Ohio 1933 license while they were enroute to the Hiland, and she stated that her husband was driving that car; that she and her husband were from Ohio, (Drake believes she said either Cleveland or Cincinnati) and that they were in Reno with another couple also from Ohio, who were securing a divorce. The woman never thereafter referred to Campbell in any manner, but Drake received the impression that he was making his living gambling. He claims he never did see Campbell, nor could he identify any of the other photos of the subjects. Mr. Drake went over his records, but could only find three instances therefrom, when this woman was hauled. On Nov. 15, he took her from the Hiland to the Bank Club, and returned her to the Hiland; on Nov. 16, from the Hiland to the taxi stand; and on Dec. 1, 1933, at 6:22 PM a driver named Bill Hoover called for her at the Hiland and took her around town on a time call until 7:09 PM when he returned her to the Hiland. Drake recalls that the last mentioned call was the last time this woman patronized his taxi company, because on that occasion, she did not have enough money with her to pay Hoover the charge of \$2.25 and never made good her oral promise to pay him later. Drake was advised by Hoover that on the time call, the woman had him stop at different gambling and liquor places in town while she visited in each for a short time, and consequently, was quite intoxicated by the time she was taken home. Hoover was out of Reno at the time

of Agent's interview, but will be contacted upon his return to town on April 11, 1934, at which time he will be at the taxi Company, working the evening shift.

Drake recalls that the woman never mentioned her name, always paid him in silver, and tipped him fifteen or twenty cents, on each trip, although the charges were only twenty-five cents. The address and telephone number of the Salt Lake City Division Office were left with Mr. Drake, who promised complete cooperation.

Mr. H. P. Dayton, Manager of the Sierra Pacific Power Co., stated that his company supplies gas, electricity, and water to the entire Western part of Nevada, the entire Lake Tahoe section, and nearby California resorts, and that the records of all present customers are in one alphabetical index file, but that all closed accounts are filed by location of the property.

Mr. Dayton obtained the records for 130 W Pueblo St., Reno, which showed that Mrs. C. W. Davis (who has been identified as Mrs. Kate Barker, as has been previously reported) had service opened 12/20/32 and discontinued 2/25/33, leaving a deposit of twenty-five dollars in cash, which was repaid her on the last mentioned date. The application contains no information of value, except the purported signature of Mrs. C. W. Davis, and a tracing was made of the signature, which tracing is being forwarded with copies of this report to the St. Paul Office.

Service for the Belmont Apts., Elvada Apts., Ridgeway Apartments, and the Hilland Apartments, where subjects are known to have lived at various times, are either in the names of the Manager or Owners, or have only one meter, and no application was, therefore, located for any of the other subjects. Agent and Mr. Dayton made a search of the consolidated index of present customers, but no information was developed tending to show that any of the subjects are receiving service under their names or known aliases. A complete list of all subjects' names and all known aliases, was left with Mr. Dayton, who has placed the names as a "Flash" in his records, and agreed to immediately telephone the Salt Lake City Office should any accounts be opened in any of the names.

At Conant's Market, Miss Mia Jensen, residence 728 West Street, a cashier at the market, immediately identified the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, and Mrs. Kate Barker, as well as partially identifying the photograph of Harry Campbell, as all having been customers of the Market. She could not identify any of the other photos.

Miss Jensen states that for several months, during the winter of 1932 and early spring of 1933, Karpis, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker, would come to the Market almost every day and purchase large quantities of food; that she was particularly impressed, and recalls the fact, that Mrs. Kate Barker, while she had expensive-looking clothes, never did wear them properly or with good taste, and usually wore either an entirely gray or entirely black outfit, and sometimes wore a long veil of the same color, on her hat.

Miss Jensen distinctly recalls that again in the fall of 1933, Fred Barker and Karpis began coming into the market almost every day and that they had a large blue car with a light color top, which they always kept very clean and new-looking; that the old woman (Kate Barker) was not with them, nor did she ever come in alone. Miss Jensen also believes that Harry Campbell came into the market with the other two on several occasions last fall, but is not positive in her identification. According to Miss Jensen, subjects never had any groceries delivered, always paid cash, (denomination of bills, etc. not recalled), never spoke to anyone in the Market to her knowledge, always were pleasant, well dressed, and appeared to possess good manners. Informant recalls that although either one or both Fred Barker and Karpis would come in almost every day they bought on each occasion \$5. or \$6. worth of groceries and other foods, and on many occasions, purchased as high as \$10. worth at one time; that they purchased an unusually large quantity of delicatessen and various imported expensive cheeses, also vegetables and other foods out of season. Miss Jensen recalls that none of the subjects have been in the market since the latter part of November or the first of December of 1933, and that they came in consistently during October and November of 1933. Informant never ascertained where the subjects stayed nor could she identify any of the photos of the other women, although she recalls that on one or two occasions last fall, two young women accompanied Fred Barker and Karpis when they purchased food.

Miss Nevada Sciarini, residence 629 S. Center St., clerk at the Conant Market, at the Delicatessen counter, positively identified the photo of Karpis, and partially identified the photo of Campbell as being the man referred to by Miss Jensen, and positively identified the photo of Kate Barker. This informant furnished the same information, although not as complete, as Miss Jensen added that the subjects on each occasion would purchase large amounts of pastries, cakes and pies, always the most expensive.

Mr. F. A. Conant, one of the owners of the market, ascertained that none of the subjects ever had a change account at the market. The address of the Salt Lake City Office and telephone number was left with Mr. Conant, who agreed to immediately telephone should any of the subjects appear at the market, or be seen, in Reno.

All gambling places, liquor joints, horse-racing places, and similar establishments are being covered by Agents continuously but no information has been developed tending to show that any of the subjects or the automobiles which they are known to have driven, are presently in Reno.

From the records of the Society Cleaners, L. S. Kovachevich, owner, 229 West 2nd Street, the following data was obtained covering cleaning work performed for subjects:

Date	Name	Items	Amount	Mark
Oct. 5, 1933	T.C. Blackburn	2 suits, 3 hats	\$5.60	Q-727
" 6, 1933	T.C. Blackburn	2 suits, 1 trousers	1.85	Q-733
" 7, 1933	T.C. Blackburn	4 dresses	7.25	Q-740
" 10, 1933	T.C. Blackburn	2 suits, 1 trousers	5.00	Q-835
" 13, 1933	Blackburn	1 man's hat	1.00	Q-917
" 17, "	T.C. Blackburn	2 suits, 1 trousers 1 dress	4.50	R-37
" 24, 1933	Mrs. T.C. Blackburn	3 dresses, suit	6.25	R-236
" 28, "	T. C. Blackburn	2 dresses	2.75	R-373
" 29, 1933	T.C. Blackburn	suit	1.25	R-388
Nov. 2, 1933	T. C. Blackburn	1 suit, 2 dresses, 1 man's hat, pr. gloves	5.15	R-525
Nov. 7, 1933	G.L. Martin	1 man's hat	1.00	R-660
" 15, "	G.L. Martin	1 suit	.75	R-869
" 16, "	Blackburn	1 suit	1.25	R-893
" 25, "	E.V. Davis	1 man's hat	1.00	S-137
" 27, "	Blackburn	1 suit, 2 shirts	2.25	S-159

L.S. Kovachevich, and his daughter, Vera Kovachevich, stated that subjects left no address, but always called for the

clothing which they brought to the office; readily identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell, and partially identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker, both of whom were known to them as Blackburn; that the alleged wives of these two men claimed that the two men were brothers and that they were from Ohio, and expected to return to Ohio for Christmas. They described the two women with subjects Harry Campbell and Fred Barker as follows:

Name
Age
Height
Weight
Hair

Mrs. Harry Campbell

24 or 25
5'5"

About 115 lbs.

Black straight, worn long to shoulders, parted in middle, and part of time worn in knot at back of head, not marcelled

Eyes

Dark

Wore no hats, refined in appearance and did not talk much; very pretty, brunette complexion, possibly Indian blood.

Name
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion

Mrs. Fred Barker

27 to 30

About 5 ft.

126 to 130 lbs

Light brown with auburn tint

Light blue or grey

Blond

Not good looking, quite homely, wore hat, talked with accent, and talked a great deal.

This investigation is being continued.

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Post Office Box 514
Birmingham, Alabama

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April 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Division letter dated March 20, 1934, and particularly to letter from the Birmingham Office dated March 9, 1934, relative to an interview by Special Agent J. R. McDonald with Richard Sherwood Sampson #43315, Atlanta Penitentiary, please be advised that under date of April 5, 1934, Sampson was again interviewed by Agent McDonald at which time he furnished the following additional information:

That while in Chicago, as mentioned in letter from the Birmingham Office dated March 9, 1934, he met a Viola Hlanx who at that time resided on Morse Avenue between Ashland Street and Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, but whose present whereabouts is unknown to him; that she had accompanied him from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Paul, Minnesota, where, through Viola Hlanx he met "Obie" O'Brien, alias Fat O'Brien, who hangs out in a pool room under Liggetts Drug Store, located at 6th and Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul; that through O'Brien he had endeavored to dispose of some stolen bonds which he had in his possession at that time, but without any success; that after some conversation between him and O'Brien relative to their respective "rackets", O'Brien had suggested that he communicate with him later if he would like to be in on a "snatch" that was going to be made in South St. Paul, but the intended victim's name was not mentioned; that he feels confident O'Brien is in on the Bremer kidnaping.

With reference to the above-mentioned pool room, Sampson advised that this is a "hang out" for many of the St. Paul hoodlums.

With reference to the identity of the man Sampson contacted in Chicago, as mentioned in Birmingham letter of March 9, 1934, Sampson still declines to reveal this; further, he stated that he has contacted Kelly, McCartney, Kearney, Neb., is a contact man for various gangs and that he acts as a clearing house for the mail of the members of these various gangs.

By way of corroboration of the information he furnished

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During previous interview, relative to a contemplated bank robbery of a bank at Fort Kearney, Neb., as more fully mentioned in my above referred to letter, Sampson, after consulting some notes, advised that on January 20, 1934, the Fort Kearney State Bank, Fort Kearney, Neb., was robbed.

The following is a description of O'Brien as furnished

by Sampson:

Age	35-40
Height	6'
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Features	Full
Scars or other marks	None visible
Clean shaven	
Occupation	Gambler
Nationality	American
Race	White

Very truly yours,

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

CC: Chicago
St. Paul (Imp. Room)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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April 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In response to your memorandum of April 9, 1934, concerning the arrangements made by Mr. Fay at New York City with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies for cooperation with our St. Paul office, Mr. Fay advised by telephone of his activities in New York and his conferences with officials of these two companies on March 15, 1934. This information was telephoned to Mr. Rorer on March 15, and a teletype message was also sent on that date to the St. Paul office advising that telegraphic suggestions had been made by the authorities of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies at New York City to Mr. C. M. Parks, Western Union, St. Paul, Superintendent Gavin, Postal Telegraph, at St. Paul, Mr. J. C. Nelson, Western Union, Minneapolis and Superintendent McLaughlin, Postal Telegraph, Minneapolis, to cooperate with the Division in searching telegraph records, and the St. Paul office was requested to contact the above named individuals for cooperation.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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April 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

With reference to your memorandum of April 11, 1934, concerning the arrangement made with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies at St. Paul, I wish that you would transmit to Mr. Clegg a copy of your memorandum to me of April 11, in order that he may understand what action has been taken.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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Handwritten note: E. J. Conroy

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Mr. H. H. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

With further reference to your telephone call of April 8, advising that the St. Paul office had never been advised that Mr. Fay had reached an agreement with the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company to make available their records at St. Paul and Minneapolis in cooperation with our St. Paul office, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum submitted by Mr. Cowley which indicates that Mr. Borer was advised by telephone of the arrangements made by Mr. Fay in New York City on March 15, 1934, and that a teletype message was also sent on that date to the St. Paul office advising that telegraphic suggestions had been made by the authorities of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies at New York City to their representatives at St. Paul and Minneapolis to cooperate with the St. Paul office of the Division in searching telegraph records.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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April 13, 1934

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Identification Order #1218
Arthur E. Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order #1219, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

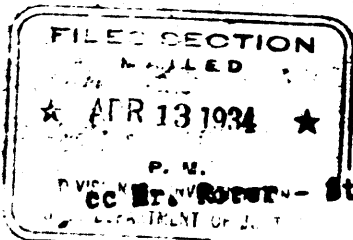
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 15,
1934 with which was transmitted a photograph of one W. D. Petti-
john, for the purpose of exhibiting same to the informer at
Cleveland, Ohio, to determine whether he is identical with Wilbur
Pettijohn, described to Special Agent Chapman as reflected in
your letter dated March 2, 1934, addressed to the Division.

Kindly advise the Division whether the informer at
Cleveland, Ohio has identified the photograph forwarded to your
office.

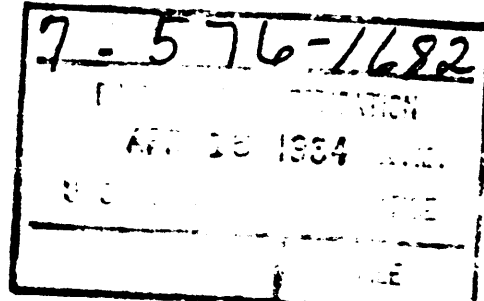
Very truly yours,

Director.



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the New York office addressed to the Division under date of April 10, 1934, transmitting the fingerprints of Harry Francis Fitzharris and Mrs. Harry Fitzharris which prints were taken at the New York office on April 7, 1934. You are advised that these fingerprints will be compared with the unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. Under separate cover the criminal records of these individuals are being furnished your office, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Jim

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Oklahoma City to advise that they had just finished with the depositions in the Urschel case; that they took depositions from Mr. Colvin and himself, but not from Mr. James, although Mr. James was there; that they just wanted to know what they knew about the Arnold episode, particularly the latter part of it in connection with the information she gave; that they started to ask the question as to what would happen if we had not gotten the information and he told them they would have to decline to give any opinions at all; that they were there just to give facts as to what they knew; that they said that that was all right. Mr. Nathan advised that the Urschels were there.

Mr. Nathan stated that he had been unable to secure any more information relative to the Bremer "leak"; that he has interviewed all of the parties involved and they all denied that they knew anything about the latent prints prior to the newspaper story; that Burks has told about seven different stories and that he is of the opinion that they are all lying. Mr. Nathan stated that he was positive in his own mind that Agent Hollis had given the information out, but that it would be difficult to prove. Mr. Nathan stated that he interviewed Joe Anderson, the assistant to Wertz Smith last night, and Anderson did not even know what a latent print was. He stated that there were one or two minor undeveloped leads that he is sending out but he does not believe anything will come of them. He stated that he has just about completed in Oklahoma City and unless advised to the contrary will leave there tonight for New York.

Respectfully,

S.P.C.

S. P. Cowley.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 6, 1934, requesting that the ownership of 1933 Florida license tag number 10-7860, observed on an Auburn coupe, and 1933 Florida license tag number 10-873, observed on a dark green four-passenger coupe, make unknown, be traced.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that Florida license plate for 1933 number 10-7860 was issued to Mrs. F. T. Blount, 409 Tyler Street, Tampa, Florida, for a Chevrolet coupe, engine number 2037157; and that 1933 Florida license plate number 10-873 was issued to W. M. Wagoner, Bay Harbor, Florida, for a Ford sedan, motor number A-1653801.

Mrs. F. T. Blount of Tampa, Florida, is the wife of F. T. Blount who operates a funeral home at 409 Tyler Street, Tampa, Florida. The Blounts are reputable citizens of Tampa. Mrs. Blount advised that tag number 10-7860 was used on her personal Chevrolet coupe. The tag while on the car was in a theft-proof frame and when she removed this tag, in order to place a 1934 tag on the car, some time during the latter part of December 1933, it had to be so badly mutilated to get it out that it was thrown away. She remembers distinctly that the tag was torn up in removing it from the car.

Mr. W. D. (not W. M.) Wagoner, Bay Harbor, Florida, with reference to Florida 1933 tag number 10-873, has advised that this tag was on his Ford sedan when he traded it to the Cook Motor Company at Bay Harbor and that he has heard that this concern sold the car with the tag on it to W. C. Brown (colored), who resides in the country near Panama City, Florida.

From the above tracings of the two tags mentioned in your letter it appears that possibly the wrong numbers were furnished and, too,

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To Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.

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the tags which were observed on the cars mentioned in your communication may have been counterfeit tags, since it is understood that during the year 1933 many Florida tags were counterfeited and, for this reason, in 1934 the State of Florida uses a patent theft-proof tag which is difficult to counterfeit.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
Jax #7-24

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
April 15, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Postmaster
Post Office
West Salem, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. George Dunn of your city has a car registered in the State of Ohio. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Dunn should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

For your convenience in replying, there is being inclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage. I want to take this opportunity to thank you very kindly for any help you might be able to give in this matter and will appreciate it very much if we can hear from you at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vss
cc Division

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. H. W. Davis
Postmaster
Bedford, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

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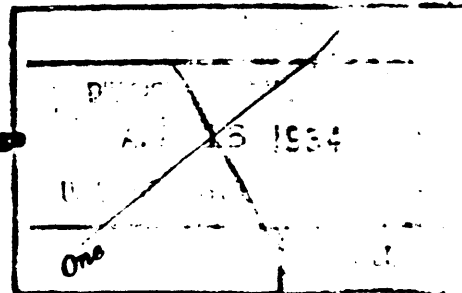
Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Dunn should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vss
cc Division ✓



625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
April 15, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Col. F. S. Van Gorder
Postmaster
Warren, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. Harry Campbell of your city has a car registered in the State of Ohio. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Campbell should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division ✓

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
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Postmaster
Post Office
Convoy, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in the names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. Fred Barker of your city has a car registered in the State of Ohio. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Barker should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
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Postmaster
Post Office
Lexington, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. Robert Barker of your city has a car registered in the State of Ohio. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Robert Barker should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
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Mr. Lee J. Campbell
Postmaster
Royal Oak, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. Harry L. Campbell of your city has a car registered in the State of Michigan. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city of vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. Harry L. Campbell should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

WL:vas
cc Division

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ambrose C. Pack
Postmaster
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. George C. Dunn of your city has a car registered in the State of Michigan. In order to determine whether or not he might possibly be one of the individuals whom we are seeking, it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of the above named person and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. George C. Dunn should we determine that he is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that he has no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
April 13, 1934

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Postmaster
Post Office
Grand Blanc, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that during the course of a very important investigation being conducted by this Division, we have made inquiries at the State Registration Bureaus for information regarding names and addresses of persons having automobiles registered in names similar to those of the suspects whom we are seeking to locate.

We have been informed through this inquiry that Mr. George C. Dunn and Mr. George Dunn, both of your city, have cars registered in the State of Michigan. In order to determine whether or not either one might possibly be the individual whom we are seeking it is kindly requested that you advise us the age, height, weight, address and general reputation of each of the above named persons and the length of time he has resided in your city or vicinity.

Please keep this matter in the strictest confidence as we do not wish to embarrass Mr. George C. Dunn or Mr. George Dunn should we determine that either one is not the individual in whom we are interested. You understand that there is a very strong possibility that they have no connection whatsoever with the persons whom we are seeking, but it is because of the similarity in names that we are conducting this inquiry and we feel that the above information from you will be sufficient in this respect.

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Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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

April 15, 1934.

THT:PB
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W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box No. 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This letter has reference to **BERNARD PHILLIPS**, I.O. #1198, and his connection in the kidnaping case involving **ALVIN KARPIS** with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al (Edward George Bremer - Victim) and in the case of **RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS** with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1201, et al. In the former case, reference is made to the report of Agent Melancon, dated at Chicago, Ill., February 28, 1934, of Agent Brun, dated at Chicago, Ill., March 12, 1934, letter of this office to you dated March 17, 1934, and Division letter dated March 17, 1934, addressed to this office.

You have already been informed that the registration card covering the registration of Phillips at the Belvedere Hotel, New York City, has been located. This card is No. 7474, and shows the registration of Mrs. (sic) & Mrs. S. P. Patton and daughter, 3646 Pine Boulevard, Madison, Wis., and shows that they registered at the hotel at 7:46 p.m., August 24, 1932, and were assigned to rooms 1416 and 1418. It has not been definitely determined whether the handwriting is that of Phillips or the clerk who accepted the registration. This fact will be determined within the next few days as it is contemplated the clerk will be located and interviewed by that time.

You will also recall that **WINNIE WILLIAMS** stated Phillips left the hotel one day to play golf and did not return and that the car which took him away was a small sedan bearing New Jersey license plates, and that she has not seen him since that time and believes that he was murdered. She also contradicted herself and said that she lived with him in Kansas City in December, 1932, and there Phillips spoke to Alvin Karpis.

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At the BLYDENNE HOTEL every effort was made to secure the account cards. The only cards that could be located were No. 22201, running from September 14 to September 20, 1932, and No. 22404, running from September 21 to September 24, 1932, on which date the account was closed. The account cards further show that they were for "Mrs. E. Patten and daughter", and that these individuals were in Room 1420 at a rate of \$25.00 a week and that there were two persons in the room. The original registration card discloses that three persons originally registered and the rate for the two rooms first occupied was \$40.00 a week. On the surface, therefore, the records would seem to indicate that some time prior to September 14, 1932, Phillips departed the hotel. The account cards from August 24 to December 13, 1932, could not be located. From the two account cards located it would appear that on September 14, 1932, \$48.56 was paid, \$32.65 was paid on September 21, 1932, and \$15.97 paid on September 24, 1932, when the parties checked out.

The telephone slips showing all calls made by Phillips and Winnie Williams were located and upon running out the numbers, the following information was developed:

9/2/32	Room 1418	Rhineland 4-9362	Nilebrook Apartments, 61 East 66th Street.
"	"	Orchard 4-3359	Dubinsky & Krustein, Diamond Setters, 106 Canal Street.
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	Lebelt Drugs, 227 West 45th Street.
"	" 1418	Lackawanna 4-4448	41st Street Bus Terminal (now dis- continued.)
"	"	Vanderbilt 8-0100	Train Information, Grand Central Depot covering the N.Y., N.H. & H. and New York Central trains.
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	Lackawanna 4-4448	

9/4/32 Room 1418 Rhinelandier 4-8282

" " Susquehanna 7-8820

Apartment House,
208 West End Avenue.

" " 1418 Susquehanna 7-1200

Hotel Commander,
240 West 75th Street.

" " 1418 Mr. Smith called
St. Paul, Minn.

In this connection the long distance slip No. 4590 does not disclose the St. Paul telephone number called. Neither does it disclose the time when the call was put through. However, this was the only call to St. Paul made out of the hotel that day and this office is securing from the New York Telephone Company the additional facts in connection with this call. It was not, however, a person to person call.

9/4/32 Room 1418 Asbury Park, N.J.,
2009

This is the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel at Asbury Park, N.J. At that time it was one of the headquarters for the liquor mobs, particularly the New Jersey and New York liquor gangs. In this connection, you might refer to letter of this office to the Kansas City office dated 12/11/33, submitted in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, which discloses that Eddie Conner, husband of Louise Conner, was living at 1402 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park, N.J., and that on 7/29/32 Susie Rumer, wife of John Rumer, mentioned in the letter dated 12/6/33 by the

4/12/34.

Kansas City Office to the Cincinnati Office, copy of which was furnished the St. Paul Office, in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, shot and killed Connor at the place where the Ramers were living, which was at 870 Sterling Place, Long Branch, N.J. As mentioned in our letter of December 11, 1933, at that time Monmouth County, N.J., was overrun and controlled by the liquor operators and Asbury Park was where most of them resided during the summer.

9/4/32 Room 1418 Asbury Park 8000
" " 1418 " " "

Mr. Smith Called
Chicago,
Central OLES.

In connection with this Chicago call, your attention is invited to correspondence in the Kansas City massacre case which revealed that the late Vernon W. Miller, together with Sammy Schragar and another person who used the name B. Siegel, registered at the Rimark Hotel on April 23, 1933, and the investigation undertaken by the Chicago Office developed that this hotel was used around that period as a hide-out for gangsters.

9/5/32 Room 1418 Trafalgar V-8000

Beacon Hotel, 2130 Broadway. Our investigation in the Kansas City case disclosed that this hotel is used as a base of operations by the gangsters.

Chicago, Ill.

Here again the slip, No. 4418, does not disclose the telephone number called. However, this office is attempting to secure this information from the telephone company, although it may

assumed at this time that the Bismarck Hotel was called.

9/6/32 Room 1418 Asbury Park 5000

9/6/32 " 1418 Rhineland 4-9232

" " " Schuyler 4-9205

" " " Asbury Park 5000

9/7/32 " 1420 Orchard 4-3359

" " " Orchard 4-3359

" " " Circle 7-3900

" " " Circle 7-3900

" " " Schuyler 4-9205

" " " Asbury Park 5000

H. M. Gibson,
242 West 92nd Street.
(Now discontinued.)

Jack Parnes,
107 Norfolk Street.

Orchard 4-3359 apparently was the number intended to be called rather than Orchard 4-2359 as 2359 was called on 9/6/32 and also subsequent to 9/7/32.

Hotel Wellington,
65th Street and 7th Avenue.

Evidently, Winnie Williams moved from 1416-18 into Room 1420 on 9/7/32, as the six telephone slips on that date were originally marked 1418 but this room number was stricken out and 1420 was written in in lieu thereof.

9/15/32 Room 1420 Academy 2-3700

" " " Bryant 9-1150

9/16/32 " " Chickering 4-9212

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

Crystal Pure Foods,
2755 Broadway.

American School Association,
Times Building.

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St. Paul, Minn.

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9/16/32	Room 1420	Regent 4-1908	Dr. S. E. Kohler, 121 East 60th Street.
"	"	Vanderbilt 2-9100	
9/17/32	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	"	
"	"	Saugusanna 7-1200	
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	Riverside 9-3500	Hotel Paris, West End Ave. and 97th Street.
9/18/32	"	Vanderbilt 2-9100	
"	"	"	
9/19/32	"	Riverside 9-3500	
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	Harlem 7-1051	Paris Hotel, 2240 Third Avenue.
"	"	Riverside 9-3500	
"	"	Orchard 4-3389	
"	"	"	
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	"	
9/20/32	"	Caledonia 2-0117	Louis J. Robertson, 2 Park Avenue. From the slip it is not clear just what the exchange is but the best guess is that it is Caledonia.
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
"	"	Orchard 4-3389	
9/21/32	"	Asbury Park 8000	
"	"	Regent 4-1908	
"	"	Riverside 9-3500	
"	"	Orchard 4-3389	
"	"	Chickering 4-9212	
9/22/32	"	"	
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9/23/32	Room 1400	Longacre 8-9364	Life Cordial Shop, 798 Eighth Avenue, (Now discontinued.)
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"	"	Chickering 4-7100	Picadilly Hotel. At that time the Picadilly Hotel was owned by Harry Gordon, a beer baron of the Metropolitan Area of New York City, and was headquarters for the liquor mobs from all over the country. It is recalled that Vernon C. Miller stayed at this hotel in November, 1932. Reference is made to page 6 of Agent Tracy's report in the Kansas City massacre case dated 12/5/33.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Chicago Office with the suggestion that Winnie Williams be subjected to further intense interrogation. If it is a fact that Bernard Phillips left her in New York around September 7, 1932, she should be called upon to explain why she called Lebelt Drugs, 227 West 45th Street, as frequently as she did. It should be noted that this drug store is located in the Picadilly Hotel and it might very well be that it served or serves as a contact place. She should also be questioned concerning Dr. Kohler, whom she called at the Commander Hotel on September 17th, whom she was trying to locate at the Paris Hotel, what purpose she had in calling Dubinsky & Brustein, 105 Canal Street on September 19th. Canal Street, of course, is in the Lower East Side, which section harbors many criminals. Also, whom she called at Astbury Park on September 21st; also, whom she called at the Picadilly Hotel on September 24th, the last day she was in the city.

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The New York Office will conduct investigation at the Nilebrook Apartments, 61 East 66th Street, in order to learn who was living there in September, 1932, and will interview Dr. Kohler at 121 East 60th Street, and will make every effort to collect information concerning Dubinsky & Brustein, 108 Canal Street. This office will also interview Louis J. Robertson for such information as he may possess.

The telephone slips are in the possession of this office. Likewise, the two account cards mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re - ALVIN KARPIS w.a. et al
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REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-10-11-34	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. VETTERLI
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Evidence found that part of subjects were registered at the Anderson Hotel, Reno, Nevada, from Dec. 19, 1932, to Sept. 27, 1933, under the names of H.J. Harvey, E.L. Burns, and E. V. Davis. No record of K.D. Lohman and H.J. Marlon found at Reno, Nevada.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 11, 1934, and letter from the San Francisco Office, March 31, 1934.

DETAILS: AT RENO, NEVADA

The register of the Anderson Hotel, 218 Sierra Street, was searched by Special Agents R. E. Vetterli and A. R. Gere, and the following registrations were found:

Dec. 19, 1932, E. L. Burns, Chicago, Ill. Room No. 19

Dec. 31, 1932, Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Harvey, L.A. (Los Angeles, Calif.) Room

Feb. 18, 1932, E. V. Davis, Reno, Room No. 38.

Sept. 27, 1933, Mr. Mrs. Burns, Chicago, Ill. Room No. 24.

Mrs. Rose Morgan, proprietress of the Anderson Hotel, was unable to identify the photographs of any of subjects and stated that she was not present at the hotel all of the time during the periods that subjects registered, and that her sister, who was last heard from at Seattle, Wash.

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was in charge of the hotel part of the time.

The signatures of E.L. Burns and "Mr. Mrs. Burns, Chicago, Ill." were in the same handwriting as other signatures of "E.L. Burns" made by subject Alvin Karpis at Reno and referred to in previous reports. The last signature referred to above on Sept. 27, 1933, shows that the writer when registering first wrote the capital letter "L" and then used the same as the stem in writing the letter "B" for the name "Burns".

Tracings of the signatures of "Mr. Mrs. Burns" and "E.V. Davis" were made and are attached to a copy of this report of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.

Search of the records at the Post Office developed that there is no record of M. D. Lohman and H.J. Marlon, as having received mail thru the Reno Post Office or having left a forwarding address. It is quite probable that the M. D. Lohman, referred to in letter of reference, is identical with Wm. B. Lohman, referred to in letter Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, at San Francisco, Calif., on Oct. 9, 1933, and gave his address as the Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, when obtaining California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62 for the Auburn Sedan in question, which automobile was purchased by subject Volney Davis and another person believed to be subject Arthur Barker, and which automobile was later in the possession of subject Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, as reflected in previous reports. A comparison of the handwriting appearing in the registration on the register of the Wm. Taylor Hotel with those of subjects might determine which of subjects wrote the signatures on the hotel register, if such information is deemed vital in locating subject.

It is also possible that the "H.J. Marlon", referred to in letter of reference, is identical with "H.J. Harvey", who has been partially identified as subject Arthur J. Barker.

From E.W. Rich, dealer at The Tavern gambling hall, West 4th St., it was ascertained that subjects are supposed to have lost \$25,000. gambling at the Rex Club and saloon, Douglas Alley, which was operated by Wm. J. Graham, Jas. C. McKay, and Tex Hall, until closed on February 23rd, 1934. According to Mr. Rich it was prior to the Bremer kidnaping that this money was lost by subjects. Mr. Rich stated that this was simply talk around town and that he could not remember the source of his information, and he was not at all positive as to the time that these subjects were supposed to have gambled the money away in Reno,

but he partially identified the photographs of subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as having been seen by him at the gambling places in Reno several months ago. Mr. Rich, who has been personally known by Special Agent A. R. Gere for the past fifteen years, is reliable and conservative in all the information furnished by him, and he had no prior information that these subjects were connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, and in fact the time they were seen by him in Reno was prior to the date of the Bremer kidnaping.

The Bank Club is the only large gambling place now in operation in Reno, which is controlled by William J. Graham and James C. McKay, and this place has been under observation night and day by Agents. Agents have bet with various gamblers at every gaming table and have also mingled with those betting on horse races, but so far none of the subject or their women companions have been seen in Reno.

Agents have exchanged currency at the Bank Club and have also turned in silver for currency at the Bank Club, but none of the bills received at the Bank Club have been issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

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NEW YORK CITY APRIL 14, 1934 7-30 PM

DIRECTOR DIVN INVEST

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370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

April 16, 1934.

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Mr. Frank L. Igoe,
District Supervisor,
Bureau of Narcotics,
641 Washington Street,
New York, N.Y.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. #1218, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

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My dear Mr. Igoe:

I want to take the opportunity of thanking you for the cooperation you recently afforded this office, particularly to call to your attention the efficient work performed by [redacted]

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The work was of an extremely complicated nature and through the efforts of [redacted] who worked on the matter six continuous nights and almost as many days, the result was accomplished.

I want you to know that I am thoroughly appreciative of such expressions of cooperation and of the fine work performed by [redacted] in assisting us in the competent manner in which he did.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

April 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. # 1217, et al.
K.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1213, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

BESSIE SKINNER, alias Mrs. T. J. Randall, alias Mrs. Edie Green, alias Mrs. Eugene Green, alias Mrs. Ray Moore, alias Mrs. Bob alsh, who until recently resided at 3300 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed on various occasions during the period from April 5, 1934 to April 12, 1934, at the St. Paul office of the Division. She has advised that she desires her real identity kept strictly confidential in view of the fact that she is the mother of LEONARD SKINNER, and she does not desire any publicity which would in any way reflect unfavorably upon him or which would enable this son to identify her.

She stated that she was born in Linton, North Dakota, and her maiden name was BESSIE HINDS. She was married on June 15, 1914 at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, to an individual by the name of SKINNER and she was subsequently divorced in St. Paul, Minnesota, the date of which she does not recall. During the course of time since her divorce she has lived with BOB HALCH, RAY MOORE, and T. J. RANDALL, alias EDDIE GREEN, alias ROBERT GREEN, without having been married to any of them.

During the initial interviews with BESSIE SKINNER she furnished information to the effect that on the evening of Saturday, March 31, 1934 there called at the home of EDDIE GREEN'S mother in St. Paul an individual whom she described as small, with reddish hair, who inquired for EDDIE GREEN. This individual, who was unknown to her, was advised by EDDIE GREEN'S mother that EDDIE was not at home, whereupon he requested that just as soon as EDDIE returned he should be informed that he was wanted at the boat house just as quickly as he could get there. EDDIE did not arrive home in the meantime, and about one half hour later a big fellow, who had the appearance of a prizefighter, and wore a thick, heavy sweater

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with a turtle neck, called at MR. GREEN'S residence and he, too, inquired for EDDIE, who was absent. He left a similar message, that EDDIE should immediately come over to the boat house. BESSIE SKINNER stated that she did not know but she would assume that there was a likelihood that if EDDIE were a friend of, or associated with, JOHN DILLINGER, that DILLINGER was at that time at the boat house or a contact would have been there who would put EDDIE in touch with DILLINGER.

As has been previously reported, the identity of a boat house believed to be identical with the one referred to, was established through TOM FILBIN of the Federal Acceptance Corporation, St. Paul, as being the first boat house to the right of the Wabasha Street bridge in St. Paul. This boat house was placed under observation, as heretofore reported, and after a period of twenty-four hours continuous observation this place was raided, but DILLINGER was not found there and no information was received indicating that he had been there.

BESSIE SKINNER advised that were she endeavoring to locate JOHN DILLINGER she believes that she would get in touch with a man and woman by the name of GOLDIE and IDA, IDA being GOLDIE'S wife, as they both worked for HARRY SAWYER in the Twin Cities, and if HARRY SAWYER had anything to do with arranging a hide-out for DILLINGER he would probably turn to GOLDIE and IDA to effect such an arrangement. Further, that IDA'S mother was supposed to either own or manage an apartment in South Minneapolis, and it would be her guess that DILLINGER might be located in such an apartment house. Investigation by Special Agent T. J. Dodd disclosed the identity of GOLDIE and IDA, and this information has been previously reported; and it was determined that IDA'S mother, MR. BISHOP, was suffering from cancer and was at the time in the hospital. Agent Dodd is making an effort to determine if she has been managing or operating an apartment house.

BESSIE SKINNER expressed her opinion that following the shooting episode on March 31st, DILLINGER would remain in the Twin Cities, or at least nearby; that information of value concerning the location of hoodlums in the Twin Cities could usually be obtained by making contacts at VICK'S place, which was a well known establishment in the Twin Cities.

It has been previously reported that a woman believed identical with MR. BESSIE SKINNER negotiated an exchange of automobiles, whereby she came into possession of a 1934 Model Terraplane which was obtained from the O'Donnell Motor Company in Minneapolis, and the financial arrangements for the difference in value between the cars was handled by the Federal Acceptance Corporation, of which TOM FILBIN is head.

Concerning this transaction BESSIE SKINNER advises that in accordance with arrangements which evidently had previously been made by EDDIE GREEN, she was instructed to proceed in the 1933 Terraplane which she and EDDIE were using, to the Federal Acceptance Corporation, and she would be accompanied by a representative of that organization to the O'Donnell Motor Company offices where she would turn in the 1933 car and receive the 1934 in lieu thereof. Her attention was called to the fact that there were four automobiles at least involved in the same general transaction, one of them being a Ford and two were Hudsons. She then stated that a young man from the Federal Acceptance Corporation by the name of GLENNAN (?) accompanied her from the finance company to the O'Donnell Motor Sales organization, and there was delivered to the O'Donnell Motor Company a Plymouth automobile bearing a California license tag, and in exchange for this Plymouth GLENNAN received a Hudson automobile. The Hudson was driven out of O'Donnell's place of business directly in front of BESSIE SKINNER as she drove the 1934 Terraplane out of the same offices. I inquired as to whom this Hudson automobile was delivered or for whom it was purchased, and she denied all knowledge. She stated that there was a heavy man with a mustache who was parked in an automobile nearby, and this might have been for him. BESSIE SKINNER explained that the Terraplane automobile which she received from the O'Donnell Motor Company was the same as the car in which she and EDDIE GREEN were riding on the afternoon when GREEN was shot, near 778 Rondo Street, St. Paul.

BESSIE SKINNER suggested that if she desired to obtain information as to the possible whereabouts of JOHN DILLINGER or any of the bunch of hoodlums in his organization, she would locate a boy by the name of PAT. The next day she confirmed the information which had been received that this individual was PAT RILEY. PAT RILEY is a young man, rather small of stature, she stated, who was formerly hot boy for the St. Paul baseball team, and he would be well known in the Twin Cities. He is called HARRY SAWYER'S man "Friday", and SAWYER undoubtedly confides a great deal in PAT RILEY, who eventually becomes involved in practically all of SAWYER'S transactions.

BESSIE SKINNER described the following as members of JOHN DILLINGER'S Twin City mob: JOHN DILLINGER; TOMMY CARROLL; an individual by the name of VAN (later she identified him as VAN METER); an individual by the name of JIMMIE, who was described as being small, of light complexion, and "just a kid about twenty four". Also another individual by the name of BILL. She has subsequently identified the photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER as the one she referred to as BILL.

She stated that HOMER VAN METER had called at the apartment occupied by herself and EDDIE GREEN at 3300 Fremont Avenue in Minneapolis

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on Saturday night, March 31, 1934, the day on which the shooting occurred at Lexington Avenue. VAN METER stated that when the shooting occurred JOHN DILLINGER had been in the Lexington Avenue apartment with a "dark girl" by the name of "BILLIE". At this point BESSIE SKINNER identified the photograph of EVELYN FRECHETTE as the girl "BILLIE" to whom she referred, and she stated that the description was accurate because "BILLIE'S" face was pock-marked and her complexion very bad. She stated that VAN METER had informed her that DILLINGER had been shot in the leg, but before VAN METER had furnished this information BILLIE FRECHETTE had called at her apartment, at a time she estimates to be from fifteen to forty-five minutes after the shooting on Lexington Avenue. BILLIE explained that they had been ousted from their apartment; that JOHN DILLINGER had been shot in the leg, although the wound was not serious, and she wanted EDDIE GREEN to accompany her. BESSIE expressed her opinion that at that time JOHN DILLINGER was probably not very far away because BILLIE had entered the apartment building walking and she expects that DILLINGER was in a car nearby. EDDIE GREEN did not have his trousers on at the time, so he completed dressing and went out with BILLIE.

Concerning the apartment on Marshall Avenue where the negro woman LUCY JACKSON called to obtain whatever could be found in the apartment, in accordance with instructions received from EDDIE GREEN, BESSIE SKINNER stated that VAN METER had been living at this apartment for a period of slightly longer than two weeks. She estimates this time by the fact that VAN'S wife, or girl friend, MICKY, was forced to go to a hospital at a time about two weeks prior to the shooting, and EDDIE GREEN, who had been intending to move to Marshall Avenue with BESSIE, had stated that they would continue in their apartment in Minneapolis and let VAN METER occupy the Marshall Avenue apartment in St. Paul on account of the illness of MICKY. BESSIE claims she does not know where MICKY was treated or the nature of the operation.

Concerning the machine gun and other ammunition found in the apartment occupied by EDDIE GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER at 3300 Fremont Avenue, she stated that she positively did not know that any of this ammunition was in the apartment; that if it were found there she would guess that VAN METER had brought this equipment to the apartment on the evening before GREEN was shot, although she claimed to have been out of the apartment a portion of the time while VAN METER was there, and she was firm in her statements that she did not see VAN METER bring anything into the apartment.

Concerning the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER, BESSIE SKINNER advised that from what she had learned from her various conversations with her associates, it was generally believed in the Twin Cities that MR. BREMER

was kidnaped by the BARKER-KARPIS gang, she stating that she would include in this gang two BARKER boys as well as a tall, skinny, dark complexioned individual who wore a little light cap. She claimed that she was unable to identify him at the time of this conversation. She stated that she had previously met ARTHUR and FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, whom she called RAY, about two years ago when HARRY SAWYER brought them to a night club which she was running called the Alamo. She was shown photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS gang and immediately called off the first names of FRED, DOC and RAY. She stated that she had seen them as recently as the Fall of 1933 while they were visiting the apartment of MYRTLE BATHON at 565 Portland Avenue in St. Paul. She claimed that she had heard of VOLNEY DAVIS but that she had never seen the individual by the name of CAMPBELL whose photograph was shown to her.

BESSIE SKINNER stated that she became acquainted with VERA MILLER in September or October 1932 when HARRY SAWYER, in company with VERA MILLER, came to the place which she operated called the Alamo. She further stated that she had seen the two BARKER boys with the woman whom they called Mother, and known to her as KATE BARKER, on several occasions in the late Fall of 1932.

During the course of a subsequent interview with BESSIE SKINNER on April 11, 1934, she stated that JOHN DILLINGER was crazy about motion pictures and shows of all types; that she had heard him boast of accompanying BILLIE FROCHETTE to a theatre in St. Paul, and one of the pictures which he boasted of having seen was entitled "Joe Paleoka"; that on Friday night before the shooting on Lexington Avenue on March 31st, 1934, she and EDDIE GREEN called at the apartment of DILLINGER and the FROCHETTE woman, in the building located at 93-95 Lexington Avenue, and DILLINGER and BILLIE were boasting of the fact that earlier that same night they had seen the motion picture "Fashions of 1933" at a Minneapolis theatre. She stated that DILLINGER remarked that GREEN should not take his girl friend to see this picture because from the fashions that were shown it would put bad ideas into the head of BESSIE.

She stated that evidently on the occasion when DILLINGER first came to St. Paul, the time of which she claims she does not know, he contacted HOMER VAN METER. She expressed the opinion that HARRY SAWYER had put DILLINGER in touch with VAN METER; at least VAN METER had told EDDIE in her presence that this was true. EDDIE GREEN had met DILLINGER through VAN METER in downtown St. Paul, although she does not recall how long ago it was that this first meeting took place. She was definite in her statements that neither she nor GREEN, with whom she was living, were acquainted with DILLINGER prior to his escape from the Crown Point, Indiana, jail.

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According to information she received from HOMER VAN METER, on the day of the shooting at Lexington Avenue, and about ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting, an individual by the name of "RED", identified by photograph as JOHN HAMILTON, together with two girls known to BESSIE SKIDNER as PAT and OPAL, and identified subsequently as PAT CHERINGTON and OPAL LOWE, had departed from the DILLINGER apartment and had gotten into an automobile and driven away, expecting to be gone for but a short time. She described PAT CHERINGTON as having dark hair which, however, had been bleached into almost all colors, while OPAL LOWE was fairly heavy and had fiery red hair. She also advised that JOHN HAMILTON and these two girls subsequently returned to within about one block of the apartment; that they saw there was some excitement about the building and did not come back to the apartment building but left. VAN METER advised that HAMILTON and the girls then drove down to Et. Paul to PAT ALLEY'S home but he was absent. They then drove to McCormick's restaurant, and from there someone took them away in a Ford sedan. They may have changed their license plates in the meantime. She claims that she had heard that HARRY SAWYER was in the restaurant at the time and that he had furnished the car, or had instructed someone to procure a car for this getaway; that HAMILTON and the two girls then drove to "Someone's place in the country" which HARRY SAWYER knew about, and she believes that this place was SAWYER'S farm, although prior to a raid which she understands was conducted Saturday night at SAWYER'S farm, an individual by the name of McHULLIN with the St. Paul Police Department, tipped off HARRY SAWYER that the raid was about to be conducted and he escaped the trap and word was sent out to HAMILTON and the two girls in sufficient time for them to make a getaway. This farm is out near a lake but is fairly near town.

VAN METER furnished this information when he called at BESSIE'S apartment late Saturday night after the shooting had occurred. She claims that when she entered her home after returning from the store Saturday night, she saw VAN METER parked in his car near the entrance to an alley close to the apartment building in which she lived. VAN METER then came to her apartment and she and VAN had a row because of the fact that VAN METER was "hot", and his car parked near their apartment would bring the officers in on the GREENS. She expressed herself very vigorously and VAN took exception to this, and she finally left EDDIE GREEN and VAN METER and closed herself in her bedroom and told VAN METER that he was never to return to their house again. She claimed that VAN METER was a nut; that he must be everywhere, and that he had lied to her on several occasions about the distance which he had parked his car from the apartment building in which BESSIE lived and she felt that he was bringing the heat on the GREENS, and this was the occasion for the row.

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She claims that BILLIE FRECHETTE told her during the time immediately after the shooting when BILLIE called at her house, that JOHN HAMILTON, OPAL LONG, and PAT O'BERRINGTON had left the Lexington Avenue apartment of DILLINGER about ten minutes before a knock was heard at the door. HAMILTON and the two girls were expected back in a few minutes and BILLIE and JOHN DILLINGER had not yet gotten out of bed, and BILLIE answered the door when the knock came expecting it to be HAMILTON, but she asked who was there. She was informed that it was a peace officer. She told the peace officer that she was not dressed, slammed the door quickly, and attached the chain latch. She then dressed hurriedly and JOHN DILLINGER began dressing hurriedly, and they then began picking up as much as they possibly could to take with them. They were, according to BILLIE, stalling for time as they were expecting HAMILTON most any minute. BILLIE stated that they were in the apartment about a half hour before they got out; that after the first rap at the door they were able to pack one suitcase, and when the shooting started outside they were able to go out the back way while DILLINGER was using his machine gun. BILLIE went downstairs first and got the car out of the garage and it was ready when DILLINGER arrived. BILLIE stated that she then drove with DILLINGER toward 3300 Fremont Avenue where the GREENS lived, and BILLIE walked up to BERTIE'S apartment and then, according to BERTIE'S actual knowledge, BILLIE stated that they had "been jumped out of their apartment"; that JOHN DILLINGER had been shot but it was not serious, but she did not know in fact how badly hurt he was, as he had evidently lost quite a lot of blood and she did not know whether he could walk.

EDDIE GREEN, in accordance with BILLIE'S request, went out with her, and he was gone for a period of from one to one and one half hours. EDDIE returned at the end of this time and she and EDDIE dressed and were getting their car in order to leave the apartment when VAN METER drove up. She and EDDIE returned with VAN METER to the apartment.

She stated that the general opinion which she had gained from discussions with VAN METER and EDDIE GREEN was that OPAL LONG was trailed into Chicago, although OPAL claims that she gave the officers the "shake" in Chicago before she came here. The opinion was that OPAL had been followed and this was the occasion for the raid on the Lexington Avenue apartment. It was her opinion, based on information which she had overheard during various conversations, that OPAL had come to St. Paul to contact DILLINGER in order to get some money to go back and do some fixing in connection with the status of PIERPONT and CLARK, who were in jail in Indiana. She also is of the opinion that before DILLINGER and BILLIE came to St. Paul, OPAL LONG and PAT O'BERRINGTON had been in St. Paul making arrangements for DILLINGER to come here; that according to BILLIE FRECHETTE, she and DILLINGER came from Chicago

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to St. Paul, and HILLIE described to her the apartment which they occupied in Chicago. She said it was a beautiful apartment with six rooms, completely furnished with a large amount of cut glass, all sorts of linens, beautiful dishes, and a complete silver service which would have been sufficient to use at any sort of formal dinner, and that they obtained the use of this apartment on a sub-lease for \$90.00 per month. They occupied this apartment for the entire period for which it was leased except for two or three days. HILLIE stated that this was one of the few places where they had been able to keep from losing quite a bit of their rent money by being scared out of the apartment in expectation of a raid; that on this occasion they had been tipped off by some officer in Chicago that a raid was to be expected at their apartment and they departed from Chicago at that time.

Although BESSIE claimed not to know just when DILLINGER came to the Twin Cities, her first knowledge of him being here was when DILLINGER and HILLIE were occupying an apartment on the corner of 33rd and Girard Streets in Minneapolis. This was one block to the rear of the building in which EDWIE and EDDIE had their apartment. On many occasions, she stated, she had driven EDDIE GREEN to the front of the building in which HILLIE and DILLINGER were living, although she denies that she knew all along that they lived there. Yet she did state that she and EDDIE had talked the matter over and that EDDIE was of the opinion that DILLINGER was bringing too much "heat" to the vicinity, as he lived too nearby, and therefore they would rent an apartment in St. Paul. They did come to St. Paul and rented an apartment on Marshall Avenue, but evidently DILLINGER moved, because GREEN stated to her that they had been living on Fremont Avenue for such a long time that they would not move to Marshall Avenue but would let VAN METER have the Marshall Avenue apartment. BESSIE said she was informed by EDDIE GREEN that from the apartment at 33rd and Girard, DILLINGER returned from Minneapolis to Chicago. He was accompanied by VAN METER and the individual she had previously called JIMMIE. She identified the photograph of GEORGE "BABY FACE" NELSON as the JIMMIE with whom DILLINGER had gone to Chicago, in company with VAN METER.

GEORGE NELSON, she advises, has a wife and two children. She is personally acquainted with NELSON and is likewise acquainted with his wife and youngsters. His wife is named HELEN, and her people, probably a brother or a sister, in Chicago, take care of the baby most of the time. NELSON'S mother travels with him, and is either Polish or Bohemian. NELSON'S wife is very funny looking, acts very queer, and it is now believed that GEORGE NELSON, together with his wife HELEN, mother, and son, 4 years of age by the name of DONALD, have gone to California, the place she does not know.

Concerning the trip of DILLINGER, VAN METER, and BRISON to Chicago, she claims that EDDIE GREEN had told her that they had stopped at a place forty-five miles North of Chicago, called LOUIE'S Place. While there they had drinks and steak dinners, and also two pints of liquor, for which LOUIE charged them \$30.00 each. They were griping about this overcharge, but she recalls distinctly hearing EDDIE GREEN state to DILLINGER that LOUIE was evidently trying to drive them out by making such a charge for a dinner and liquor. She claims that LOUIE is a Bohemian; that the place would be an ideal contact place or a hideout, and she would not be surprised if DILLINGER were now in this place at this moment. She stated that a few years ago anyone desiring to contact any of the mob in Chicago would make a contact at LOUIE'S Place, where all of them would call from time to time.

She claims that EDDIE GREEN had not known VAN METER so very long, and to her knowledge had not him since January 1, 1934, HARRY BARTER having put VAN METER in touch with EDDIE GREEN.

Concerning the arrest of DILLINGER in Arizona, BESSIE stated that prior to the DILLINGER bunch going to Arizona they had been in Florida; that BILLIE FRECHETTE had described the place where they lived in Florida. It was a mansion on a beach, with a round beautiful living room which contained four fireplaces. The whole group lived in this mansion. The girls would ride in their bathing suits on horseback on the beach, and she subsequently stated that she recalled that the four fireplaces were all grouped together in the center of the room, evidently with one chimney being used for all of these fireplaces. She stated that she did not recall the exact town, although the name Jacksonville stood out in her mind. The next day she was asked if this place could be Daytona Beach, and she now feels certain that this is the place where the DILLINGER gang were living.

While they were there the girls who were with the group loafed and played most of the time, none of them working, and their meals were all sent in. OPAL LONG, BESSIE said, was rather industrious and ambitious and will cook and fuss around in the kitchen, but OPAL had told BESSIE that while they were in Florida she had laid the law down to the boys and told them that she too was on vacation, and all of their meals were sent in because she wouldn't cook.

With reference to the jail break at Crown Point, Indiana, BESSIE stated that she had seen the little wooden pistol with which DILLINGER is alleged to have effected his escape. She stated that when she and EDDIE called at DILLINGER'S apartment on Lexington Avenue on the night of March 20, 1934, she saw on the table in the living room some photographs of DILLINGER

when he was a boy, and on this same table was the toy pistol, which was no bigger around than her little finger and was very short, although there has been carved out on this toy pistol the words: "Souvenir of 1934" and also some other cute saying which had appeared in the newspaper. Evidently some sort of chalk or white ink had been used to fill up the letters which were carved on the toy pistol. BESSIE expressed the opinion, however, that the escape was the result of a "fix", and that DILLINGER desired to exploit the toy pistol incident to his credit.

Again referring to the escape of DILLINGER from the Lexington Avenue apartment, BESSIE stated that DILLINGER went out, of course, with the machine gun, and she was of the opinion that most of the equipment in the bag which BILLIE took out with her was likewise ammunition of some sort, as BILLIE had told her that the bag was so heavy that she could hardly carry it down the stairs. She believes that the ammunition, bullet proof vest, and other ammunition left in the apartment belonged to JOHN HAMILTON, known to her as "RED".

BESSIE stated that BILLIE had evidently been out of town quite recently, and probably down to Indiana, as she had brought back with her the pictures which were found by the Special Agents in the apartment, and which BESSIE had seen the night before the raid took place. BILLIE would tell her nothing definite, however, as to where she had obtained the pictures.

When EDDIE GREEN returned to his home after he had gone out with BILLIE shortly after the shooting on Saturday morning, he stated that DILLINGER had been shot in the fleshy part of the leg and that he had obtained medical aid. She states firmly that she does not know who treated DILLINGER'S wound. The names of several physicians and surgeons were mentioned, and she feels quite certain that DR. PLANKERS was not the one who treated DILLINGER. PLANKERS, she stated, had been one of HARRY SAWYER'S doctors up until about a year ago, but the relationship between SAWYER and DR. PLANKERS were now strained. DR. PLANKERS' brother, she has heard, is one of the head doctors of the Mayo Institute, and PLANKERS or his brother have treated or examined BESSIE on more than one occasion, and she admitted that she was very friendly disposed toward DR. PLANKERS.

She claims that since DILLINGER'S escape from Crown Point, and prior to the shooting on Marsh Street in St. Paul, DILLINGER had been hurt, and VAN METER had come to her apartment and instructed EDDIE GREEN to get in touch with PAT HILLY to get a doctor; that PAT HILLY had, according to EDDIE GREEN, gotten DR. KORTENON, who had treated DILLINGER for a "shot". Later

During the same interview with BESSIE, she stated that the treatment might have been for something besides a wound, and she apparently was trying to hedge on this point.

As to the time when VAN METER called at her apartment on Saturday night after the shooting, she stated that she would fix the time definitely as prior to ten o'clock, because she went to a store in the neighborhood and when she came back VAN METER was there, and she recalls that upon her return she heard the Kyril and Marge and Amos & Andy programs, which would fix her return before ten o'clock. It was on this occasion that she and VAN METER had the fuss heretofore described.

On Monday night, April 2, 1934, VAN METER likewise came to her apartment and stated that he, VAN, was trying to make arrangements so that the whole gang could leave town. At that time VAN METER requested EDDIE to make arrangements to have the apartment on Marshall Avenue, originally rented by EDDIE and subsequently occupied by VAN METER, cleaned out. EDDIE asked him if there was anything in the apartment which could get anyone in trouble. VAN METER stated that there was nothing there but clothing and perhaps some silver dollars, but there was definitely nothing that could get anyone in bed. The next morning, April 3, 1934, in accordance with the request of VAN METER, made the night before, she and EDDIE got in their Terraplane automobile and proceeded to the home of LEONIA GOODMAN at 778 Bond Street in St. Paul. They both went in to LEONIA GOODMAN'S house and there found that LEONIA was ill. EDDIE GREEN explained that he desired LEONIA to go to the apartment on Marshall Avenue and there pick up what could be found, and that included among the things which would be found were dirty clothing, a top coat, and some silver which could be found in a suitcase, and LEONIA was informed that she could keep \$10.00 of this silver money for herself for her services. She stated that soon afterwards LEONIA'S sister, LUCY, came, and she and EDDIE departed with the understanding that they would call back later that day to obtain the clothing of VAN METER.

Further concerning the BREMER kidnaping case, BESSIE stated that Christmas, 1933, FRED BARKER was "at cuts" with DOC BARKER. FRED and his mother departed from the Twin Cities and went to Chicago and remained in Chicago through Christmas, while DOC remained in the Twin Cities. On Christmas day "the mob" had dinner with HARRY SAUTER out at SAUTER'S farm. Included among those present were DOC BARKER, BILL WEAVER, MYRTLE EATON, PAULA HARMON, VOLNEY DAVIS, and his girl GRACE. GRACE was described as a platinum blonde who was short and husky, who had been DAVIS' sweetheart for a long time. EDDIE GREEN had stated that VOLNEY DAVIS and GRACE had occupied an apartment on the corner of Lexington Avenue and Cecelia Street for some time.

Concerning the actual kidnaping of BREMER, BESSIE SKINNER stated that from rumors she had heard she would not be surprised if HARRY SAWYER had not planned this matter. However, FRED BARKER and RAY KARPIS were the brains in making the actual snatch; that she also is of the opinion that DOC BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL, the latter whom she has never seen, as well as BILL WEAVER, were in on this actual kidnaping and holding of BREMER. She claimed that BILL WEAVER was from the South, perhaps Arkansas, from the Ozark Mountain region; that he was slow, easy going, has light blue eyes, fair complexion, not much hair, has a high forehead, and weighs nearly 200 pounds. It was judged from her description that his height would be five feet, eleven inches, or taller; that his hair is a light brown, and he has been around the Twin Cities quite a bit. His girl friend is MYRTLE SATON, who for a number of years has had an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue in St. Paul. She stated that MYRTLE disliked BILL very much, but that BILL would on occasions kidnap her or force her to accompany him on trips at the point of a gun. She stated that he had even held her up in her bathroom at the point of a gun and had wrapped her in clothing and carried her away, and she believes that MYRTLE SATON would welcome BILL WEAVER'S apprehension because she is desperately in fear of him.

On April 12, 1934, during an interview with BESSIE SKINNER, she advised that VOLNEY DAVIS and BILL WEAVER had stopped at the apartment occupied by herself and EDDIE GREEN on one night, and that she was better acquainted with both of them than she had previously admitted. She stated that HARRY CAMPBELL has never been seen by her, although she does know HARRY'S girl, who is a Cherokee Indian girl about 18 or 19 years of age and her name is WINONA or NAOMI, or some similar name. She has straight black hair, which she does not believe is bobbed.

She stated that FRED BARKER'S girl was PAULA HANSON, who was funny looking, her face being somewhat flattened. She is rather dark, has a long bob, dark brown hair; age, 25 to 28; rather small, weighing less than 100 pounds, and wears a size 12 dress. She has been "with" FRED since last summer. She claims that she has never seen DOC BARKER with a girl, although she understands that DOC'S girl is the daughter of a banker in Reno, Nevada, and this girl is a widow.

BESSIE SKINNER stated that RAY KARPIS' girl is in Chicago. Her name is DOLORIS. She is about 18 years of age, and is "a poor, dumb little thing". She is further described as: Complexion - light; hair - light brown; eyes - brown; a long bob; real tiny; uses quite a bit of makeup. BESSIE saw her in Chicago in the Spring of 1932, and she is informed that KARPIS keeps this girl in Chicago at all times, where she maintains an apartment. She has never been to this apartment; does not know in which section of town it is

located, but on the occasion when she met DOLORES she and EDDIE accompanied KARTY and his girl to dinner; that they had dinner in Maywood, Illinois, and stated that after proceeding out Washington Boulevard, going North, they entered Maywood and turned to the left in Maywood on North Avenue, to a vicinity where there were several eating places; that during the summer time one of these places has arrangements for eating outside, and it was at this place where they had their meal. She stated that KARTY claimed that he had eaten there on several occasions.

Concerning BILL WEAVER, BESSIE stated that he would eventually be located in company with MYRTLE EATON. MYRTLE'S home is originally Des Moines, Iowa. Her sister-in-law, the wife of DOC EATON, runs a chicken joint or lunch stand, of some kind in Des Moines and has five girls working for her. None of the family like BILL, including MYRTLE.

BESSIE stated that KATE BARKER, the mother of FRED and DOC, was now in Chicago with her sisters from California, although she denied knowing anything at all about the place where they live.

She subsequently advised that last Spring KATE BARKER was domiciled in an apartment in Oak Park, Chicago, located on Holmes Avenue close to the "L". The apartment was in an old type building of a tan or green color. The apartment was rented furnished, and the particular apartment in which the BARKERS were located was on the third floor front. She stated that when leaving the apartment one turned to the left and went "under the tracks"; that it was close to where the theatres and stores were located.

BESSIE stated that she, in the Spring of 1932, lived with EDDIE GREEN in Chicago; that they proceeded from St. Paul to Chicago by automobile, and lived at 271 South Radzie Street.

She further observed that JOHN DILLINGER, according to VAN METER, was planning to get money together to do things with, and that probably he planned to get out of the United States.

With reference to the possible location of HARRY SAWYER, she stated that HARRY SAWYER knows of a place in Wisconsin, which is something in the nature of a hospital; that when the "heat" is on SAWYER usually gets sick and goes to this hospital, or sanitarium, just outside of Hudson or Taylor Falls, Wisconsin, she does not remember which, but believes it is near Hudson. This place has the appearance of a private residence and is privately owned. It is used quite a bit for mental cases, and SAWYER uses it not only as a place to cool off, but likewise as a place to sober up.

From the kidding which she had heard the boys give SAWYER she believed that some of the windows of this building had iron bars over them. She believed this would be for the purpose of keeping secure the insane patients who might go there.

Again referring to the BREMER kidnaping case, she stated that she was in Topeka, Kansas, when she read in the papers that BREMER had been kidnaped. There is an apartment building consisting of three wings, and the building is owned by Senator Capper, and the three wings are known as The Capper, The Jurtis, and The Senate Apartments. She and EDDIE occupied an apartment in The Senate wing for a period of about two weeks.

From information which EDDIE GREEN had picked up in conversation with the boys, the BARKER-KARPIS group had been in Reno, Nevada, prior to the latter part of November 1932. One of the BARKER boys is supposed to have lost quite a bit of money at The Bank Club in Reno. They drove from Reno to the Twin Cities by automobile, and enroute to the Twin Cities, while passing through the mountains, VOLNEY DAVIS' car turned over three times; his girl was injured, and when she arrived here her eyes were black, and she was also injured in the hip. It was about the latter part of November or the first of December when they returned here. The girls have told BECKIE from time to time that they spent most of their daylight hours in the Bank Club in Reno, and BECKIE describes them as women who drank heavily and liked the wild excitement of night life.

According to the rumors which came to her from EDDIE GREEN, the \$200,000 that was paid as a ransom for the return of MR. BREMER will not be available for the BARKER-KARPIS gang for a period of ninety days from the date they received it. This money, according to her understanding, was, of course, "hot". They had to turn it over to someone to exchange it for clean money. It is her understanding, based on comments made by EDDIE GREEN, that JACK PFRIFFER and HARRY SAWYER received this money from the gang and they are going to negotiate the exchange of the money for a cut in the total amount, and it is quite likely, in her opinion, that the GLENDANS will handle the transaction for them, but the exchange will probably not take place in St. Paul or Minneapolis as the towns are too small and the amount would excite comment. She thinks Chicago would be a much better bet than the Twin Cities, but she actually believes that the exchange will be made in New York. She claimed to have nothing to base this on except the talk of EDDIE GREEN. She stated that if the trail of this group could be picked up and it was found that they were pretty well in hiding and leading a quiet life, that it was quite likely that they were still about broke, because if they have money they spend it freely in gambling and night life.

Following the filing of a complaint charging BESSIE SKINNER, under the name of BETH GREEN, and EDDIE GREEN, with conspiracy to harbor and conceal JOHN DILLINGER, a fugitive from justice, BESSIE SKINNER was arraigned before the United States Commissioner and agreed to waive hearing. The Commissioner read the complaint to her and she interposed a statement that it was not quite right, because she had not talked with DILLINGER in his apartment at Lexington Avenue, and indicated that she did not see him there. However, on April 12, 1934, while questioning her about whether DILLINGER wore a bullet proof vest, she stated that DILLINGER wore a suit which was about half-way between blue and grey when he called at her apartment on Wednesday or Thursday before the shooting Saturday at Lexington Avenue, and that the next night, Thursday or Friday, when she was at DILLINGER'S apartment, she knows that he was not wearing a bullet proof vest because he was in his shirt sleeves.

With further regard to the BARKER-KARPIS crowd, she states that this crowd has, according to her information, rented a house at Grayslake, Illinois. They were living in this house some time during the years 1932 and 1933. She further stated that the BARKER-KARPIS outfit know, and have been associated at various times with DOC STAGGY (STACCHI) of Chicago, and JOE BEROYL of Cicero, Illinois.

With regard to the Reno, Nevada, situation she says that this outfit is closely associated with the political boss there, who arranges for their accommodations upon their arrival at Reno.

VOLNEY DAVIS, she states, in the latter part of 1933, either moved his two sisters to a farm which he had purchased in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, or he had been living in Sapulpa and moved his two sisters to some other place.

EDDIE GREEN at the hospital before his death, advised that BESSIE had approximately \$9,000 in two safety deposit boxes. BESSIE GREEN gave a written order to the Midway National Bank and the Liberty State Bank for Special Agents to make an examination of the contents of these boxes, and there is being reported the results of this examination, including the numbers of the bills found, which, when compared with ransom notes, failed to result in an identification of the money.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Attached is the record, fingerprints, and photograph of an individual which Mr. Schilder believes to be identical with [redacted] the informant at Chicago whom Mr. Hoover was inquiring about today. Mr. Schilder stated that the identification is not certain, as yet, that he has forwarded a copy of the fingerprints of the attached together with a copy of the photo to Mr. Purvis at Chicago, in order that Mr. Purvis may possibly effect an identification. See the attached copy of a note from Mr. Schilder to Mr. Purvis which explains the above.

In regard to the attached file, see Serial 485 which is marked. The individual mentioned therein as [redacted] is the same individual as the one whose fingerprints were forwarded to Mr. Purvis, as stated above, and is the same individual whose fingerprints are attached to this note.

Mr. Schilder asked that you be informed of the above and to be certain that I made it clear to you that until word was received from Mr. Purvis, the identification was not positive, but it was the closest Mr. Schilder could come to it from the information he had.

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Dear Mr. Purvis,

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Confirming our phone talk of this evening, I am enclosing a copy of the photo, fingerprints and record of the person known as [redacted] who may be the person concerning whom you have inquired. The description shows on the back of the card, the most recent in our files. Of course, we are not sure that this is the man in whom you are interested - but the description, New Jersey "wanted notice" and names check. Steps will be taken here tomorrow to determine why the New York office requested this record in the Miller case and you will be advised further then.

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Sincerely,

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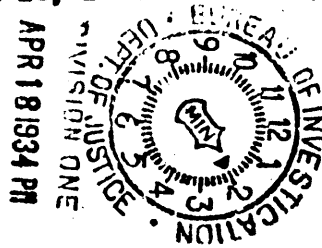
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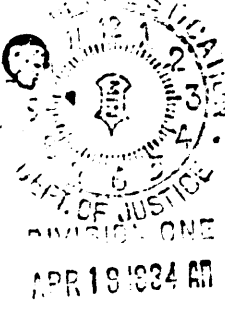
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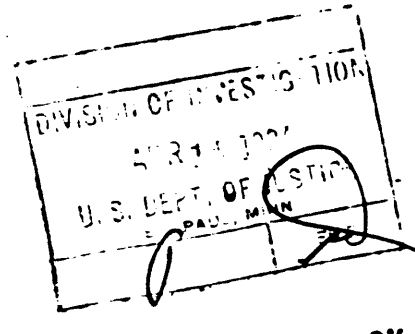
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Inspector in Charge
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Douglas, Arizona

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL
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Edward W. Bremer, Victim
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Dear Sir:

This Division is making every effort to effect the apprehension of a number of individuals who are wanted on connection with very serious Federal criminal violations. I am enclosing photographs and descriptions of these persons, and earnestly solicit your cooperation in this endeavor.

I have information to the effect that some of these persons are endeavoring to reach Mexico, and, of course, in view of this, there is a great possibility that some of them may endeavor to pass through your port.

It is, therefore, suggested that all of the members of your command be made familiar with these photographs and descriptions, and should any of these persons appear in your jurisdiction, or persons whom you suspect are identical, it is respectfully requested that they be detained and this office immediately notified by telephone collect. The telephone number of this office is MUTual 2201.

The usual excellent cooperation you have accorded this office in matters of this kind will be greatly appreciated.

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Edward George Bremer, Victim.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 package of yellow corn meal made by Quaker Oats Co.
1 ransom letter contained in package with the above.
Ransom letter begins "Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John
B. Brakeham) We now cancel previous instructions, etc".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: April 9, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: Examination by: C.A.Appel.

It is believed that the paper on which the letter is written is identical stationery with that used in the previous genuine extortion letters. The signature of E. G. Bremer is genuine but again shows that it was written under unusual conditions or else under agitation. It is possible that all of these signatures which show the nervous tendencies were written in automobiles. This particular paper is difficult to write upon with a pen which has a sharp point. The surface is not as smooth as some other papers.

The typewriting is identical with the previous genuine extortion letters in this case.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

3 - Director.
2 - Inspector Rorer.
2 - Laboratory.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1218,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

APR 20 1934

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 April 9, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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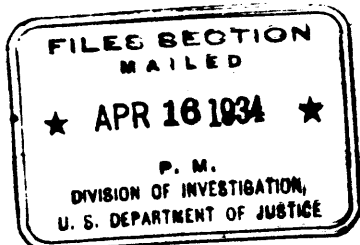
Mr. Thomas E. Dahill,
Chief of Police,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letters of April 6 and 9, 1934,
in connection with the latent fingerprints submitted by your office
as having been obtained at 93 South Lexington Avenue in your city.

The search of such of these latent fingerprints as could
be classified through the single fingerprint file maintained in the
Division which contains the finger impressions of reputed kidnapers
and extortionists as well as many known gangsters, has been completed
but no further identifications have been effected.

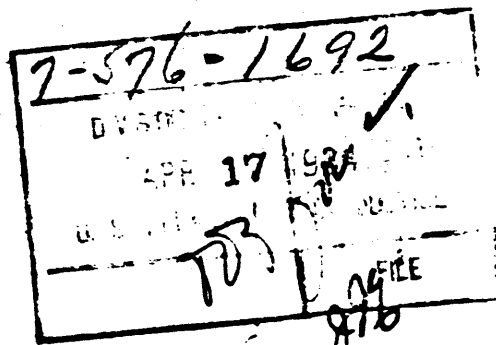
Very truly yours,



Director.

cc - Inspector Rorer - St. Paul.

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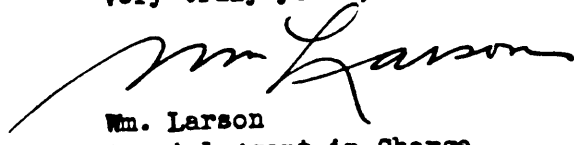
Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to Division communication dated April 13, 1934, please be advised that the photograph of one W. D. Pettijohn which was forwarded to this office by the Division March 13, 1934, was exhibited to the informant, [redacted] who advised that this photograph is identical with the Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent R. C. Chapman of this office, as reflected in my letter dated March 2, 1934, addressed to the Division. In this connection it will be noted that the W. D. Pettijohn whose photograph was forwarded from the Division is Identification Unit #222-725.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vss
cc Mr. Rorer - St. Paul

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*Be certain franked envelopes
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Identities not to be H. J. PEGG
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E. P. Coffey.

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_____ Mr. *Henry*

How can this
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E. P. Coffey.

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March 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 8, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information appearing in the identification files of the Division it would appear the individual described as W. D. Pettijohn was received on November 3, 1933, in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve a sentence of 5 years, convicted of issuing fraudulent checks. Copies of the criminal record of Pettijohn who is Division No. 222723, are attached herewith for all offices which receive copies of this letter. The Kansas City office should determine whether this individual is at present incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

A photograph is transmitted herewith to the Detroit office in order that it may be exhibited to the informer at Cleveland, Ohio, to determine if he is identical with Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent Chapman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with alias, Identification Order 1219; EDWARD GEORGE BALMER - Victim. Kidnaping.

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Further reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, containing information submitted in a memorandum to you by Special Agent R. C. Chapman to the effect that he recently came in contact with one [redacted]

[redacted] had advised Agent Chapman that an individual known to him as Wilbur Pettijohn appeared in Cleveland sometime during December, 1933, driving a dark colored Buick coupe with a cream colored stripe, which car bore New York license plates, numbers unknown.

Under date of March 13, 1934, the Division forwarded a photograph and criminal record of one Wilbur Pettijohn, Division #222725, and your letter of April 16, 1934, reflects that this photograph was exhibited to [redacted] who stated that it is identical with the Wilbur Pettijohn referred to in your letter of March 2, 1934.

Investigation by the Kansas City office, as reflected in the letter of that office dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Division, a copy of which letter was furnished your office, reflects that Wilbur Pettijohn, as W. D. Pettijohn, #43800, was received at the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on November 9, 1933, and is still incarcerated in that institution serving a sentence of five years for the crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks, and that he will be discharged from that institution on June 13, 1936.

From the above information the Division cannot reconcile the statement [redacted] saw Pettijohn on the streets of [redacted]

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Cleveland during December, 1933, with the fact that Pettijohn has been in Missouri State Penitentiary since November 3, 1933. In this connection you are instructed to have an Agent re-interview [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining the correct information with respect to the presence of Pettijohn in Cleveland. A photostatic copy of Pettijohn's photograph is transmitted herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #554619

cc Mr. W. A. Rorer
Kansas City

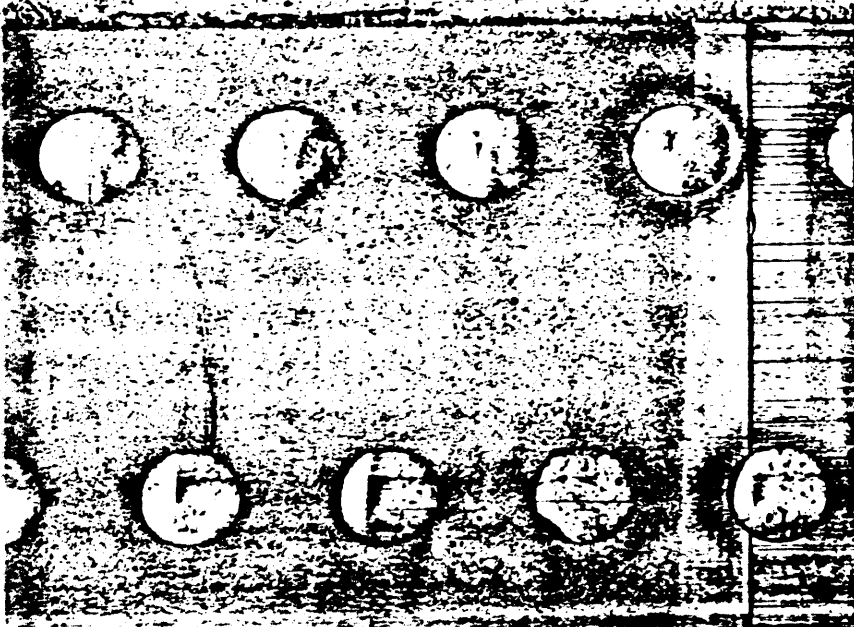
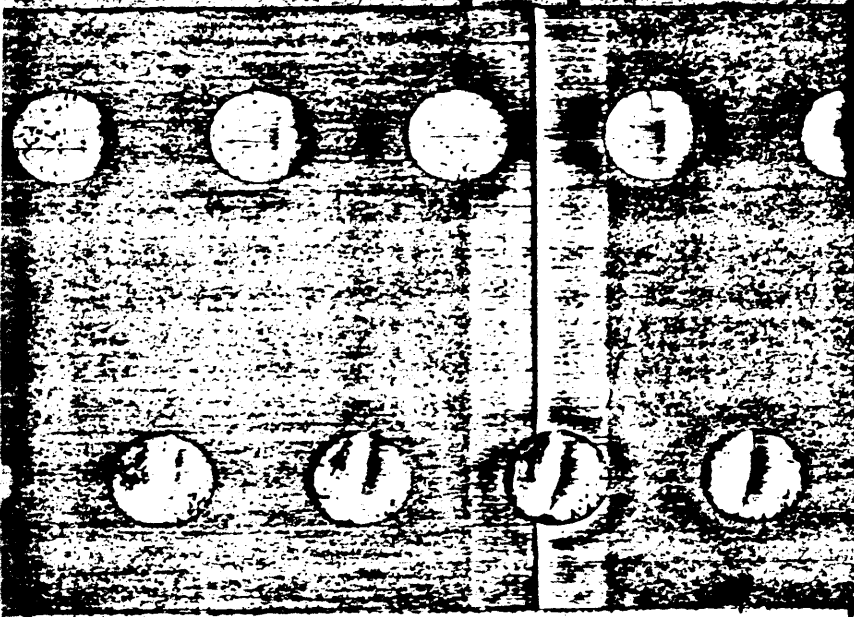
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H. H. CLEGG



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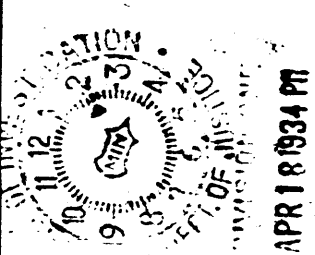
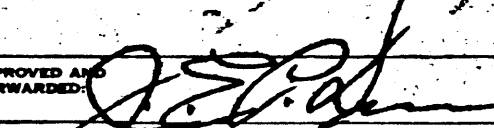
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-13-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/4,5,6,9,10/34	REPORT MADE BY: G. J. Endres ES
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Investigation at news stands in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, fail to disclose that subjects are receiving St. Paul papers. No record of any motor vehicle registrations in the State of Arizona. Wanted notices placed on various cars and on names and aliases of subjects. Hotels, apartment houses, and garages checked without results. Photographs of subjects distributed to local authorities and to hotels at Phoenix, Arizona.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from the St. Paul office dated March 23 and 26, 1934; and letter from the New York City office dated March 23, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT TUCSON, ARIZONA.</u></p> <p>Investigation at Rand's Smoke Shop reveals that St. Paul newspapers are not sold at this news stand. The clerk in charge advised that the former proprietor of the shop now operates the Post Office News and Cigar Store.</p> <p>R. E. McAfee, proprietor of the Post Office News and Cigar Store, advised that he formerly operated Rand's Smoke Shop, at which time he carried the St. Paul newspapers. This was about three years ago. He advised that at the present, news stands he does not handle the St. Paul newspapers, but only handles the Sunday Edition of the Minneapolis Journal. He received two copies a week and does not know the customers.</p>			
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Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to him, and he recognized none.

Rubie McGovney and Dorothy Abbott, clerks in the Broadway Cigar and News Store at 101 South Sixth Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, advised that this store has not handled St. Paul papers since about a year ago. This store handles the Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune. Only three copies are handled weekly and the customers are not recognized as members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The above two news stands are the only news stands in Tucson, Arizona, that might handle St. Paul papers.

Photographs of the suspects in the instant case were left with Mark L. Robbins, Identification Officer of the Police Department, and Maurice T. Guiney, Identification Officer of the Sheriff's Office. Both advised that they would make numerous copies of this photograph and would distribute same to police officers in the city and county.

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Agent interviewed E. M. Whitworth, Superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Division, who caused a search to be made for the various cars mentioned in the reference letter from the St. Paul office dated March 23, 1934. The search revealed that none of these cars at present are registered in the state of Arizona. A wanted notice was placed with the Division of Motor Vehicles for these automobiles and wanted notice was also posted for the subjects with their various aliases.

Ferdinand Boss, proprietor of the news stand at First Avenue and Monroe Street, advised that he does not handle the St. Paul Daily or Sunday papers and at the present is receiving only one copy, daily and Sunday, of the Minneapolis Journal, which copy is received by a winter visitor in Phoenix.

L. B. Jennings, Clerk in the San Carlos Hotel, searched the records of that hotel, and then advised that Ben Feingold occupied room 216 of that hotel from January 17 until March 7, 1933. A search of the local and long distance telephone records maintained by the hotel disclosed that Ben Feingold had no long distance telephone calls from the hotel during that period, and further disclosed that he had only three local telephone calls to business establishments.

Mr. Jennings recalled that Ben Feingold had stayed at the hotel during the above mentioned period, but that he had no frequent visitors and no apparent friends. He stated he believes that Ben Feingold was in Phoenix for his health. Mr. Jennings referred agent to two Jewish guests of the hotel who were residing at the hotel during the period in which Mr. Feingold was a guest. Both of these Jewish guests advised that they had had no contacts with Mr. Feingold and could not offer any information concerning his business or social activities. Mr. Feingold has not been a guest of the hotel since March 7, 1933, and left no forwarding address.

Agent contacted N. W. Matlock, Chief of Police, and J. J. McGrath, Chief of Detectives. Mr. Matlock ordered that numerous copies of the photograph of suspects be issued to detectives and members of the police department.

B. O. Smith, Identification Officer of the Sheriff's Office, was provided with a copy of the photograph and Chief Criminal Deputy Cal Boise advised that more copies would be made and distributed to deputy sheriffs.

Agent, together with City Detective Harry Diehl and H. V. Petersen, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, checked all the storage garages in Phoenix, Arizona, without success.

Check was also made and a photograph left at the five leading hotels in Phoenix, and a check was made at numerous apartment houses without successful results.

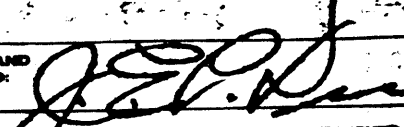
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/2 to 10/34	REPORT MADE BY: C. J. Endres ES
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, California, dated April 2, 1934.		
DETAILS:	<u>AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.</u>		
<p>The following mail was received by agent [redacted] at Phoenix, Arizona, on April 14, 1934:</p> <p>Division office:-</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] Box 485, Phoenix, Arizona, Otto H. Hoppe</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] The post office clerk noted that the envelope was addressed to be Master Greetings.)</p>			
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Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, March 27, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, in care of A. Karsik.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, in care of A. Karsik.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, in care of A. Karsik.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked Chicago, April 6, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, Chicago, Illinois. Further portion of return address not legible.

Lee M. Paschall, Manager of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that there was no telephone listed in the name of Murphy or any other name at 533 West Willetta Street, for the winter of 1931-32 or 1932-33. He further advised that there is no unlisted number for 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E.

Agent made various efforts to contact J. T. Murphy, Realtor, at 30 East Monroe Street, without success.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Phoenix, Arizona, will report further results of mail cover placed at Post Office Box 485, Phoenix, Arizona, and will also make further attempt to interview J. T. Murphy and ascertain from him any knowledge he may have of the activities of M. J. Murphy.

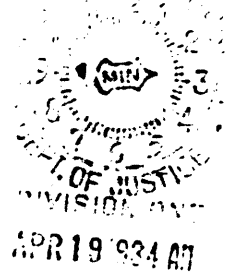
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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Ave.,

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.C. No. 1218, et al, Kidnaping (Edward George Bremer, Victim) and to my letter of April 2, 1934 and March 26, 1934, as well as to Division letter of March 28, 1934 concerning my conference with [redacted] today called at this office and informed me that [redacted] had just returned from Dannemora Prison where [redacted] had conferred with Leon Kraemer. [redacted] related that as a result of talking over the proposition of having Mr. Nathan interview Kraemer under cover, he decided that it would be better to have Mr. Nathan visit Dannemora as a representative of this Division in connection with a possible deportation proceedings inasmuch as Kraemer is not a citizen of the United States. He suggested further that several other prisoners be interviewed for the same purpose at that time - possibly two prisoners before him and one or two after his interview so as not to arouse any unusual suspicion.

[redacted] related that [redacted] was unable to talk freely because of the fact that a guard was sitting very close to them. [redacted] stated that Kraemer has some very important information which he wants to disclose to Mr. Nathan and [redacted] desires that Kraemer be interviewed at the earliest possible date. No mention was made [redacted] of accompanying Mr. Nathan to Dannemora as heretofore suggested and I inferred that it would be perfectly agreeable to have Mr. Nathan conduct his interview with Mr. Kraemer alone as [redacted] told me that Mr. Kraemer has a description of Mr. Nathan and would know if anyone were being substituted for him. I, of course, told [redacted] that we were not accustomed to function in that manner and that unless [redacted] were advised to the contrary, no one from this Division other than Mr. Nathan would interview [redacted] at Dannemora.

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Director,
Washington, D.C.

April 17, 1934

I shall await further instructions from the Division.

Very truly yours,

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

FXF:VC
cc: Insp. Rorer,
St. Paul

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Chicago FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-16-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-4-34	REPORT MADE BY: A.E. SHERREY 78
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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
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lightmaster pocket lantern involved in this case not carried in stock by Sears Roebuck and Company store at West Allis, Wisconsin. J.F. Lantz, Manager, and other employees, examined photographs of Lightmaster pocket lantern and of suspects in this case, and state they have not sold pocket lanterns or flash lights to these suspects, or to any persons of a suspicious character.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.B. Nathan, New York City, dated 2-16-34.

DETAILS: Mr. J.F. Lantz, Manager of Sears Roebuck & Company retail store located at 7235 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin, examined the photograph of the Lightmaster pocket lantern involved in this case, and referred to catalog No. 20D1781 for a full description of the light in question. He advised that the store does not carry this particular pocket lantern, and never has during the 2 1/2 years the store has been open; that they do carry in stock the 2 cell Lightmaster Senior lantern, which is catalog No. 20E1782. Mr. Lantz advised that only a few of the 2 cell lanterns had been sold since the first of this year.

Mr. Lantz examined carefully the photographs of Mrs. Catherine Barker, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell, and stated that he did not recall ever

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having sold a pocket lantern or light of any description to any of these parties. He also stated that he did not recall any sales made to persons of suspicious character, or to any person he knew or thought to be connected with gangsters or the criminal element.

The photographs were also exhibited to H.P.Zastrow, H.A.Sommers and A.E.LeClaire, who constitute the entire sales force of the store. These parties could not identify the photographs as being those of persons whom they had seen in the store or to whom they had sold pocket lanterns, or lights of any description. These parties also stated that they do not recall having made sales of lights to any persons of a suspicious character, or who might be connected with the underworld element.

Mr. Lantz advised that the store did not equip any flash lights or lanterns with red lens, and no one had ordered lights to be provided with red lens.

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DIVISION OFFICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with alias, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with alias, I.O. #1219, ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to letter emanating from this office to your office under date of April 12, 1934 relative to information received from Salem, Arkansas and Teyer, Missouri.

Please be advised that I am now in receipt of a letter from Sheriff J. C. Lindley, Sheriff of Oregon County, Missouri wherein he advises that the Chevrolet car which is mentioned in the fourth and fifth paragraphs of my previous letter was a 1934 model four-door, black in color with red wheels, motor #4094660, Serial #3-DA02-3351.

Very truly yours,

L. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
cc - File 7-37
cc - File 62-760

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 16, 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.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent A. E. Gere, dated April 8, 1934, Salt Lake City, bottom paragraph on page 2, wherein the parenthetical statement is made that Volney Davis is described as being 41 years of age. For your information, Volney Davis is described as being 31 years of age. A description follows:

Name:	VOLNEY DAVIS
Age:	31 years
Height:	5 feet 8-3/4 inches
Weight:	123 pounds (1925)
Build:	slender
Hair:	Light chestnut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Occupation:	Printer
Nationality:	American
Police number:	12808, State Penitentiary McAllester, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

WAR:EM
CC Division; Los Angeles;
San Francisco; Dallas; Detroit;
Cincinnati; New York; Kansas City;
San Antonio; Portland; Oklahoma City

W. A. RORER,
Inspector

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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April 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 236,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent William R. Ramsey, San Francisco, dated April 4, 1934, in which it is noted that the State Agricultural Border Quarantine Stations are cooperating in connection with search for instant suspects.

A letter has been recently received at this office from Earle M. Swift, Supervising Quarantine Officer, State of California, Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, California, in which he has furnished this office with a list of border quarantine stations in the State of California. Photographs have been forwarded by this office to all of these stations within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Division Office.

For any value it may be to you, Mr. Swift indicated the following quarantine stations in the Los Angeles district:

Blythe Station

H. C. Grawinger,
Senior Quarantine Inspector,
Blythe, California.

Station located 4 miles east of
city of Blythe, Riverside Co.,
California.

Fort Yuma Station

W. R. Quick
Senior Quarantine Inspector,
Yuma, Arizona.

Station located on the California
side of the Colorado river in
Imperial Co., opposite city of
Yuma, Arizona.

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Yermo Station

B. J. Gabbart
Senior Quarantine Inspector
Yermo, California,

Located 2 1/2 miles east of town of
Yermo, San Bernardino Co., California.

Daggett Station

F.D. Storms
Senior Quarantine Inspector
Daggett, California

Located at Daggett, San Bernardino
County, California.

Very truly yours,

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

✓ c.c. Division

518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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April 18, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

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DIVISION ONE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your telegram of the 15th and to
my telegram of today:

State motor vehicle records reflect California 1934
license No. 6-C-189, was issued Feb. 1st to Mrs. L. B. Decker,
Felton, California, for Ford Coupe, 1925 model, motor No. 1208064.

Through Sheriff A. T. Dresser, Santa Cruz, California,
it has been ascertained that Mrs. Decker is an elderly lady, who
lives with her daughter, Mrs. Hollenbeck, at Felton, California;
that the family are old residents of good reputation.

Sheriff Dresser also advises that Mrs. Decker gave this
car to her son, William Mumfort, Winton, California, who is supposed
to have the car in his possession. As Winton is in the Los Angeles
district, I wired full information to that office, requesting they
check the car, also Mumfort, and wire developed information to you.

Very truly yours,

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

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER

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Los Angeles, Calif. April 16, 1934

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Inspector Clegg
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minn.

0 BREKID REFERENCE YOUR WIRE EVEN DATE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE RELATIVE CAR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX C ONE EIGHT NINE STOP SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES THAT LICENSE ISSUED TO MRS L B DECKER OF FELTON CALIFORNIA FOR NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE MOTOR TWELVE NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT SIX FOUR AND THAT SHE IN FEBRUARY GAVE CAR TO SON WILLIAM MUNFORD RESIDING WINTON CALIFORNIA STOP AM ADVISED BY SHERIFF AT MERCED THAT HIS DEPUTIES HAVE PERSONALLY CHECKED AT WINTON AND FIND NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE AS DESCRIBED NOW THERE WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LICENSE PLATES SAID CAR AND PLATES HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY IN POSSESSION OF LABEL MUNFORD DAUGHTER OF ORIGINAL REGISTRANT SINCE FEBRUARY LAST

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San Francisco, California.
April 16, 1934.



J.E.P. DURN
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA.

URGENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM CLEGG ST. PAUL QUOTE BREKID FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS SAID TO BE IDENTIFIED TOPEKA KANSAS LAST NIGHT HEADING EAST IN GRAHAM SEDAN DARK GREEN OR DARK BLUE HEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX DASH C DASH ONE EIGHT NINE VERIFY REGISTRATION ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTIONS AND ADVISE IMMEDIATELY UNQUOTE LICENSE SIX C DASH ONE EIGHT NINE ISSUED TO MRS. L. B. DECKER FELTON CALIFORNIA FOR NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE MOTOR ONE TWO NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT SIX FOUR WHO FEBRUARY LAST GAVE CAR TO HER SON WILLIAM MUNFORD WINTON CALIFORNIA STOP CHECK CAR MUNFORD WIRE CLEGG.

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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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0 BREKID SEND COPY REPORT AGENT BILLINGS DATED MARCH THIRTEENTH

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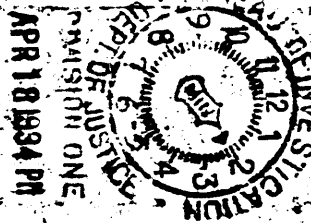
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
April 16, 1934



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

Dear Sir:-

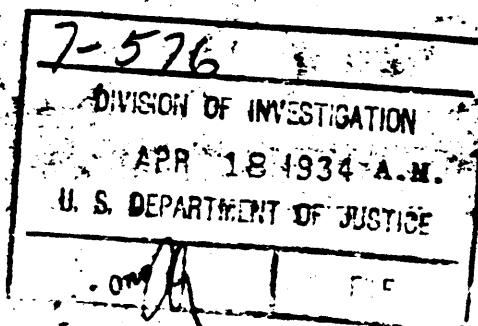
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING.

In keeping with request contained in
telegram of even date from your office, I am en-
closing herewith a copy of the report of Special
Agent T. E. Billings, dated March 13, 1934, at
Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the above
entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge



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Des Moines, Ia.
April 16, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, et al
Edward G. Bremer - victim
Kidnaping, K.C. 27-57

Dear Sir:

Referring to our telephone conversation, Myrtle Eaton is the former wife of Clarence "Doc" Eaton, former lifer at the Minnesota State Penitentiary. "Doc" Eaton is reliably reported as operating a night club at Burlington, Wis. He is using the name of Hubbard, and his club is said to be almost directly across from the Police station.

Doc Eaton had a brother by the name of "Candy" Eaton, now dead, but his wife, Winnie Eaton is living here in Des Moines with a former associate of her husband, Chuck Conlin, at 2706 S.E. 6th Street. They have a confectionary store and cafe at 625 Grand Avenue and Winnie is reported to have money invested in a chicken shack known as the American Beauty Lunch, at SE 6th St. and Indianola Road. This place is operated for her by a woman known as Binnie Burns.

There is another brother Charles Eaton who resides on S.E. 14th Street, just north of Hartford St.

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Myrtle Eaton during the time Doc Eaton, her husband was in jail, was playing around with Andy Rothmeyer, a link Andy King, but since he has been out, Rothmeyer has been playing around with Daisy Reynolds, said to be the former wife of John Waters, alias Go-About-Riley. I was told today that Myrtle Eaton is now married to rather a nice chap in St. Paul who has a legitimate business there, when she comes to Des Moines she generally visits her sister Winnie Eaton, and it will not be hard to learn if she is in town.

Regarding Park Findley, he is at present at Hot Springs, Ark. recuperating. It was reported to me quite some time ago, that Findley was playing around with Myrtle Eaton, but I am inclined to believe that this was erroneous, and that the woman in question was Daisy Reynolds alleged former wife of Go-About-Riley. I do very little work with Findley's Bureau, so we have little to worry about here. Most of my work is with the Police Department, and Chief of Police Alber has assigned two or three men whom I can work with on nearly all matters. They make most of the night spots, and anything that comes to their attention is reported to me. Should I get a report that Myrtle Eaton is in town, I will "hold" her until you arrive.

Very truly yours,
O. C. Dewey.

cc - Division

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803 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
April 16, 1934.

APR 20 1934 AM
AIR MAIL
R.E. Vetterli,
General Delivery,
Reno, Nevada.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
ROY J. FRISCH - Victim.
KIDNAPING - 7-35.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - 7-37.

Dear Sir:

The following is a copy of a telegram received at this office at the opening of business on April 16th, 1934. This message was transmitted from Chicago, Illinois on the night of April 15th, 1934, via night letter form.

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SIX FOUR. FURVIS. *

I hesitated to transmit this information to you by telegraph or
telephone, fearing some possible leak. By forwarding this letter
to you via airmail, and depositing it in the local post office
prior to 10:30 AM today, I find that it will leave here at 11 AM
and will arrive at Reno, Nevada, early on the afternoon of April 16,
1934, which will afford sufficient time prior to the arrival of
these persons at Reno, Nevada, for you to set up any plan for
their further investigation as you deem necessary. From this
wire it would appear that some person, other than Taaffe, probably

intends to proceed to San Francisco since two tickets were validated for San Francisco, and only one trunk was checked to Reno. It may be that either Graham or McKay, or both, intend to proceed to San Francisco, and I respectfully suggest that you direct such lead to the San Francisco Division office as you deem necessary in this regard.

I telegraphed you today that an airmail letter was being forwarded to you at Reno, Nevada, today.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

P.S. Subsequent to writing this letter, a list of telephone calls made by J.C. McKay, W.J. Graham and John Taaffe, from New York City, was received. I submit this to you for consideration and study, and if you believe any of these telephone calls are worth of further investigation, I respectfully suggest that you submit instructions to the proper field offices. Please return this list as it is the only copy I have, and belongs to the file in the Alvin Karpis case.

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cc - Division
cc - St. Paul.

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

April 16, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith

These for your attention.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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April 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Fay called from New York City on the night of April 16, 1934 and advised that Walter Winchell had given him information to the effect that Basil Gallagher, also known as "Red Gallagher, a reporter on the Indianapolis Times, had just completed a book on the life of Dillinger. The book is right up to date, including Dillinger's raid on the Warsaw, Indiana Police Department. In a confidential note which Winchell received from Gallagher, along with the book, he advised that Dillinger gave \$45,000 to obtain the release of Pierpont, Mackey and Clark, and that he plans a series of raids on banks in and around St. Paul and in the middle west. He also plans to raid certain police arsenals in order to get bullet-proof vests, machine guns, etc. for the Barker-Karpis gang, which is mixed up in the Bremer case. Dillinger, according to the information plans to join Barker and Karpis. Winchell advised that Gallagher was formerly employed on the "old world" in New York and when the paper failed he went to Indianapolis and has been working for the Times since that time. Mr. Winchell was of the opinion that Gallagher probably had several confidential informants working for him in Indianapolis, who might have information concerning the whereabouts of Dillinger. Mr. Winchell suggested that a Division Agent contact Gallagher for any information he may have and suggested that Mr. Winchell's name be used in contacting Gallagher but that the information contained in the confidential note be not disclosed. Accordingly, I called Special Agent Bliss Morton at Indianapolis, in the absence of Mr. Connelley, and requested that he contact Gallagher for any information he might have.

Respectfully,

S. P. Conley

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 4, 1934

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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:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to your letter addressed to this office under date of March 15, 1934 wherein you request an interview with Wallace Bond at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, relative to information obtained by Mr. Bond from Jack Wilson, an inmate of the penitentiary, to the effect that Volney Davis was in St. Paul, Minnesota about two months ago. You also request that an effort be made to ascertain how Wilson knew that Davis was in St. Paul. Please be advised that Special Agent G. H. Franklin of the Oklahoma City Office interviewed Mr. Wallace Bond, Superintendent of Industrials, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and Mr. Bond advised that Jack Wilson is a clerk in his office, and that Wilson informed him, Bond, that one Frank Hadley, alias "Red" had received a telegram about three or four months ago from some attorney, and in this telegram Hadley was informed that Volney Davis was in St. Paul, Minnesota at that time, and that Davis was endeavoring to raise money to secure a parole for Hadley. Wilson reported that Hadley was a close friend of Davis. Hadley died at the penitentiary about two months ago.

In an effort to trace the telegram reported to have been received by Frank Hadley at the penitentiary, Special Agent Franklin interviewed Mr. Bumgardner, Manager of the Western Union office at McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Bumgardner searched his records as far back as the middle of January, 1934, but was unable to find any record of a telegram addressed to Hadley. Mr. Bumgardner advised that the Western Union office at McAlester did not begin to retain copies of incoming telegrams until about the middle of January, 1934. The records at the Postal Telegraph Company, McAlester, Oklahoma, were searched for a period of six months back, and no record was found there of a telegram addressed to Hadley.

Mr. Jess Dunn, Assistant Warden at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, advised Agent Franklin that if a telegram was received by Hadley at the prison, it would be placed on file in the prisoner's jacket. Mr. Dunn also advised that some of these files were destroyed the first of the year, that is, the files of deceased prisoners. Mr. Dunn is making an effort to determine whether or not the file of Hadley has been destroyed, and if not, he will forward to the Oklahoma City office all telegrams and other pertinent information contained in this file.

On March 29, 1934, Mr. Bond forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office a typewritten note handed to him by Jack Wilson, the prisoner. This note is as follows:

"Upon leaving the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, Volney Davis joined Doc and Freddy Barker, proceeding at once to Los Angeles, California. There they engaged in 2 gun battles with police operatives. This is the point where Volney Davis was lost track of, but a few months later, he effects the escape of Hina (last name unknown) from the Missouri State Penitentiary for women. This woman was known as the Kissing Bandit, convicted in Kansas City, Missouri for highway robbery and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for twenty five years. She is now at large and supposed to be in company with Volney Davis. This woman is a friend of another woman by the name of Doris (last name unknown) who lives, or lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, this latter woman once being the sweetheart of Frank Hadly, friend of Davis. These two women are supposed to be with the above mentioned men at this time. Volney Davis is known to have been in, or near the vicinity of Saint Paul, Minnesota for the past six months. He has contact with a lawyer at Leavenworth, Kansas. This lawyer's name can be ascertained from Dudley Lester, attorney at law at McAlester, Oklahoma, the latter having acted in a legal capacity for the former."

On April 2, 1934, Mr. Bond called at the Oklahoma City Office and informed me that his information is that Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc" Barker secured their paroles from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma through John T. Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas. Glynn is reported to have employed an attorney at McAlester named F. S. Lester. Mr. Bond has talked with Dudley Lester, the son of F. S. Lester, and in this manner, secured the above information concerning the connection of Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc"

Barker with Glyn. It is the opinion of Mr. Bond that Dudley Lester has considerable additional information relative to the connections of Glyn with Davis and "Doc" Barker. Mr. Bond suggested that no interview be had with Mr. F. S. Lester, as he is too talkative. However, he advised the son, Dudley Lester, would treat an interview with confidence and he is reliable.

The advisability of interviewing Jack Wilson was discussed with Mr. Bond, and he requested that this not be done, as an interview with Wilson might endanger his life. Mr. Bond does not know the source of Wilson's information except that Wilson has advised him that it comes from inside the penitentiary.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office in view of the information received that John T. Glyn of Leavenworth, Kansas is the contact man for Volney Davis and Arthur R. Barker. It is requested that the Kansas City Office endeavor to learn the manner in which Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker contacted Glyn.

It appears advisable to interview Dudley Lester at McAlester, Oklahoma, and appropriate steps are being taken at this time to conduct such an interview, and you will be advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓
Kansas City

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

April 15, 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, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

This office is in receipt of criminal record of Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott alias T. J. Nelson alias William Weaver which reflects that he was confined in the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on April 7, 1925, under the name Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, No. 14993, on a charge of murder; sentenced to life imprisonment.

Please ascertain the disposition of this matter, endeavoring to learn whether he was paroled or escaped. This man is a suspect in this case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Cc Division ✓

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U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 16, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, P.O. # 1218, #3341, I.M.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, alias GREEN, with other aliases, has advised that BILL WEAVER is definitely a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. She has described him as being from the South, perhaps Arkansas, from the Ozark Mountain region. He is slow and easy going, has unusually light blue eyes, a fair complexion, not much hair, has a high forehead, and weighs nearly 200 pounds, and it was judged from her description that his height would be 5 feet, 11 inches, or taller. His hair is light brown, and he has been around the Twin Cities quite a bit. The BARKER brothers are said to have brought BILL WEAVER from Arkansas to the Twin Cities section. His girl friend is said to be MYRTLE EATON, wife of DOC EATON.

MYRTLE EATON has for a number of years resided at Apartment 104 at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. BESSIE stated that MYRTLE disliked BILL WEAVER very much, but that BILL forced his attentions on her and would on occasions kidnap her or force MYRTLE to accompany him on trips, and she is of the opinion that MYRTLE EATON would secretly welcome BILL WEAVER'S apprehension because she is desperately in fear of him.

From a strictly confidential source it has been ascertained that MYRTLE EATON, as of January 27, 1934, received a letter from, "Your lovely niece, Letha Eaton", addressed to "Dear Aunt Mert", 2706 S. E. 6th Street, Des Moines, Iowa; that as of January 14, 1934 she received a letter addressed to "Dearest Aunt" from "Your nieces, (Rusty)", the letter being written from St. Josephs Academy, Des Moines, Iowa; that as of March 27, 1934, she received a letter from 805 Granger Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, addressed to "Dear Aunt Mert", and signed, "Your loving niece, Winnie Winkle". Winnie apparently has advised AUNT MYRTLE that BILL had said that MYRTLE had hurt her ankle "kinda bad"; also that "I thought I would write you so you would know Bill got hear O.K.", and there was some intimation that MYRTLE intended to take Betty Jean to St. Paul this summer and that

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Winnie and Letha could come up and see MYRTLE some time. She requested that MYRTLE give a kiss to ANDY, and also sent a number of crosses as kisses to MYRTLE and to BILL.

From the same strictly confidential source, it is indicated that on Easter Sunday a letter had been written to MYRTLE by "Sue". The letter is alleged to have born the postmark "Newport, Arkansas". An examination of the Postal Directory would indicate that this undoubtedly is Newport, Arkansas. The communication, according to information received, is addressed to "Dear Myrtle", and was in answer to a letter which MYRTLE had sent to SUE. The question was asked, "How is my boy. I would like to see him. Take care of him for me, please. It has been a year since I was there. Doesn't time fly?" SUE also requested MYRTLE to obtain for her three or four waitress uniforms, either tan or green, size 38 bust, and SUE stated, "I would like to sell my joint and put in a little clothing store if I get a chance. This is pretty hard on me in the summer, it is so hot". This might indicate that the joint which she was running required her to do some cooking, and as the town of Newport is supposed to be less than 5000 population, it is believed that SUE can be rather easily located, and she may, in fact, be the mother of BILL WEAVER. Discreet investigation should, of course, be conducted to this end.

There is attached to the copy of this communication prepared for the Kansas City office, a letter, apparently written from the Hotel Connor, Joplin, Missouri, dated Sunday, February 4, 1934, addressed to "Dear Myrtle", expressing his regret that he did not get to see MYRTLE and tell her goodbye before she left; that he was in Joplin Wednesday at noon and tried to get in touch with MYRTLE, but was informed that she was not registered and he could not locate her room. He advised that he saw DE-MOSS, or DR. MOSS, that afternoon at 4:00 P.M., and had learned that "all three of you had breakfast at 11:00 A.M." but MOSS said he didn't get to talk with MYRTLE. The letter is signed "Bert C. Angle", who likewise sent his regards to "Blondie". The original of this letter is being sent so that it may be compared with registrations at the Hotel Connor in Joplin, in order to identify, if possible, the individual writing to MYRTLE, as well as the members of the party who were in Joplin on that occasion. It is observed that this letter was apparently written just a few days before the release of MR. BREMER.

Another letter is alleged to have been written to MYRTLE EATON from St. Josephs Academy, Des Moines, Iowa, on January 4th, and is signed "Your niece, Helen". Another letter is alleged to have been received by MYRTLE EATON with the return address, "Winnie Eaton, 805 Granger Avenue,

Des Moines, Iowa". It appears that this girl Winnie, who signed some of her letters "Winnie Winkle," is in Grade 6-A at school.

Attached to the copy of this letter which is being sent to Special Agent O. C. Dewey at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, following an understanding with Special Agent in Charge Conroy, are certain kodak pictures of: "Grandma & Grandpa, Junior & Sparky", "Grandmother & Junior", "Aunt Cad & Uncle Tom, Mrs. Woods sister", "Me & Johns brother Kenneth", and "Two Sports", which may be an aid in identifying the family of MYRTLE EATON.

Further information received from the same confidential source indicates that Winnie Winkle, Grade 6-A, likewise resides, or at times stops at, 805 Granger Avenue in Des Moines.

A younger sister of MYRTLE EATON, is, according to BESSIE GREEN, working in a millinery store in Des Moines, while a sister-in-law, the wife of MYRTLE EATON'S husband's brother, is operating a chicken shack or eating joint in Des Moines, where five girls are said to be employed. Certain other relatives are supposed to live on a farm outside of Des Moines.

In St. Paul it is understood that MR. CLARENCE EATON and MRS. MYRTLE EATON receive statements for professional services from DR. HENRY H. HALL, 636 Lowry Medical Arts Building in St. Paul; that MRS. MYRTLE EATON, as of February 1, 1934, had a balance due of \$156.00, while MR. CLARENCE EATON was indebted in an amount of \$10.75; also that MRS. CLARENCE EATON, as of April 1, 1934, was indebted to DR. HALL in the amount of \$56.90.

The personal effects of MYRTLE EATON, having an insurable value of \$3000.00, appear to be insured by the Cullen Insurance Agency, 912 Pioneer Building, St. Paul, and she appears likewise to be a customer of the Eastmann Kodak Stores Company, 91 East 6th Street, St. Paul, and her apartment rent of \$42.50 per month, or \$240.00 for six months, appears to be paid to the Lambert Investment Company, 36 South Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. I have been advised that a Standard Oil Company road map of the State of Minnesota for 1933 had listed on it the following numbers: 519-147 and 348-859, which may be automobile license tags. She receives from the Stillwater Penitentiary of Stillwater, Minnesota, copies of the Prison Mirror, and likewise has been known to receive the St. Anthony Monthly, published by St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clayton, Delaware. It is suggested that the Philadelphia office make appropriate inquiries to determine the occasion for forwarding this monthly magazine to MRS. MYRTLE EATON at 565 Portland Avenue, Apartment 104.

It is further understood that laundry has been received in a basket at MYRTLE EATON'S apartment, apparently the laundry having been done by some wash woman, in which there were included some men's shirts. One of them bore a laundry mark which appears to be "BG" or "DG", also laundry mark "75". This shirt is being transmitted to the Division for laboratory analysis to determine the exact laundry mark, which is illegible but which appears to be a printed "5" or "SC" or "G". Undeveloped lead should be sent out following the determination of this number or mark, in order to effect an identification of the individual to whom the shirt belonged, it being observed that laundry marks "DG" and "75" have been reported as having been found in apartments occupied by the BARKER-KARPIS mob in Reno and at other points in the Twin Cities.

Also attached to the copy of this letter being transmitted directly to Special Agent O. C. Dewey at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, is a large photograph of "Winnie Winkle", who has been referred to heretofore, and who is now in St. Joseph's Academy in Des Moines, this little girl having lived for a time with MYRTLE EATON in her apartment on Portland Avenue.

There is likewise attached to the copy of this letter to Special Agent Dewey, a photograph in a cardboard folder, bearing the name of Hege Studio, 411 Walnut Street, Des Moines. This photograph has been identified as that of ELSIE MCKINLEY, who is a friend of MYRTLE EATON, and who is now married and is residing in Des Moines. No reason is known why this friend should be embarrassed unless it becomes necessary to effect the location of MYRTLE EATON through this friend.

Special Agent in Charge Conroy, Kansas City, has advised by telephone today that MYRTLE EATON is very close to PARK FINDLAY, in charge of the State Police Organization of Iowa, and in view of the fact that it is desired that MYRTLE EATON be questioned under circumstances explained to Mr. Conroy by telephone, and without the knowledge of any police officials, this should be borne in mind, particularly in order to prevent interference with the questioning of this woman.

BESSIE GREEN has advised that MYRTLE EATON is about 33 years of age. She is not very tall, has black hair, which is bobbed short, and she weighed about 140 pounds when last seen.

The Kansas City Office will take steps to obtain full information concerning the registrations at the Hotel Connor in Joplin, Missouri, as reflected in the letter signed by HERT C. ANGLE.

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The Oklahoma City office will conduct very discreet investigations at Newport, Arkansas, from whence came a letter addressed to MYRTLE EATON by an individual by the name of "Sue", who appears to be running some sort of a joint, and from her discussion of the heat of the summer, it is likely that this is some sort of eating place in Newport, and it is likewise possible that the woman "Sue" is the mother or sister of WILLIAM WEAVER, who is now believed to be a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. This inquiry should be of a very discreet nature, and conducted so that it will not put the woman "Sue" on notice that any inquiries have been made concerning her. If she is ascertained to be a close friend of, or related to, WILLIAM WEAVER, this will, of course, afford an excellent subsequent contact through which WEAVER might eventually be located.

There is also attached hereto a photograph which it is believed is that of a niece of BILL WEAVER. The photograph bears the autographed inscription, "Love Dodo". The photograph was mounted in a folder on which appears the name Miller, evidently the photographer, and an effort has been made to erase the address of the photographer Miller; however, it is apparent that the first four letters are "West" and the last letter, probably of the State, is "O". I called at the office of two photographers in the City of St. Paul, and at the office of Wrights Studio I examined a list of members of an association of photographers and there found that there was a Millers Studio located at 5 Catron Arcade at West Plains, Missouri. It appears very likely that this photograph was taken at this studio. BESSIE SKINNER has identified the photograph as that of the niece of WILLIAM WEAVER, and this niece, together with a nephew 7 or 8 years of age, and another nephew 22 years of age, as well as their mother, whose name is probably "Sue", visited BILL WEAVER in St. Paul within the past year. Discreet inquiry should be made to determine the identity of the girl "Dodo", who, it is said by BESSIE GREEN, may have taught school in West Plains, Missouri, and she is known to be a school teacher. This may lead to the location of WILLIAM WEAVER. This matter should be handled discreetly but vigorously, and the photograph in question is attached to the copy of this letter covering the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,


H. H. Dewey
Inspector.

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(1 copy to each Division Office)
(1 copy to Sp. Agt. O.C. Dewey,
Kirkwood Hotel,
Des Moines, Iowa.)

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Number: 7-576-1700

Specimens: 1 blue shirt bearing trade mark, "Ide, Guaranteed Not To Shrink".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: April 19, 1934

Examination requested: Laboratory

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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Laundry mark →
Wash 14°C - 33

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Nothing found.

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

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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
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employees of Klumb's Pharmacy, Kummer's Pharmacy, Wehde Drugs, and Lefebber Department Store, Wauwautosa, Wisconsin, cannot identify photographs of suspects in this case as those of persons to whom they have sold Eatons Highland Linen stationery.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Ill., 3/15/34.

DETAILS: AT WAUWAUTOSA, WISCONSIN.

Agent interviewed Walter E. Kummer, of Kummer's Pharmacy, 6736 West Wells Street, relative to sales by his store of Eatons Highland Linen stationery, manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which is the kind of stationery used in the ransom notes in this case. Kummer advised that he had this paper in stock, also the size in question, in boxes showing stock #C706N, and the trade name, "Natalie White". Mr. Kummer, Kenneth Klumb, and Miss Helen Torgerson, who constitute the entire sales force of this store, examined the photographs of Mrs. Katherine Barker, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, and stated that they could not recall ever having made sales of stationery to any of these persons or to anyone resembling them. They also stated that they knew most of the persons in the neighborhood to whom they have sold stationery and had made no sales to persons of suspicious character, or to anyone whom they knew or thought to be connected with the gangster or criminal element.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1701	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 19 1934
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J. L. Klumb of Klumb's Pharmacy, #2 State Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, advised that he carried the stationery in question in stock under stock #C706N. Agent exhibited photographs of the suspects in this case to Klumb, D. J. Dunlap, Clarence Davidson, and William Potterton, who are all of the employees at Klumb's Pharmacy. They examined the photographs carefully and advised that they had not sold stationery to any of these persons, nor do they recall having sold stationery to any person of a suspicious character, or whom they knew to be connected with the criminal element. D. J. Dunlap and William Potterton stated that the photograph of Fred Barker resembled somewhat one George Oberle, who frequently comes to the store and who resides in Wauwatosa; that the mouth and chin were the features bearing a close resemblance but that the profile was different. D. J. Dunlap advised that George Oberle worked for Goebel and Oberle, who are in the heating and ventilating business at 1347 Alise Street, Wauwatosa, and that Messrs. Goebel and Oberle were persons of excellent character and reputation.

Agent exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker to Mr. J. P. Goebel, 67 Vine Street, Wauwatosa, who stated it did not resemble George Oberle, the brother of Peter Oberle, his partner, at all; that the hair, eyes and nose were different, and that in fact the whole general appearance of the face was entirely dissimilar. He also stated that George Oberle was in his shop every day and had not been away from town during the past two years and was a person of excellent character and reputation.

Agent also exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker to Peter Oberle, 66 Vine Street, who stated that it was not the photograph of his brother.

A. C. Wehde of Wehde Drugs, 7623 State Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, who has the only Wehde Drug Store in Wauwatosa, the street number 7623 being the changed number of #1 State Street, examined his stock and advised that he has never carried Eatons Highland Linen of the size involved in this case. He does carry Eatons Highland Linen, stock #F691N, which is a larger size.

Photographs of the suspects were exhibited to A. C. Wehde, E. A. Wehde, and J. R. Prown, who are the only employees of this store. After carefully studying the photographs they advised that they did not recall ever having sold stationery to any of these persons or to any suspicious characters during the past eight or nine months.

Abraham Lefeber, of Lefeber Brothers Department Store, 205 North Main Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, advised that he carried

Eaton's Highland Linen stationery of the size involved in stock #C706N; that he sold very little stationery and most of his sales were made to ladies in the neighborhood known to employees of the department store. Abraham Lefebvre advised that he, Susan Schneider, and P. W. Brinkman were the only employees who would have occasion to sell stationery. Photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to these persons who could not identify them as being persons to whom they had sold any stationery. They stated that they did not recall having sold stationery to any person of a suspicious character or whom they had reason to believe were connected with the underworld element.

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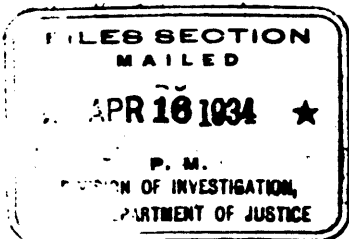
April 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Clegg advised that Bill Weaver, the man from the Ozark Mountains with the Southern accent, is undoubtedly a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. It has been ascertained that his girl friend is one Myrtle Eton, who is the wife of Doc Eton, a notorious convict. Myrtle Eton has no affection for Weaver, he having forced his attentions upon her. Mr. Clegg stated that in looking the place over yesterday, he found a shirt which contains the same laundry mark found in Reno, B.G. - 75. This undoubtedly connects him with the mob. Myrtle's apartment has been vacant since the shooting. Mr. Clegg stated that the names and addresses of a number of her relatives have been ascertained. Her father and mother, two sisters and a sister-in-law live in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Clegg stated that their plan, if approved, is to locate Myrtle Eton, "kidnap" her, and remove her to Kansas City, this city being chosen since it is in the same territory; that if she were left in Des Moines, her friends and relatives could obtain counsel, and in St. Paul her political and underworld connections would probably secure an attorney for her. It is believed that information as to the Barker-Karpis gang might be gained from her. I approved the above plan, and told Mr. Clegg it would also be all right to secure the cooperation of Sheriff Bash at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Edward L. Fineman

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April 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In compliance with your request I talked to Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and asked the number of men working on the Bremer kidnaping case, the Dillinger case and those regularly assigned to Mr. Hanni for general assignment. Mr. Clegg stated that Special Agent Hardy was at the present time under subpoena at Fargo, North Dakota, and was also working on general assignment; that Special Agent Noonan was under subpoena at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was working on general assignment; that Special Agent J. V. Anderson was under subpoena to appear at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, tomorrow and would be working on general assignment; that Agents Brennan, Coulter, Dodd, Dowd, Fortenberry, Gross, O. G. Hall, Melvin, Halls, Nicholson, Notesteen, M. E. Peterson and Costello were working under his general supervision on the Bremer and Dillinger cases. Mr. Clegg stated that the two cases could not be separated; that two safety deposit boxes were located which contained large sums of money of the woman they are holding in the office, that is, the woman who was arrested at the time Green was shot; that the numbers of this money were being recorded and compared with the numbers on kidnaping ransom bills; that it might be stated that part of the work was being done on the Bremer case, though the lead arose from the Dillinger case. He stated that six men were practically on guard duty; that a man had to be with Green all the time, a man with the two colored women and a man with the woman in the St. Paul office; that he had not given the question any consideration as to how many men Mr. Hanni should have assigned to his constantly for general assignment nor how many men should be assigned to the Bremer kidnaping case; that he had devoted his entire attention to the Dillinger case and that everybody in the St. Paul office had been working on this case, including Mr. Hanni; that the understanding now at St. Paul is that Mr. Hanni should be available as well as all the Agents, for assignment to the Dillinger and Bremer cases when anything of importance develops; that Mr. Hanni is to report to Mr. Clegg any requests made by the Division or pending cases which require immediate attention and that he has afforded men for such purposes; that there really are no men specifically assigned to either general assignment under Mr. Hanni, the Bremer or the Dillinger case.

Mr. Clegg stated that he wanted to advise that the Judge at St. Paul had certainly cooperated 100% with the Division; that the

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was taken before him today on a writ of habeas corpus; that the Judge pointed the attorneys out to her and asked if she knew them; that she stated "no"; that he asked her if she wanted their services and she said "no" whereupon he dismissed court, after making some uncomplimentary remarks concerning the attorneys.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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P.O. Box 818,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 18, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN COLLIER, with aliases,
I.O. # 1217, et al.
H.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Supplementing my letter of April 12, 1934, the following information was secured from BESSIE GREEN on April 15th and 16th.

The correct name of VOLNEY DAVIS' sweetheart is EDNA MURRAY. She is from Oklahoma, and she has a child living either at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, or close to Sapulpa, with some relatives. The child in question is a boy about 16 or 17 years of age, and his first name is PRESTON. VOLNEY DAVIS' sweetheart has a large mouth, with much gold showing in the lower teeth. BESSIE GREEN says that, "She is small through the year of 1933 attending the World's Fair, at which time they were accompanied by a man thought to be named O'LAUGHLIN."

With further reference to the location of MRS. KATE BARKER, BESSIE stated that her apartment in Chicago was close to Washington Boulevard at Park. She did not believe it was more than two blocks away fromington Boulevard.

She stated that VOLNEY DAVIS' mother, father, and two brothers live in the vicinity of Sapulpa.

In regard to MYRTLE MATCH, BESSIE stated that a younger brother of MYRTLE'S works in a wholesale millinery establishment in Des Moines, Iowa. The family name of MYRTLE MATCH is HUBBARD. Her father is now living with his daughter, who is the millinery assistant responsible for her home.

The sweetheart of BOB BARKER is at the present time endeavoring to secure a divorce. She is also working.

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PAUL HANSON is addicted to golf. All of the sweethearts of the BARKER-KARPIS gang drink considerably and like the usual modern night life average diversions.

BESSIE states that the BARKER-KARPIS crowd have connections in Kansas City. She recalls them referring to TONY'S PLACE at 12th and Main Street in Kansas City, and she states that the BARKERS were very close friends of JOHNNY LAZIE. She also advised that TONY'S place was a contact place in Kansas City, serving a similar purpose to that of LOUIE'S place North of Chicago. She states that the BARKER-KARPIS crowd have a close connection with somebody at Leavenworth, Kansas, who is known as the "fixer" there, but she was unable to give further details as to this Leavenworth person's identity. She stated that WERBERT and ESTHER FARMER of Joplin, Missouri, prominently figuring in the Kansas City massacre, are not only well known to the BARKERS, but a couple of years ago visited The Alamo, operated by BESSIE at that time, with SAWYER. She states that SAWYER'S wife is a heavy drinker and SAWYER also indulges.

BESSIE stated that HARRY SAWYER'S real name was SANVOLICH (phonetic spelling) and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska. SAWYER has one brother who is a butcher and another in the automobile sales business. One brother's name is SAM, while another brother is named RAY, and the latter's wife's first name is MARGARET, although she does not know which of these individuals is in the car business and which in the auto business. His mother likewise lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as a sister by the name of BESSIE. SAWYER'S father died at Lincoln seven or eight years ago. MRS. SAWYER has a sister who worked at a business college six or seven years ago, and included in her duties were shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping, and she is supposed to be present time somewhere in California.

With further reference to JOHN DILLINGER, she advised that the automobile which was discovered in their possession at Tucson, Arizona, had been purchased at St. Louis, Missouri, at the Automobile Show, according to their information, and that at the time of its purchase it was a light cream or tan color, and was painted dark; that is, either blue or black.

BESSIE stated that HARRY SAWYER at one time operated an automobile repair place and garage in St. Paul with a young man who was practically forced out of the business; that working in this garage was a mechanic whose first name was EDDIE; that after the dissolution of the partnership between SAWYER and the other partner, FRED BARKER purchased a garage in St. Paul, and this boy EDDIE was now operating this garage for FRED BARKER. She stated that she had passed by this garage, and she gave directions to get to it: Cross the Robert Street Bridge in St. Paul, turn to the left, and go

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up the hill six or eight blocks. There will be a frame garage, which is painted grey and is trimmed in green. Next door to this garage is a gasoline station, which she believes is a Standard Oil Station. This oil station she thinks is on the corner. The garage operated by SAWYER in which EDDIE worked as a mechanic previously, was located on Fourth Street in St. Paul.

HESSIE stated that from the discussions which she had heard relative to DILLINGER'S plans, he proposed to get together money and equipment sufficient to enable him to set free the member of his gang who was recently sentenced to serve a life term, although she claimed she had not heard of any plans to liberate those who have been given the death penalty.

HESSIE GREEN, alias HESSIE SKINNER, and other aliases, advised that on the day of the shooting at 85-85 South Lexington Avenue in St. Paul, when DILLINGER made his escape under a barrage of machine gun fire, DILLINGER had been shot in the leg, and she claims that the bullet did not strike the bone nor did it go through the muscular part of the leg, but merely was a surface flesh wound a few inches above the left knee. The bullet did not stop in his leg.

She stated that EDDIE GREEN left with BILLIE FRECHETTE, as heretofore described, when BILLIE called at her apartment a few minutes after the shooting; that she understands that EDDIE GREEN went with BILLIE FRECHETTE and JOHN DILLINGER and made a contact with DR. CLAYTON E. MAY, and DR. MAY caused DILLINGER to be placed in a flat located in the building at 1855 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that DR. MAY is supposed to have treated DILLINGER at this place during the day, Saturday; that later that night it was desired that DILLINGER receive additional medical treatment, and there had been some difficulty involved in handling DR. MAY'S automobile, as the room left in the garage to the rear of the house was not sufficient to entirely conceal this automobile. Therefore, HESSIE stated that she proceeded to DR. MAY'S office, located in the Masonic Temple Building, 7th floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and she accompanied DR. MAY in the latter's Chevrolet automobile to 1855 Park Avenue. It was found that there was another garage available in the rear of the house, and DR. MAY'S automobile was placed in this garage. She went into the flat with DR. MAY and when she got in the flat she found that JOHN DILLINGER was on a small bed in a small room at the rear of the flat. He did not have his leg strapped up in any sort of harness, but was lying flat on the bed, and in this same apartment was DR. CLAYTON E. MAY, BILLIE FRECHETTE, EDWARD GREEN alias EUGENE GREEN, and HESSIE SKINNER, alias HESSIE GREEN. She stated that it was obvious that all of those present knew that JOHN DILLINGER was there; and that in addition to those whom she mentioned there was a woman who she understands is in charge of this flat, although she does not know the woman's name.

This woman was described as being middle aged, probably 45 years of age, rather small, and of dark complexion. She states that she can identify this woman if she is able to see her again. It is her understanding that this flat is one used by DR. MAY to perform illegal operations, such as the one performed on DILLINGER, as well as abortions, and that the middle aged woman above mentioned maintains this flat in a capacity similar to caretaker. She stated that she believed that JOHN DILLINGER remained in this flat from the time of the first treatment, after the shooting on March 31st, until the afternoon when EDDIE GREEN was shot, which was Tuesday afternoon, April 2, 1934.

This flat, BESSIE stated, was the flat on the first floor to the left after entering from the front. The flat was located in a brick, tan or yellow colored, building. This was subsequently verified and the apartment was raided after warrant of arrest for JANE DOE, the occupant, had been obtained, and although the apartment was vacant, and apparently had been vacated for several days, a report as to the findings in this apartment will be separately made.

She feels quite certain that DILLINGER left town Tuesday afternoon, April 2nd, or that night, because from discussions with EDDIE GREEN she understood that JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, and perhaps other members of the mob, excepting EDDIE GREEN, were planning to leave St. Paul that night, and she feels certain that after the shooting he would have carried out this intention perhaps more expeditiously than heretofore intended, and that the plans were that the machine gun equipment which was being collected by EDDIE GREEN were undoubtedly for the purpose of equipping DILLINGER and his mob with such fire-arms.

Observing that she had previously indicated that WILLIAM WEAVER was a member of the JOHN DILLINGER mob, and that she had also placed him definitely in the BARKER-KARPIS mob, I questioned her further concerning this and she stated that it had not been her intention to indicate that WEAVER was a member of the DILLINGER-GREEN mob; that he was a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang and had been brought to the Twin Cities from the Ozark Mountain region of Arkansas by the BARKER brothers.

She further advised that although she was not present, she feels quite certain that those involved in the Mason City, Iowa, and the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, bank robberies, were JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, EDDIE GREEN, TOMMY CARROLL, HOMER VAN MATER, and GEORGE "BABY FACE" NELSON. She advised further that current gossip was to the effect that in a post office

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robbery which had been committed in South St. Paul, Minnesota, the BAKER-KARPIS gang had been involved in this robbery, as she had heard EDDIE GREEN discuss how crazy the whole plan was, as they had apparently, without necessity, shot down individuals during the course of that robbery.

Very truly yours,

H. H. GLEGG,
Inspector.

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(2 copies to all Division offices)

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Newby called from Chicago and advised that he had received information to the effect that the Barker Brothers have been at Whitewater, Wisconsin; that they were there about a month ago; that the people at Whitewater thought they were counterfeiters because they were handing out money to a couple of prostitutes; that these prostitutes are Ida and Iva Pitts; that they are now serving time at the Reformatory at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and have been there since the first of April; that previous to that time they had been associated with the Barker Brothers at Whitewater; that the individuals questioned in connection with this matter advised that the men were dressed like millionaires but one of them wore a chauffeur's uniform. Mr. Newby called attention to the fact that Arthur Barker is alleged to have purchased the chauffeur's uniform at Whitewater, Wisconsin. Mr. Newby asked whether he should return to Washington today or remain away until this lead had been run down. He was advised to remain away until this lead had been taken care of.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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503A U.S. Court House & F.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
April 17, 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, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

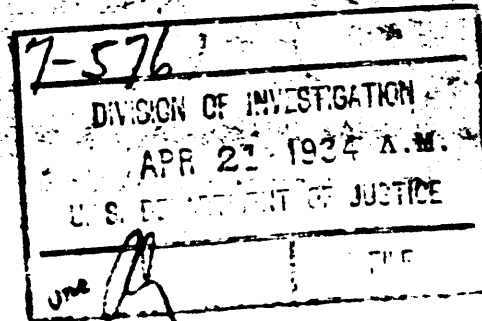
Attached hereto you will find a copy of a communication directed by me today to the Chicago Division office, having to do with inquiry concerning goggles. I invite you to the information secured from Mr. J.R. Foss of the M.L. Foss Inc., Denver, Colorado. No further inquiry will be made through the M.L. Foss Inc., unless you instruct.

I am returning to you under separate registered cover, the two pair of goggles which were received from you under similar cover some time ago.

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 17, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the investigative action suggested to this office in your letter of March 31, 1932, having to do with inquiry concerning goggles at certain places in Denver, Colorado, and McGill, Nevada, permit me to now inform you that inquiry at Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing Company, 1639 17th Street, Denver, Colorado, resulted in learning, through Mr. Waterman of that company, that a pair of M & L-524 goggles, reported shipped to his company by the Chicago Eye Shield Company on September 14th, 1931, were not shipped to his company, but were shipped direct from Chicago, Illinois, to the Ohio Oil Company, Grass Creek, Wyoming, Order No. 192203. The Hendrie & Bolthoff Company never had possession of this pair of goggles. I am directing a communication to the Ohio Oil Company to learn if that concern received the goggles, and what disposition was made of them.

Inquiry at the M.L. Foss Inc., 1901 Arapahoe Street, Denver, Colorado, through Mr. J.R. Foss, resulted in an expression by Mr. Foss that he does not know, and cannot ascertain otherwise than through examination of all the sales slips of his company reflecting sales since October 1931, how and to whom the goggles in question were disposed of. He stated that even then it is very conjectural whether the desired information can be obtained, since many of the sales slips do not show the type of the article sold, except in general terms, and many of the slips do not show the name of the purchaser. He stated that examination of the sales slips will take a matter of days, and that although he is willing to be of assistance, he does not feel that the prospects of success warrant the time required. He is willing however, to allow an agent of this office to do the work involved.

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Mr. Foss explained that his concern does not buy these goggles for its own use, but rather for distribution to the retail trade. He was unable to state whether the dozen pair of goggles in question were purchased for one person or corporation, or whether they were sold in smaller quantities to various concerns.

At the Texas Company, University Building, Denver, Colorado, Mr. J.T. Harkin stated, after an examination of his records, that the pair of M & L-524 goggles purchased by his company from the Chicago Eye Shield Company on November 19, 1931, was forwarded to Mr. L.F.J. Wilking, who was then, and is now, employed in the office of the Texas Company, located at Casper, Wyoming. The present location of the goggles is not known to Mr. Harkin, but I am addressing a letter to Mr. Wilking to learn if he still has the goggles, and if not, what he did with them.

Inquiry at the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, McGill, Nevada, made through D.V. Layson, resulted in learning that McGill, Nevada, is owned and operated by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company; that only employees of the company are permitted to reside in McGill, and during 1930 and 1931 there were 2,600 employees of this company which comprised the miners at the smelter, boiler plant and other units of this company, and that no men have been employed whatever since 1931. At the present time the force of the company is less than 500, and the plant is inoperative. Mr. Layson stated that he recalls the purchase in April 1931, of a pair of Cesco goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company; that this purchase was made at the request of Frank E. Jamison, Boiler Shop Foreman, and that at that time the company was seeking to obtain a style of goggles that would be particularly adapted to the work of the company, and that the company bought numerous sample pairs of goggles from various dealers; that upon the receipt of the instant goggles, an order was subsequently placed for 12 additional pairs, which order was filled in May 1932; that all of these goggles were delivered to Frank E. Jamison, and that he would be the only man that would have any information concerning them.

Frank E. Jamison was shown the pair of Cesco goggles received from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul Division office, and the pair of sample goggles. He stated he recalled this type of goggles having been used in the plant about two years ago; that 12 pairs of such goggles were received, and were issued to welders and others under his supervision; that no receipt was required from the employees to whom the goggles were issued, and no record was made of the persons to whom the goggles were given. Mr. Jamison stated that he has no information whatever that any of these goggles were stolen or lost, and that it would be impossible to trace any of these goggles at the present time, and he doubted if a search of all the units of this large company, including the mines, the

shops, the smelting plants etc., would reveal any of the goggles. He stated that many types of goggles were used by his company during the last year, and the company has adopted a different type of goggle which has proven more satisfactory. He stated that all the goggles used by his company were kept in the tool room of the boiler house, and were issued to the welders and helpers, and that no record was kept of these goggles at the time of issuance, and that approximately 200 employees had access to the goggles, and there was no way whatever of tracing any goggles or accounting for them. He stated it would be an easy matter for an employee of the company, who was inclined to be dishonest to pick up a pair of the goggles and place them in his pocket without being detected, and he expressed the belief that considerable company property has disappeared in this manner.

Photographs of subjects were exhibited to Mr. Jemison and he stated he was unable to identify any of them as present or former employees of the company. He stated that the Cesco goggles proved very unsatisfactory as the vent holes on each side of the lens admitted sparks and excessive light, which was very annoying to the welder while these glasses were being used at acetylene welding. Mr. Jemison examined the goggles used by victim, and stated that they bore evidence of having had hard usage, that the glass was pitted with marks made by metal, indicating that they had considerable service. He was not able to identify the instant pair of glasses as being ever in his possession, and was positive that if they had been used at his plant that the head strap, which was apparently a piece of inner tube, was not placed thereon while in the use of his company, as replacement straps for all goggles are furnished by his company, and when the straps are worn out they are replaced by the company. Mr. Jemison expressed the view that in view of the fact that one of the lens had been broken, that it is possible that the goggles may have been discarded and picked up by some unauthorized person.

A.J. Leonard, Employment Agent, informed that he has been in the employ of the company for 11 years; that all of the employees of the company are known to him. He was shown photographs of subjects but failed to identify any of them as being past employees.

No further inquiry or examination of the records of the M.L. Foss Inc., Denver, Colorado, will be made, unless further instructions are received.

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cc - Division
cc - St. Paul.
cc - Inspector Rorer.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

318 News Building
San Francisco, California.

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Refer file
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April 17, 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.
Kidnaping.

As requested in letter from the
Chicago Division Office to the Salt Lake City Div-
ision office, dated March 31, 1934, in the above
captioned matter, a copy of which was forwarded the
San Francisco Office, I am returning, under separate
cover, 1 pair of Casco M & L Goggles.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 17, 1934.

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

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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.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated April 16, 1934:

In endeavoring to immediately secure typing and distribution of the above noted report, the copies were cut to a minimum because of the stenographic situation in this office, and it appears that copy for the Portland Office was inadvertently omitted, and I am therefore enclosing herewith a copy of the above noted report.

Your attention is invited to the information developed therein, particularly to the Bentz brothers and to the report that their associate, Pauline King, was reported at the Plaza Hotel in Seattle in December, 1933, for such investigation as you may deem proper at Seattle.

Very truly yours,

E.B. Montgomery,
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Inspector Borer, St. Paul

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
April 17, 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:

With further reference to your communication of March 23rd, 1934, in which you set forth the descriptions of approximately ten automobiles, and the true names and aliases of the subjects in this case, and asked that the State Automobile Registration Bureaus in the States allocated to this office be checked for the purpose of determining if one or all of these cars were registered, or if any cars were registered under the true names or aliases of subject, permit me to inform you that I previously reported to you that the records of Colorado and Utah failed to show that any of these automobiles were registered, and that not any of the Subjects, under their true names or aliases appear to be the registrants of automobiles. However, "Wanted Notices" were placed with these Bureaus against these cars.

I now wish to inform you that a check was made through the State Auto Registration Bureau for the State of Wyoming, and it was determined that not any of these cars were registered in this State, and it seems that these Subjects, under their true names or aliases, appear not to be registrants of automobiles.

In Wyoming, one R.E. Davis of Rawlins, Wyoming, is the registrant of an Oldsmobile Coupe, 1929 model, Engine No. F 127066 Serial No. DC 172. Wyoming 1934 License No. 6-805 was issued to cover this car. One R.E. Davis, Hopkin Apartments, Sheridan, Wyoming, is the registrant of a DeSota Sedan, 1932 model, Engine No. SC 12374, Serial No. 6008133. Wyoming 1934 License No. 3-1407 was issued for this car. However, it is not believed that either of these men are one of the subjects in this case.

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The check covering these cars, and the true names and aliases of subjects, is now being made in the State of Nevada, and when it is completed you will be advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:J
cc - Division.
cc - St. Paul.

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Laboratory Report

April 14, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. Number: 7-576

Specimens: Photostatic copies of specimens showing signature of James Williams and John Rogers.
Front page of The Minneapolis Tribune, March 5, 1934, issue.

Examination requested by: Sheriff's Office, Minneapolis, Minn.

Date received: April 5, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory. Handwriting comparison with members of Karpis Gang.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

April 12. The signatures of James Williams and John Rogers are believed not to be in the handwriting of Karpis, Barker, Cley, or Martin in so far as this may be ascertained simply by an examination of their signatures on identification orders. On the other hand these signatures could have been written by John Hamilton, John J. Nolan, or John Dillinger. It is believed, however, that none of these did write the signatures. Of these the signature of Nolan is most similar. There are attached to copies of this report copies of a chart made by tracing.

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2 - Laboratory.

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John Rogers

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John Hamilton

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7-576-1706

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

APR 20 1934

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 April 5, 1934.

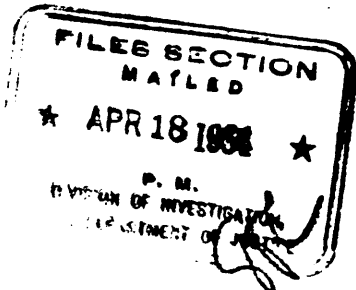
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/18/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/1,8,9,20,21,22/34 4/1 to 10/34	REPORT MADE BY: M. W. MEEKINS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check of news stands in Detroit territory concerning St. Paul, Minneapolis and St. Paul papers unproductive of information and photograph of Karpis gang members not identified. Records Title Division, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, failed to disclose registration of cars known to be in subjects' possession. List of all cars registered under identical names of subjects, with aliases, obtained and check being made for identification of 1933 and 1934 registrations. T. C. Blackburn purchased Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #18-493080 from Lyman D. Arnold, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, on 9-26-33, paying cash, Blackburn being introduced by one C.W. Woods, whose present whereabouts are unknown. This car and Buick Sedan, Motor #2858090 registered at Toledo, Ohio, Lucas County, under name of T.C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, a vacant lot. Members of Karpis gang not identified as purchasers or registerers. Oscar Felt formerly of Evansville, Wyoming, knows Subject Campbell but has not seen him recently. Felt intends to return to Wyoming and will endeavor to obtain information of Campbell.</p>			
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<p>REFERENCES: Letter of Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-23-34 Report of Special Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5-22-34 Report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, 3-7-34 Letter from St. Paul to New York, cc Detroit, 2-23-34 Report of Special Agent J. F. O'Connell, Salt Lake City, 3-15-34, entitled "Verne C. Miller, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner."</p>			
<p>DETAILS: A letter from the St. Paul Office to the New York Office, dated February 23, 1934, with copies to the several auxiliary offices enclosing a list of news stand subscribers to the five Minneapolis</p>			
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and St. Paul newspapers has resulted in a check of all news stands handling these several papers within the territory of the Detroit Office. The results of these checks by agents of the Detroit Office, reported in memorandum form, has failed to develop information of value. In each instance a group photograph of the Karpis gang was exhibited but in no instance was any identification or information of value obtained.

In agreement with reference report of Special Agent Gere, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 1934, a check of the automobile registrations for Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, resulted in information from those files that Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #18-493080 was registered for Ohio title on September 26, 1933, under Registrar #352666 and was issued 1933 Ohio plates C-25771 to T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, Ohio. The records further reflect that this car was purchased new by Blackburn from Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, (Ford Dealers), 1002 Adams Street, Toledo. A check of the City Directory fails to list such an address as 4214 North Lockwood and personal observation in the 4200 block on that street develops that the number is a vacant lot.

Lyman D. Arnold, President, and O. H. Trotter, Sales Manager, of Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, were interviewed and at first they were unable to recall any details concerning the sale of the Ford V-8 in question. Subsequently, however, after a check of their records, Mr. Arnold informed that he then recalled that he handled the sale himself personally; that about September 15, 1933, or a few days afterwards, one C. W. Woods, whom he was unable to describe with any degree of clarity, and an individual for whom the firm had done previous repair work and who now stands indebted to the firm in the amount of \$17.00 on open account, came into the office and asked him if he was interested in making a cash sale and what there would be in it for him on a new Ford V-8; that they talked a few minutes and agreed to look after Woods if the sale was made.

The next day, to the best of Mr. Arnold's recollection, Woods returned with an individual who claimed to be T. C. Blackburn, who both Mr. Arnold and Mr. Trotter are unable to describe, at which time Blackburn purchased a new Ford V-8 Standard Sedan, color blue, Motor #18-493080, wire wheels, and paid cash therefor in \$100.00 bills and a few smaller ones, no record being made of the serials or other identifying numbers on the bills, the same being new to the best of their recollection; that title papers were immediately executed for Blackburn and Ohio plates obtained by the company for that individual before the car was delivered; that Blackburn accepted delivery of the car and drove off with Woods, adding that there would be no services on the car in the future. Mr. Arnold informed that the date of sale was September 26, 1933.

When exhibited a photograph of the Karpis gang, neither Mr. Arnold nor Mr. Trotter were able to identify Blackburn or Woods as any member of the gang and they further informed that they could not recall ever having seen any of those individuals.

Mr. Arnold checked his records further concerning Woods and stated that the last address for that individual was given in connection with a repair job and was 4209 1/2 North Lockwood, Telephone Lawnsdale 6282. At this time, Mr. Arnold then recalled that when he was making out the bill of sale to Blackburn, he asked that individual for his address and was informed that he did not live in Toledo and to leave it blank, but was informed that an address was necessary, whereupon Blackburn turned to Woods and said "What address shall I give?", and Woods replied "4214 North Lockwood."

Mr. Arnold further stated that the records reflect that C. W. Woods is the owner of a 1932 or 1933 Tudor Sedan, Motor #3809716, which bore 1933 Ohio plates C-53830. In an attempt to locate Woods for an interview, Mr. Arnold subsequently informed that he was unable to locate in the City Directory such an address as 4209 1/2 North Lockwood; that he called the number Lawnsdale 6282 several times on the occasions of Agent's trips to the company but was unable to obtain an answer. Mr. Arnold appears to be very cooperative, and will endeavor to locate Woods under the pretext of collecting the open account of \$17.00. A check of the City Directory failed to list a Woods residing in the 4200 block of North Lockwood, and several attempts to receive an answer from telephone Lawnsdale 6282 were without results.

However, in checking the Auto Registration Records at Toledo, Ohio, Detective George Stevenson, Auto Detail, Police Department, was interviewed and he informed that he has a distinct recollection of having come into contact with a Woods in connection with thefts of automobiles in that city and that he will search his diary in an effort to locate his record.

In view of the nature of the connection between Woods and Blackburn, it was not deemed appropriate to make inquiries in the 4200 block of North Lockwood at that time. In that connection, Mr. Arnold has agreed to endeavor to locate Woods and will inform the Detroit Division Office immediately.

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The Lucas County Auto Registration records reflect that under Title #352730, T. C. Blackburn, of 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, Ohio, registered Buick Sedan, Motor #2858090, Serial Number 2703063, on September 27, 1933, and was issued 1933 Ohio plates C-25783, same being obtained by Blackburn through sale on that date from F. E. Anderson, 3900 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio. A further check of the file discloses an invoice dated August 30, 1933, from Salesman Schueneman, of the West Side Buick Sales Company, 4566 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for cash, the above described new Buick for \$2166.00. In that invoice, Anderson's address is given as 323 N. Kilpatrick, Chicago, Illinois, and that the same car was sold by Anderson, who gave his address on September 27, 1933, as 3900 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, to Blackburn as hereinbefore set out.

As previously set out, the address of 4214 North Lockwood Street, Toledo, Ohio, is a vacant lot. The City Street Directory discloses that Summit Street runs up as high as approximately 4800. However, there is no 3900 block on that street.

In agreement with reference letter of Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934, an appropriate letter was addressed to the Title Division, Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, placing stops on those cars listed in reference letter. The correct names and aliases of the suspects who might have possession of those automobiles were given and a request was made that a check be made of their files and that this office be informed of automobile registrations by those persons with aliases. A request was also made that a stop be placed against those persons and cars.

The Detroit Office is now in receipt of a letter from the Title Division to the effect that a search of their files failed to disclose that any of the cars listed in the above reference letter had been registered with the Title Division and the proper stop notices have been posted.

A check of the registrations by names failed to disclose registrations under the names of J. Darrows, Ted Murphy, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, Doc Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, Alvin Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, E. L. Burnes, Volney Davis, E. V. Davis or S. E. Lockwood, and that they would be unable to place stops in their files on those names. It was noted, however, that a great number of cars and several trucks were registered in the past five years under similar names and aliases of several suspects but from the ages of some of the cars, it is probable that none of those persons are subjects in the instant matter. However, the following registrations were made in Michigan for 1933 and 1934:

	Name and Address	Make of Car	Motor	Serial	Title No.	Issued
1.	R.E.Davis, 815 7th, Grand Rapids, Michigan	Essex Coach	1079704	1011309	B-2210237	3-6-34
2.	Ralph E. Davis, R.F.D.1, Box 193, South Haven, Mich.	Chevrolet Coach	3426177	2AA60036	A-0302991	2-13-34
3.	Ralph E. Davis, R.#1, South Haven, Mich.	Ford Convertible	14914803		C-1711865	9-11-33
4.	Arthur Barker, 14417 Hazel-ridge, Detroit, Mich.	Chevrolet Sedan	3516481	1CAC218344	AD192040	6-7-33
5.	George Dunn, 133 E. Bush St. Kalamazoo, Michigan	Overland Sedan	238405	286001	B-1139366	5-11-33
6.	George G. Dunn, Grand Blanc, Michigan	Chevrolet Coach	3010136	1BA124478	A-208931	1-31-33
7.	George G. Dunn, Grand Blanc, Michigan	Chevrolet Coach	4113808	1DA0210706	0321210	3-6-34
8.	George C. Dunn, 712 Huron W. Ann Arbor, Michigan	Oldsmobile Touring	F334935	41976	0224395	7-11-33
9.	R.E. Hamilton, 1931 Aurelia, Detroit, Michigan	Ford Tudor	3531703		B-2629770	3-6-34
10.	R.L. Burns, Plainwell, Mich.	Hudson Coupe	563227	843960	A-0146174	6-17-33

11.	Harry Campbell, Cadillac, Mich.	Ford Coupe	7587940		D-705217	7-25-33
12.	Harry Campbell, 174 E. Min- nesota, Detroit, Mich.	Willys Sedan	152212	132187	A-2524411	2-16-34
13.	Harry Campbell, 8437 Camp- bell, Detroit, Mich.	Graham Sedan	740146	756085	C-2527600	10-9-33
14.	Harry Campbell, 171 E. Parkhurst, Detroit, Mich.	Plymouth Sedan	PA19914	1586243	C-2837817	3-23-34
15.	Harry Campbell, 5659 Kendall Dearborn, Michigan.	Chev. Coach	2589228	1A335570	D-017015	5-26-33
16.	Harry A. Campbell & Ruth L. Campbell, 16202 Cherry- lawn, Detroit, Mich.	Dodge Sedan	DF31404	5605416	0192659	5-16-33
17.	Harry G. Campbell, 932 W. Euclid, Detroit, Mich.	Chev. Coupe	2636791	41213	B-2810174	2-21-34
18.	Harry L. Campbell, 1019 Long- fellow, Royal Oak, Mich.	Essex Coach	1007785	942556	0175612	3-28-33
19.	Geo. L. Martin, 523 1/2 McCreary St., Flint, Michigan	Chev. Coach	3172277	1AA29121	B-1686432	3-12-34
20.	G. S. Moore, 700 W. Thomas, Rome, New York	Oldsmobile Landau Sedan	E18845	LS4754	D-1623633	5-25-33

A check is being made of the passenger car registrations only and, where practicable, by letter.

Referring to the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, dated March 7, 1934, pertaining to Harry Campbell, and the report of Special Agent J. F. O'Connell, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 15, 1934, entitled "Verne C. Miller, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner," wherein is set forth an undeveloped lead to determine if Harry Campbell was residing with one Oscar Felt, at 16534 Stoepel Avenue, Detroit, formerly of Evansville, Wyoming, the investigative results are being reported in the captioned case. One additional copy of the instant report is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office for its file on Verne C. Miller.

In a memorandum for the file prepared by Special Agent J. H. Bishop, dated April 4, 1934, it appears that on March 20, 1934, Agent Bishop interviewed E. J. McGahey, 2124 College Park Station, Fankel Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, who stated he had delivered mail to Oscar Felt at 16534 Stoepel but that he had not done so for several months. He stated that he delivered letters from Wyoming addressed to Mrs. Charles A. Felt, the mother of Oscar Felt, and that there were several Felt boys who, with their friends, were habitually entering and leaving the Felt home.

Mrs. T. J. Long, 16546 Stoepel Avenue, was interviewed and she advised Agent Bishop that a man who limps slightly in his right leg was a frequent visitor at the Felt home, which is next to her residence, and which is a blind pig.

On March 31, 1934, Agent Bishop exhibited to Mrs. Long a photograph of Subject Harry Campbell which Mrs. Long observed and stated that she thought Subject Harry Campbell had been a visitor at the Felt home. Subsequently, a composite photograph of the Karpis gang was exhibited to Mrs. Long and she identified rather definitely the photograph of Campbell as being that of a man she had seen frequently at the Felt home, advising Agent that he usually showed up there with a painter and another friend between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. on week days and between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Agent Bishop maintained a surveillance of the Felt premises from Mrs. Long's residence the following Sunday morning, remaining from 9:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. However, the man reputed to be Harry Campbell did not appear. Mrs. Long subsequently informed that the painter friend's name was Fred Harsteadt, whose address was 15840 Lesure Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Long also stated that Oscar Felt was not thought to be presently residing with his father at 16534 Stoepel Avenue but that his wife was there and that the husband, Oscar Felt, visited her in the afternoons occasionally and that he was now thought to be employed by the Ternstedt Manufacturing Company of 6307 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan. She informed that she first saw the individual whom she thought to be Subject Harry Campbell come to the Felt home in September, 1933, but that he had not been seen there for two or three weeks prior to the date of the instant interview.

General inquiries by the writer and Agent Bishop in the vicinity of 15840 Lesure Street, Detroit, Michigan, the residence of Fred Harsteadt, failed to develop information indicating that he was associating with Subject Harry Campbell or other members of the Karpis gang. Discreet inquiries in the immediate neighborhood failed to disclose that any members of that gang had been seen at the Harsteadt residence.

Through the Ternstedt Manufacturing Company, it was ascertained that Oscar H. Felt, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, was employed in Plant #16 as a polisher, on January 8, 1934, and was presently therein employed. A check of his employment record discloses that he informed he was born August 21, 1901, in the State of Minnesota and is presently residing at 16534 Stoepel Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, working from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and under the supervision of Assistant Foreman A. J. Reed and was described as being: Age: 32, Height: 5 feet 5 inches, Weight: 137 pounds.

Assistant Foreman A. J. Reed, Ternstedt Manufacturing Company, residence address 5242 Jonathan, Dearborn, Michigan, was interviewed and he informed that he has known Oscar Felt for a number of years and is known at the Felt residence, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, where he has been a few times in the past. When questioned regarding the instant matter, he informed he had no information in that regard and that it was his opinion, from his observation of Felt and information concerning his friends and associates, that no members of any gang had been associating with Oscar Felt as he was not that type of individual. However, Mr. Reed referred Agent to a brother-in-law of Oscar Felt,

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one Dick Welch, who did not like the Felt family, as one who would give reliable information in this matter. Mr. Reed also promised to make discreet inquiries of Felt and observations at the Felt home for possible information of Subject Harry Campbell and to inform Agent of the results. He subsequently advised that he had done so and was satisfied in his own mind that any information to the effect that Oscar Felt was then associating with any member of the Karpis gang and particularly Subject Harry Campbell was in error.

Richard Welch, 9362 Corbin, Telephone Northlawn 3537, was interviewed and he advised that he is the son-in-law of George Felt, uncle of Oscar Felt, and, when exhibited a photograph of Subject Harry Campbell and the Karpis gang, he informed immediately that he had never observed that individual at the Felt home or in company with Oscar Felt; that Oscar Felt is presently residing with his wife at 16534 Stoepel Avenue and is contemplating returning to Evansville, Wyoming, on April 20, 1934, to again make his permanent home there.

Oscar Felt, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment and he informed that he was raised near Casper, Wyoming, and that he was formerly mayor of Evansville, Wyoming, where he resided until 18 months or two years ago. That about 12 years ago he was operating a restaurant in Evansville, Wyoming, which was also used as a bus station by a man named Welsh, who operated a bus line between Evansville and Casper, Wyoming, and that Subject Campbell, whom he identified from a photograph of that individual exhibited to him, was a driver of one of these buses; that the bus operator, Welsh, had several daughters, one of whom was a school teacher by the name of Irene, who was at that time employed in the Casper High School and that she and Subject Campbell were very close friends; that the Welsh family is absolutely reliable and if approached in this matter, would without hesitation give any information in their possession.

Oscar Felt seemed very sincere and frank during the course of this interview and informed that he was departing on April 21, 1934, via automobile, for Evansville, Wyoming, where he intends to again run for Mayor and make that city his permanent residence; that he has not seen Subject Campbell since a short time before he left Evansville, Wyoming, and that upon his return to that city, he will exert every effort at his command to obtain information through contacts there of the present whereabouts of Subject Campbell and will inform of the results thereof immediately. He was furnished with the address of the Salt Lake City and Detroit Division Offices but stated that inasmuch as he was known in Detroit, he preferred to communicate with this office.

Oscar Felt admitted that he was under suspicion by the Prohibition Department in Evansville, Wyoming, as being connected with a prohibition conspiracy matter and that, following his return to Detroit about 18 months ago,

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he was again arrested at his father's home, which was being used as a blind pig and that he was fined \$100.00 and costs by State authorities and released.

When questioned as to further information concerning Subject Campbell, Oscar Felt informed that he knew nothing of particular value concerning that individual and that he became acquainted with him merely because his restaurant was used as a bus station and that occasionally Subject Harry Campbell had a few meals in that restaurant, at which times they had short conversations; that he understood Subject Campbell had been employed for a time in some oil field near Casper, Wyoming, but knew nothing concerning any injuries and that Campbell married some run-away girl in Wyoming several years ago, who was thought to have been from Tulsa, Oklahoma. However, in this regard he was unable to give any definite details. Oscar Felt further informed that the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell contained in the group photograph of the members of the Karpis gang was very poor and that he looked considerably older.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Salt Lake City Office at EVANSVILLE, WYOMING, after May 1, 1934, will interview Oscar Felt, King Street, former Mayor of that city, discreetly for such information as he may have been able to obtain concerning Subject Harry Campbell. It is to be noted that Oscar Felt has been informed that an agent no doubt will call upon him shortly following his return to Evansville.

The Detroit Office at TOLEDO, OHIO, through Detective George Stevenson, Auto Detail, Police Department, and Lyman D. Arnold of Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, Ford Dealers, 1002 Adams Street, will continue efforts to locate individual known to Lyman D. Arnold as C. W. Woods and, when located, he should be questioned for his connection with T. C. Blackburn, the registerer of a Ford V-8 and Buick Sedan.

Will ascertain the identity of those individuals who registered cars Nos. 1, 6, 7, 9, 18, 20, 21, 33, 34, 12, 19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 35 and 38, as reflected in the body of the report of Special Agent H. D. Harris dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 4, 1934. In that connection, letters are being addressed to Postmasters of the respective cities, in which the owners of cars Nos. 1, 6, 12, 19, 26, 27 and 35 are residing.

Will determine the identity of the owners of cars Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, as reflected in the body of instant report. It is felt that appropriate inquiries can be made concerning cars Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 18 by letter.

The New York Office at BOME, NEW YORK, will ascertain the identity of C. E. Moore, 700 W. Thomas Street, who registered car No. 20 in the State of Michigan on May 25, 1933, determining if he is the subject of the instant case.

The Chicago Office will make appropriate investigation as to the owners of cars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 11 as outlined in the body of instant report to determine if they are subjects of this case.

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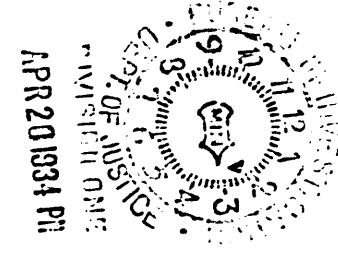
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin^o Karpis, with aliases, I. O.
#1218; Arthur R.^o Barker, with aliases,
I. O. #1219, et al; Edward George
Bremer, Victim. Kidnaping.

With regard to the above matter, it is my opinion that it would be extremely desirable to have two copies of all reports from the various Field Offices furnished to the Chicago Office. In the event the Division agrees with this, it is requested that all Field Offices be instructed to furnish the Chicago Office with two copies.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Furvis

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 28, 1934.

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

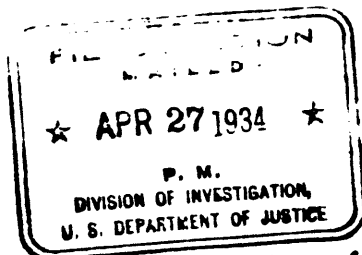
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases,
I. O. #1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BERNER - Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 18, 1934,
in the above entitled case, wherein you suggest that two copies
of all reports written by the various field offices in the above
entitled case be furnished your office.

It appears that Inspector Glegg has already instructed
all of the field offices of the Division to forward two copies of
all reports to your office in accordance with your suggestion and,
therefore, it will not be necessary for the Division to issue
the instructions as requested by you.

Very truly yours,



Director.

CC Inspector Glegg (St. Paul)

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/18/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. E. 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: Photographs of women believed associating with the Karpis-Barker gang displayed to Elmer Kucera, Fox River Grove, Illinois, but he failed to identify any of them.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Chicago, dated March 29, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>At Fox River Grove, Illinois</u> This report is composed of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan, covering further work at Fox River Grove, Illinois:-- The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan on March 29, 1934: At Fox River Grove, Illinois, Agent interviewed Elmer Kucera, Fox River Grove Motor Sales, and exhibited to him the following additional photographs:-- Dorothy Dodd, Bertha Engler, Jewell Johnson, Paula Harmon.			
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Billie Fitch,
Jo Ann Armour,
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William Weisman.

He failed to identify any of the women as those who accompanied the three men who stayed at Louis' Place during the latter part of November and the first part of December, 1933. He also failed to recognize the photographs of the men as parties ever having been seen by him in Fox River Grove.

Mr. Kucera further advised that on the evening of March 27, 1934, he had asked Louis Cernocky relative to the three men who had stayed at his place, with the Buick Sedan carrying Nevada license, advising Louis that he would like to send them a bill for a battery they failed to pay for. He said that Louis advised him that he could not recall these parties and appeared very wary and did not appear to want to discuss these people with him. Kucera stated that he will make a further effort to get additional information concerning these parties by making inquiry of a young red-headed fellow, who works for Cernocky and he feels that he might get some results from this source. Kucera advised that this red-headed fellow would not furnish information if he thought it were for law enforcement officials.

With reference to the information furnished by Kucera that a woman resembling KATE BARKER had inquired of him the way to Spring Grove, Illinois on two occasions prior to March 15, 1934, and that this woman was driving a Pontiac Sedan and accompanied by a small boy and that he had directed them to McHenry, Illinois for further information, it was ascertained by Agent on March 30, 1934, at McHenry, Illinois that M. J. Walsh, Standard Oil Filling Station attendant at the intersection of State Routes 19 and 20 at McHenry, Illinois, recalls such a woman inquiring the way to Spring Grove, about March 15th. He recalls that she was driving an old Pontiac sedan and was accompanied by a small boy. Mr. Walsh said he directed this woman to take the first dirt road to the left across the creek, north of McHenry. He could not recall the woman's features and stated he could not identify the picture of KATE BARKER as the same woman.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE - At Fox River Grove, Illinois, will, in the near future, again interview Elmer Kucera for such further information as he has been able to learn through Louis Cernocky.

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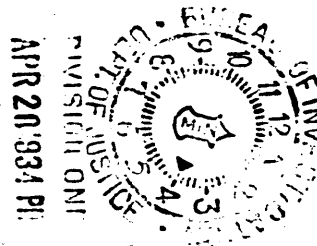
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 12, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Vetterli at the Golden Hotel in Reno, Nevada, and advised that he should remain in Reno until he received further orders and that it was the present plan to send undercover men to Reno and that he should be there upon their arrival in order that they might have the benefit of the information obtained by him. Mr. Vetterli stated that he doubted whether undercover men could function in Reno without their identities becoming known, in that considerable publicity had been given to the disappearance of Frisch and that any stranger arriving in town was immediately spotted as a suspicious character. He stated that probably in about thirty days after the excitement of the Frisch disappearance had quieted down an undercover man might be able to work to advantage. I told Mr. Vetterli that he should, at any rate, remain at Reno until he heard further from the Division.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/17/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/13/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
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: Kidnapping.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">The Murphy Maclay Hardware Company, Great Falls, Montana, had two pair of "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles, one still in their possession and the other accounted for to a known person. P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago, March 31, 1934.			
DETAILS: <p>At Great Falls, Montana: Mr. Earl Luther, in charge of the section of the Murphy Maclay Hardware Company, Great Falls, in which goggles are kept, advised Agent that they had but one of these "Cesco" M. & L. Goggles which was shipped to them as a sample and showed same to Agent. When shown the listing that two of these had been sent his company, he called Mr. William Hawthorne and asked if he had sold a pair of these goggles. Mr. Hawthorne remembered that he had done so something like a year ago, he thought, and told Agent that it was to a welder who lives near Carter, Montana, whose name is Sward Figer, as he spelled it. He stated that he knows this welder well and has seen him a number of times since. He recalls the sale because the purchaser wished to buy a pair of goggles which would fit over his glasses and these were the only ones which would do so in stock. He was certain that he knows the purchaser well and that he is a reputable resident of the little town of Carter, out from Great Falls.</p>			
UNDEVELOPED LEAD: <p>The BUTTE OFFICE: At Billings, Montana, will make inquiry of the Hines Motor Supply Company, who have received nine pair of these goggles, according to the list furnished, since September, 1931, but none since 1931.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. H. Dickason</i> D. H. Dickason SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	4-576-1712 APR 20 1934 A M		RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 20 1934 CHECKED OFF: APR 20 1934 SACKETT:
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 18, 1934.

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

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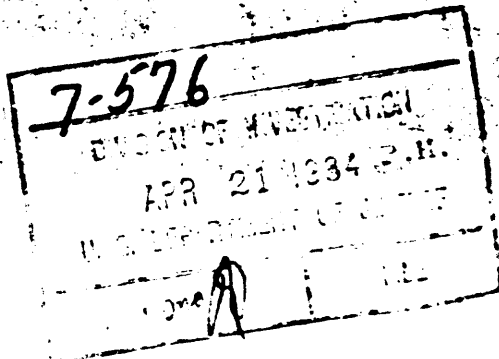
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.
1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to information received by telephone from your office to the effect that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis have been identified as occupants of a Graham automobile which passed through Topeka, Kansas, on the night of April 14, 1934. The license number furnished by you was 1934 California No. 6-C-189. Information has been received from the San Francisco and the Los Angeles offices that this license number was issued to Mrs. L. B. Decker of Felton, California, for Ford Coupe; that she gave this car to her son; and that this car, bearing the license number furnished by you, is still in the possession of the daughter of the original registrant and the license tags were on this car as of April 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H. E. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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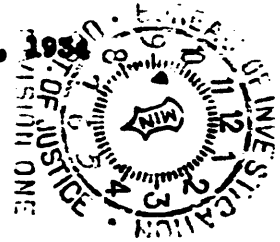
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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
FUGITIVE; Arthur R. Barker, with
aliases, I. O. #1119, et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

It has occurred to me that it is possible that some field
offices have not furnished the Chicago Office with copies of reports
in the above case, inasmuch as St. Paul is the office of origin.
It is, therefore, suggested that you review the files in the Bremer
Case at St. Paul, in order to determine that the Chicago Office has
copies of all reports containing information which would be of value
here in the investigation. Of course, there will doubtless be reports
which contain negative information and which would not even furnish
any background information, and it will not be necessary that the
Chicago Office be furnished with such information. However, in view
of the intensive investigative activity to be further undertaken here,
it is my opinion that the Chicago Office should have this information,
in the event you find that it has not been previously furnished here.

Very truly yours,

E. H. KERVIL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

April 19, 1934.

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

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

While the writer was at Reno recently, a check was made at the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, to see if, per chance, any wires were sent out by any of the known Subjects, and although a thorough search was conducted, no wires were located.

However, while the search was being made, I instructed the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies to pull from their files wires either received by, or sent by William J. Graham and J. C. McKay, or charged to their accounts, and also wires received by or sent by William Golder, who has been mentioned as a suspect in the Frisch case. I secured the wires of these parties because it was reported they were associated with the Bremer kidnaping.

Some of the wires in question have already been incorporated in previous reports. However, those that have not been incorporated are attached hereto. A list is being forwarded to the St. Paul, Salt Lake City, and Division, and a copy of the list is being retained at the San Francisco office. It may be possible that at some future date the data which is incorporated in the attached list might possibly serve as a connecting link between Graham, McKay, and the Bremer kidnaping.

Incidentally, these wires were secured by the Division of Investigation of confidence, and this matter should, of course, be kept confidential.

Very truly yours,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

and ②

c.c. Division
c.c. Salt Lake City.

R. V. VITELLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Undated wire to:

Father Mc Goughlin, 16th and Forest Hill Blvd., Oakland, Cal.
" Important to leave here before Tuesday or Wednesday as I want to stay
for five or six days will let you know when I will arrive."

J.C. McKay.

November 10th, 1933.

Mrs. W.S. Hobart,
San Mateo, California.

"Have just been notified of your bereavement wish to extend our sincere
sympathy to yourself and family"

Jim McKay.

December 24th, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey,
Barber Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

"Mrs. and Zelma joins me in wishing you and Hanna a Merry Christmas
and a ~~year~~ prosperous New Year always your pal"

J.C. McKay.

December 24th, 1933.

Mr. Frank Frost,
123 West 57th St., Apt. 1508,
New York City, N.Y.
"Christmas Greetings"

J.C. McKay.

December 24, 1933.

Harry Newman,
200 West 54th Street,
New York City, N.Y.
"Christmas Greetings"

J.C. McKay.

December 23th, 1933.

Jack Dempsey,
Barton or Barber Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal.

"Florence Zelma and myself will arrive there in morning leaving
now make reservations two bedrooms and parlor get me two tickets
for game dont wait for me you go to San Diego will see you when
you return."

Jim.

January 25th, 1934.
L.G. West, 267 Staples Avenue,
San Francisco, Cal.

"My partner is out of town will get in touch with you when he returns".
J.C. McKay

Following wire sent to J.C. McKay Park Central Hotel, New York City on
February 16th, 1934.

"Telegram received Zama and I are fine"

Florence.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH WIRES SENT BY BILL GRAHAM FROM RENO, NEVADA.

Undated wire to Bones Benner,
112 South Eldorado, Stockton, Cal.

"Will let you know later as I am very busy today with Henry Clay"
Bill

Undated wire to Tommy O'Keefe,
Yeadon, Penn.

"Tommy everything will be moving Monday as I will be there and take
good care dont worry regards to all".
Bill Graham.

Undated wire to Chas. W. Stills,
6947 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, Cal.

"Have furniture packed for shipping I will be down in few days".
W.J. Graham.

Undated wire to Mose Barnett,
910 Penn., Avenue, North,
Minneapolis, Minn.

"Call me tonight at seven-thirty my time"
Bill

September 17th, 1933

Sam Kentivorty,
1333 1/2 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

"Sam those two are dead ones will see you in city in one week and
I will get them together"
Bill Graham.

September 19th, 1933.

Leonard Sacks,
La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

"I told you that the Kingfish would be champion someday regards to
Lena tell King to keep the good work up".
Bill Graham.

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September 20th, 1933.

September 20th, 1933.
E.W. Griffith, c/o Jack Dempsey,
Barbara Hotel, Los Angeles.
"Griff call Fred Martin Exposition 3639 after 2 P.M."
Bill Graham.

September 22, 1933.
Bill Donovan,
133 East Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.
"Write me his phone and address".
Bill Graham.

October 1, 1933.
Catherine Ryan Wright,
409 15th St., Modesto, Cal.
"I cannot place you also things are very bad here at present
banks are still closed".
Bill Graham.

October 27th 1933.
Ben Serlis,
Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco.
"Ben cannot be there will see you Monday take care of Jake".
Bill Graham.

October 31st, 1933.
E. Renner,
365 Palm Avenue, Oakland, Cal.
"Bones just arrived from Sacramento will send stock tomorrow
you can call me at my home tonight at seven or later".
Bill

November 8th, 1933.
B.C. Hobst,
251 Ashbury, San Francisco, Cal.
"Am well stocked at present will drop in and see you when I go to city".
Bill Graham.

November 8th, 1933.
Walter Jennings,
Hotel Clunie, Sacramento, Cal.
"Will be pleased to take care of case also will take trip sometime on the
boat as after two trips will own the boat".
Bill Graham.

November 18th 1933.
Charles Valpey,
241 Bartlett, San Francisco, Cal.
"Have taken care of papers for a job"
W. Graham.

December 2, 1933.
E. Renner, Wa. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco.
"Wire me when you are coming as I have to have action".
Bill.

December 6th, 1933.
Edna Gursich,
Senator Hotel, Sacramento, Cal.
"Will arrive twelve tonight".

Bill

December 12th, 1933.
Mrs. F. Graham,
548 Cal. Street, Reno.

"Stopping at Palace order flowers for Mayor Roberts ring up the Bell
and tell them where we are stopping".

Bill

(Sent from San Francisco)

December 25th, 1933.
Art Zeller,
Golden Hotel, Reno.

"Wish you a merry Christmas."

Mr. Mayer and Bill Graham,
Hotel Sir Francis Drake,
(Sent from San Francisco)

January 2, 1934
Jack Woolley,
Coeur D'Alene Hotel,
Spokane, Washington.

"Jack just got back will look around and try and get party for you".
Bill Graham.

January 9th, 1934
Mrs. Pearl Hare,
830 Hyde Street, Apt. 14, San Francisco.

"Received your letter will be down soon and will call your mother.
hope mother is feeling better."

Bill Graham.

January 30th, 1934
Sam Siegal,
Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Apt. 30, New York City, N.Y.
"W. Golder is stopping at Vista La Arriajo Hotel, Pasadena."

Bill Graham.

January 30th, 1934
John Sylvester,
Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco.

"John hold ~~mirix~~ six tickets for me will be there Sunday".

Bill Graham.

February 12th, 1934.
Tommy O'Keefe,
909 Church Lane, Yeadon, Penn.

"Just returned home did you receive my wire Saturday the dog left
Saturday also furniture everything in good shape am leaving here for
New York will see you in a week."

Bill Graham.

WIRES SENT TO BILL GRAHAM FROM RENO, NEVADA AND OTHER POINTS.

October 20th, 1933
Bill Graham,
Rex Club, Reno, Nevada.

"Am going to open new room Californian Hotel Bldg. facing new Postoffice eighth and (7) Streets to open first November am short about 150 try help me will pay any present you want sorry to ask this but your only one I would ask is Reno regards."

Scottie Weaver, Sacramento, Cal.

October 20th, 1933.

A money transfer for \$1000 from J.B. Bullman at Reno to Mr. Graham care Mr. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco.

November 3, 1933.

Bill Graham,
Reno, Nevada.

"Don't send party things too quiet hope things are good with you".
J. Woolley, Spokane, Washington.

November 14th, 1933.

Bill Graham,
20 Douglas Alley, Reno, Nev.

"Phone me after ten o'clock Reno time".
O.H. Mayer, New York City.

November 15th, 1933.

Bill Graham,
Rex Club Reno.

"Little Heal in fourth is very good".
Frankie, San Francisco.

November 23, 1933

Bill Graham,
Rex Club, Reno.

"Party Los Angeles leaving today stopping Saint Paul Hotel".
Eddie, San Francisco.

January 12th, 1934

Bill Graham,
Rex Club, Reno.

"Dear Bill Two Tommys and Willie and rest of boys away returning Wednesday need two hundred to straighten out jam will wire money back to you Wednesday or Thursday everybody away from here. Important many thanks regards".
Leonard B. Banks, LaSalle Hotel,
Chicago.

January 24, 1934.

Bill Graham,
c/o Bank Club, Reno.

"Dear Bill no doubt you are very busy and I hate to trouble you but I am anxious to know something in regard to the furniture please wire me via postal telegraph and let me know."
Tommy O'Keefe, Yeadon, Penna.

January 29th, 1934
Bill Graham,
Bank Club, Reno.
"Mac has decided to stay here many thanks for all your trouble.
will wire later".

Sam O'Keefe, Philadelphia, Penna.

February 5, 1934

Bill Graham,
Wa. Taylor, Hotel,
San Francisco, Cal.

"Please let me know soon as possible what you found out will have to hurry
I will be at the Rex Bar early in the morning and wait as pressed for
time respectfully".

Gibbons, Reno, Nevada.

February 12th, 1934.

Bill Graham,
c/o Postal Telegraph Co., Reno, Nevada.

"Received both wires glad to hear everything shipped all right hope to see
you soon wire me when you arrive best regards from all".

Sam O'Keefe, Philadelphia.

February 12th, 1934.

W.J. Graham,
Park Central Hotel, New York City.

"Wire what time I can call Jim and you everything O.K.".
Sam, room 406 Riverside Hotel, Reno.

Sam, room 406 Riverside Hotel, Reno.

February 22, 1934.

W. J. Graham,
Park Central Hotel, New York City.

"Mose wired from Minneapolis wants number where he can phone you did not
send address conditions same here as when you left."

Cliff, Rex Club, Reno.

February 27th 1934

W.J. Graham,
Park Central Hotel, NYC.

"Hello Bill Lights out at the Rex penon discontinued for all employees
we all are boarding with Honest John say hello to Nick and Jim for us
hurry home must have new spread. Pan Quangus has no ground in what is the
matter no wires on horses our headquarters at the bank club day and night."

Cliff and Pete, Reno, Nevada.

March 19th, 1934.

W. Graham at Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco was wire \$500 by Jack
Sullivan from Reno, Nevada.

MISCELLANEOUS TELEGRAMS SENT TO AND FROM RENO, NEVADA.

January 1, 1933..the following wire was charged to the account of Bill Graham at Postal Telegraph Co. Reno.
Mrs. Rippe and Mrs. Lind,
SS.President Coolidge...radio from San Francisco.
"Hope Peggy received candy and she missed a wonderful opportunity will not miss the boat next time Happy New Year."
Charlie Mayers

The following wires were sent to one Wm. Golder a suspect in the Frisch Kidnapping Case and Golder is a close friend of Graham and Coffey,
February 6th, 1934
William Golder,
Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, Cal.
"My party did not come today. Will let you know".
Wt.

February 7th, 1934
William Golder,
Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, Cal.
"George came here and will wait here for you."
Wt.

Et March 3, 1934
William Golder,
Belmont Apts., Reno, Nevada.
"Party you asked about did not return Gave Bill thousand for you He will call Sullivan to give it to you Best regards to all from all".
Frank. (New York)

March 12th, 1934
William Golder
Belmont Apts., Reno, Nevada.
"Will phone you eight-thirty your time tonight".
Frank(New York City)

Following wire was charged to the telephone listed in the name of William Golder at Reno, Nevada.
November 21, 1933
Miss(or might be Mrs) Laura Pettier,
43 Burnside Ave., East New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.
"Dear Laura Please have Charlie to call this number right away its very very important Reno 7513".
Wt.

Des Moines, Ia.

April 19, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clogg,
Division of Investigation
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - victim
Kidnaping. K.C. file 27-37

Dear Sir:

Continuing my investigation on the above matter,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised me that a family by the name of Lane Sheppard, formerly lived at this address for about four years, and moved out during January 1934. Then a Mrs. Alice Phonsant moved in, and while his [REDACTED] the date as 4/10/34, the carrier on second thought believes this should be 3/10/34. He does not know when Ruby Jones arrived, but to the best of his recollection, [REDACTED] in about the three weeks that she has been there. He has never seen her, but he has seen Mrs. Phonsant, and describes her as a woman about 50 years of age, slender, and about 5'6" tall. I looked over this place, and it is a nice little brick house, in the residential section of the city. The 2300 and 2400 blocks run together, and on the even number side of the street there are about nine houses in the block, and on the odd number side there are but four, and 2315 is the first house from the corner. I have asked [REDACTED] to observe carefully what goes on here and to jot down any automobile license numbers seen in the vicinity of this house.

I further learned to day that the large photograph of the little girl is of Myrtle Winnie Eaton, the daughter of Charles Eaton, 1609 N. 14th Street, Des Moines, born 12/30/21. She was in kindergarten the first year at the McKinley Public School, S.E. 6th and Jackson St., her second and third year were spent with "Uncle Doc and Aunt Mart" in St. Paul where she attended a parochial school. This was between January 1929 and September 1931. In January of this year she entered the Lincoln Junior High School, S.W. 9th and Loomis Streets. She is at present living at home. Her father Charles Eaton is the one who has about 18 children, and they are so far as my informant could advise, Bessie, Jesse, Donald, Helen, Dorothy, Letha, Winnie, Frank, Charlie, Hazel, and a younger one. The girl Letha lives with her Aunt Winnie Eaton, the wife of "Candy" Eaton, at 2706 S.E. 6th Street. I have been unable as yet to identify the snapshots of "Grandpa, [REDACTED], and Junior [REDACTED]."

In a previous letter I advised that Myrtle Eaton was supposed to be married to a respectable business man in St. Paul, my informant [REDACTED]

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in error, and now advises me that the man to whom she is married is Andy
Botwiner.

Very truly yours,

cc-Name as City
Division ✓

O. C. Dewey.
Special Agent.

Kirtwood Hotel,
Des Moines, Ia.
April 16, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al
I.O. #1218; Unknown subjects.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping - K.C. file #7-57

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 16, 1934, and supplementing my letter to you of the same date on the above captioned matter, I have secured the following information.

In my previous letter I advised you that Myrtle Eaton is the former wife of Clarence "Doc" Eaton, formerly of Des Moines. Myrtle Eaton was arrested in Des Moines as Myrtle King #6806 in 1927 for investigation. She was associating with Andy Rottinger, alias Andy King of St. Paul at that time. Myrtle was later arrested by the Minneapolis Police as Ruth Martin #3115 on 2/27/30 on charges of grand larceny; as Sue Bond #2402 by the St. Paul Police on 12/9/30 on charges of shop lifting, and as Alice Martin #506 by the Des Moines Police on 12/29/31. I am enclosing a picture of her for you, and likewise sending one to the Kansas City Office.

I have made several inquiries and have had some leads for me, but I am unable to learn that Myrtle is in town. She will more than likely stay with her sister, Winnie Eaton, at 2706 S.E. Oak street, or if she has money, at the Northwestern Hotel, 517 E. Walnut. This latter place is a second rate hotel operated by Otto Stursinger who is not considered reliable, but if information is desired from there, I believe I can obtain it.

I have checked the address 805 E. Granger Street, Des Moines, and find this is the home of Jesse and Erna Eaton, who has several children and is part of this same Eaton outfit. This address is in a very poor part of town on the border of what is generally referred to as "Little Italy". From your letter it would appear that "Tinnie Winkle" is his daughter and attends St. Joseph's Academy. I interviewed Sister Mary Magdalene at this Academy, 3300 Grand Avenue, and she searched her records of both the boarders and the day pupils and advises she has no children by the name of Eaton. She knew none by the name of Winnie, or Winnie Winkle, and was unable to identify the photo of the little girl, who is apparently a child dancer, as any of the records. It should be stated that this school is located in the exclusive section of Des Moines and it is rather unlikely that a child from across the tracks

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would attend this school. The Sister advised me that there is a St. Joseph's School at Ottumwa, Ia. which is about 90 miles from Des Moines, and it has occurred to me that possibly the child sent the letter to the family to be addressed and is therefore postmarked Des Moines.

Charles A. Eaton and wife Nellie, whose occupation is that of a farmer, resides at 1609 S.E. 14th Street. He has about 14 kids so I was just informed. A girl Dorothy is a waitress in a local restaurant, another girl Helen is a cook in the White Front Cafe, 803 E. Walnut St. several are married and have moved away from town.

Winnie Eaton, the former wife of "Candy" Eaton, resides at 1706 S.E. 6th Street, Des Moines, and when a young girl she hustled on the East side of Des Moines. Later when she married "Candy" she ran a house, and when he died, she started living with Charles "Chuck" Conlan, who was Eaton's right hand man. Conlan now operates a drug store at 627 Grand Avenue, Des Moines.

Regarding the large photograph you sent me of Elsie McKinley, I had two different parties identify it as Elsie McKinley. Each had known this girl from childhood, and one advised that I could find an identical picture at the home of Nell Green, here in Des Moines. She was arrested here in Des Moines as Alice Parrish, #1145 in 1927 together with Tony the Top, Norman Porter, and Gale Johnson, on a charge of possession of burglary tools. All of them were convicted, but the Parrish woman appealed her case, won and the case was never retried. She was arrested as Mae Miller, # by the Minneapolis Police on 2/27/30 on charges of grand larceny; and was likewise arrested by the St. Paul Police as Inogene Wilson #2401 on 12/9/30 on charges of shop lifting. You will note that Elsie and Myrtle were apparently arrested together by the St. Paul Police. Elsie McKinley was seen in town just a few days ago, she is living with a Jimmy Murphy, a gambler and bootlegger. Murphy has been pointed out to me at the Club Bolvidere, here in Des Moines, where he operates a gambling table. b7c

In my letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Mo. dated Feb. 15, 1934, on the Bremer kidnaping matter, I have set forth a list of the better known gangsters in Des Moines, all of these are associates of Dewey Berlovich, who operates the Sportsman's Club. In connection with Andy Rothmeyer, he was in town at about the same time as Jack Klutas was here in 1927, and he had with him a large fellow from St. Paul, whom I was advised at one time was a man named Von Houghtman, or Hantman. This man should be considered in this outfit as he is from St. Paul.

Since writing the above, I have been out to a joint on the south side, and was advised that Myrtle Eaton and her fellow were in town April 7, 1934, and came down from St. Paul with "Big Marie" and her man. It is thought that they returned to St. Paul, but I will find out definitely in the next day or so. Big Marie, is a girl in her early twenties who weighs about

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140 lbs. She formerly hustled here, but is now in St. Paul doing her business. It is possible that the Police in the twin cities might know her. I will also try to find out her name here.

Any additional information I secure, I will immediately forward it to you.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent.

cc - Kansas City
Division ✓

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503A U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

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.

Reference is made to your letter of March
29, 1934, with which you enclosed the fingerprints of
HOMER VIRGIL WILSON and M. H. MEAD, which were secured
from the Denver Police Department.

I am herewith returning said fingerprints
to you as requested.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:Division
St. Paul.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. E. Ramsey, San Francisco, April 8, 1934, in which it is noted that a photostatic copy of the signature of E. L. BURNES was furnished to the Saint Paul Office and all offices receiving copies of that report.

The report did not indicate the number of copies which were furnished the Saint Paul Office and it is, therefore, requested that this office be advised as to the number of copies furnished Saint Paul. It is deemed advisable that sufficient copies be made so that one copy can be issued to each Agent working on this case.

In the event sufficient copies have not been furnished you, this office will provide you with such as are needed.

Very truly yours,

KRM:EMH
CC:Division
San Francisco
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M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

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Postmaster
Waterman, Washington

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

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one C. E. Moore of Waterman, who registered a Chevrolet Sedan, 1929 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Moore is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

Kindly advise us to how long Moore has received mail through the Waterman Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. [Signature]

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

April 18, 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
APR 24 1934 AM

Postmaster
Otis Orchards, Washington

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

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one Harry Campbell of Otis Orchards, who registered a Whippet Coach, 1928 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Campbell is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

Kindly advise as to how long Campbell has received mail through the Otis Orchards Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
[Signature]

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

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please refer to the report of Special Agent
in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City, April 8, 1934,
on page two of which it is stated that the signatures
of those Subjects who were located in Reno, Nevada some-
time ago, were all forwarded to the Saint Paul Office.

In this connection, reference is also made
to the letter of the Chicago Office to you, dated March
24, 1934.

Please consider the advisability of forwarding
to this office the signatures in question, so that they
may be photostated and all interested offices furnished
with sufficient copies of same so that Agents working on
this case may be properly equipped.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
CC:Division
Salt Lake
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M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. C. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

April 18, 1934

Postmaster
Kahlotus, Washington

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

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one Harry Campbell of Kahlotus, who registered a Ford Coupe, 1928 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Campbell is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

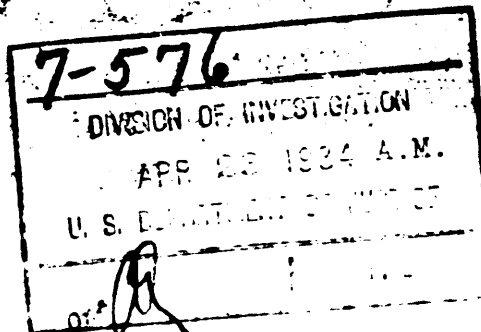
Kindly advise as to how long Campbell has received mail through the Kahlotus Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division ✓



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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 20, 1934

Postmaster,
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.
#1218, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a very important investigation being conducted by this office, we are desirous of locating Phoenix Donald, with the following aliases: Bill Scott, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, R. A. Donald, R. A. Nelson, and William Weaver; Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993. While we only want to locate Donald for the purpose of questioning him in this matter, it is concerning a very important case and it is therefore respectfully requested that you handle the matter in a most confidential manner. If you have any information concerning the location of this person, it will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this office in the matter.

Will you kindly place a cover on the mail of Donald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Donald, and his sister, Mrs. Nellie Donald, at Mammoth Spring, Ark., tracing of such first class mail for a period of thirty days. When making replies, kindly mention Oklahoma City File No. 7-36.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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

April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREM R, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

It is requested that, in the future, copies of all
communications in the above case be furnished to the Chicago
Division Office.

Very truly yours,

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CC Each Division Office

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR,

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 19, 1934

APR 23 1934 AM

Mr. H. H. Clegg
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219,
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter of February 12, 1934, concerning, among other things, the latent fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker which was found on one of four gasoline cans discovered near Portage, Wisconsin, subsequent to the release of Edward George Bremer.

In connection therewith, it has occurred to Special Agent H. L. Andersen, of this office, that the cans in question may have been discarded after a bank robbery somewhere in the vicinity of Portage, especially so when consideration is given to the fact that bank mobs frequently carry extra gasoline when making their get-aways. As is known to the Division, these bank mobs in their get-aways often travel considerable distances so a check in the nature that the foregoing suggests would necessarily take in a large radius. This, however, should not be difficult in view of the improbability of many "jobs" having been "pulled" around the time in question.

The foregoing is submitted for your consideration even though it appears that the Division is on the right track insofar as the identities of the kidnapers are concerned. It is realized that if the Karpis-Barker gang participated in a bank robbery while Bremer was held captive, the probability of their being involved in this case would be rather remote.

Very truly yours,

H. C. SPENCER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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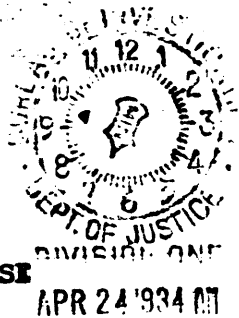
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Dwight Brantley,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
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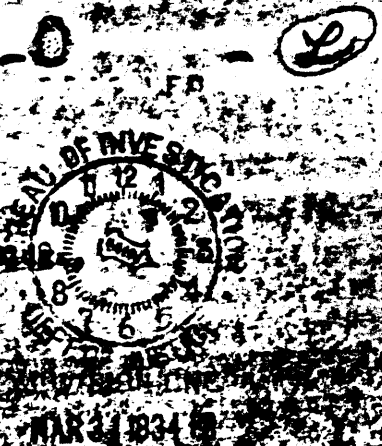
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah,
March 27, 1934.



AIR MAIL.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping - S.I. File 7-576.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 22, 1934, in which you refer to a telegram received from this office under date of March 22, 1934, reflecting investigation indicating that the Barker brothers, and Karpis and Davis, and other members of this gang, have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the past four months. Report of Agent A.R. Gere of this office dated March 22, 1934, in this matter, is more comprehensively reflective of the presence of these people at Reno on past occasions.

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In connection with your letter, I wish to advise you that Agent A.R. Gere did not leave Reno at any time to return to this headquarters, and has been continuously at Reno since he arrived to that city.

I note that you state that in view of the fact that no previous investigation had been made by this Division in Reno, it is very probable that Barker and Karpis may return to Reno, and that an agent should remain at Reno indefinitely.

Agent Gere of this office, and Agent Sackett of the Los Angeles office are presently at Reno, and I will have both of them remain at Reno until you believe they should be released from that city and return to the respective offices. I am of the opinion that they can properly handle the investigation in this matter at Reno, except should any members of this gang return to Reno, when of course the apprehension of one or more of these persons could best, in my opinion, be effected by agents Gere and Sackett of themselves. Of course they unquestionably have, and could secure at any time, the full cooperation of the Reno, Nevada, Department of Police. However, if it is your desire that one or both of these agents, or some other agent, should remain at Reno indefinitely for the sole purpose of

being there, should any members of this gang return to Reno, the stay of these agents, or any other agent of the Division at Reno for that purpose would necessarily be for a long period of time, since the return of one or more of these members of the gang is problematical, and the date of their return or returns not definite, and may not occur for many, many months.

I am of the firm opinion that sooner or later some member or members of this gang, will return to Reno. Agent Gorb's report dated March 23, 1934, reflects that they are known to have frequented the Town House and the Rex Saloon, and possibly the Bank Club, the latter a gambling place, and it is probable during the summer months current, they may from time to time visit the Calneva gambling, dining, dancing place and saloon at Lake Tahoe, California, near Reno, all of which places seem to be controlled by William J. Graham, James C. McKay and others at Reno, Nevada, who are prominent in underworld affairs at Reno.

If you are of the opinion that it is worth while for the Division to have representation at Reno for an indefinite period, for the sole purpose of learning if and when one or more members of this gang return to Reno, and for the additional purpose to arrange for their apprehension, it seems logical to me that the agent or agents, and I believe there should be an adequate number of agents, should be agents who have never before operated at any place in Nevada, particularly Reno and Las Vegas. Every member of my personnel is known in Nevada, and so too is Agent Sackett because of his recent activities there. Reno is probably the most logical place to establish contact with one or more members of this gang, and while I do believe that they may not return there for a long period of time, I do believe they will eventually return there, either to reside for a short period, or when passing through from the east to the west coast or vice versa.

I wish you would give consideration to the advisability of delegating an adequate number of skilled agents to Reno for the sole purpose of learning if and when any member or members of this gang appear there, and for the purpose of arranging for their apprehension. The agents should operate under cover in my opinion and be well acquainted with the handling and operation of fire arms. Too, they should be supplied with a reasonable amount of money whereby they can visit the Town House, the Rex Saloon, the Bank Club, Calneva at Lake Tahoe, and other sporting places in and about Reno because I believe that it is only at these places that the agents will come in contact with one or more members of this gang. They should be agents who can play the part called for, and who can discreetly disassociate themselves with Division affiliation insofar

as all persons are concerned.

I do not believe that any agent or agents of this Division who are known to the authorities and citizens of Reno should be assigned to the task, and since the assignment will be one of indefinite tenure I am of the opinion that it should be handled as a special assignment, so that the other business of this office may be handled by its present personnel.

I believe that police cooperation can be secured if and when it becomes necessary to take one or more members of this gang into custody should they appear there. However, it does not appear to me to be prudent for all members of the assignment to contact the police or to be known to the police or other officials there. I believe that one of the agents of this group should make himself known to the authorities and be the only one of the assignment to deal with the authorities, and that all other agents of the assignment should operate strictly under cover and that suitable arrangements be made between the agent of the assignment who is to contact the police, and the other agents on the assignment, so that the authorities and no one else at Reno will know of the presence of any agent but the one heading the detail. This seems advisable to forestall any leak, and to prevent the underworld element from knowing of the presence of the agents there.

While I am unfamiliar with the details of the investigation in this case at the seat of operation, particularly insofar as it relates to any close contact with one or more members of this gang, it does appear worth while to place a special detail at Reno since our investigation clearly shows that several members of this gang are known in and about Reno, and have been there on several occasions in the past. Please let me have your advice concerning the plans suggested.

JAMES A. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Confirming telegram of the 18th instant relative to Phoenix Donald, this is to advise that Special Agent T. M. Birch conducted an investigation at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, and has advised this office by memorandum that the records at the State Penitentiary disclosed that Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Scott, alias P. S. Donald, alias Phoenix O'Donald, alias E. A. Donald, alias E. A. Nelson, alias William Weaver, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993, was received at the above named institution on April 7, 1925 from Creek County, Oklahoma, under life sentence on a charge of murder; that he was paroled to his brother-in-law, W. T. Bowling, on June 20, 1931, Bowling's address at that time being Salem, Arkansas.

The following named persons wrote letters requesting that Phoenix Donald be granted a parole:

Harvey Parnell,	Governor of Arkansas,
C. C. Pressly,	President, Citizens Bank, Mammoth Spring, Ark.,
W. S. Livingston,	Editor, Seminole Evening News, Seminole, Okla.,
O. A. Cargill,	Former Mayor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Senator William	
H.V. Wahlquist,	Mammoth Spring, Arkansas,
O. C. Weathers,	Clerk of Court, Falton, Arkansas, and
Hal L. Norwood,	Attorney General of Arkansas.

There are enclosed herewith a photograph of Phoenix Donald at the time he entered the State Penitentiary, McAlester, also a photograph purporting to be a likeness of Donald at the present time; however, the authenticity of this is questioned as Special Agent Birch advised that the clerk in the record office at McAlester Penitentiary gave the photograph to him with the statement that he "thought it was a picture of Phoenix Donald." Also the

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signature of Phoenix Donald in pencil, together with his thumb prints thereon, which was obtained from the State Penitentiary at McAlester. Also a copy of the Revocation of Parole signed by Wm. H. Murray, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, dated August 15, 1932; and a copy of a letter from the Director of this Division to the Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 9, 1932, showing the criminal record of P. O. Donald as disclosed by the files of the Identification Unit of this Division at that time.

The records at the above named institution revealed that at the time Phoenix Donald was received at the Penitentiary his relatives were listed as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Donald	Father and Mother	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Mrs. Nellie Frazier	Sister	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Mrs. W. T. Bowling	Sister	Salem, Arkansas
Mrs. Georgia Donald	Wife	Oilton, Oklahoma

At the time Phoenix Donald was received at the above named institution he gave his age as 27 years; religion, none; occupation, clerk and printer; schooling, six years; admitted use of intoxicants and tobacco. While incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, he was employed in the brick yards and twine factory, and was a musician in the prison band.

A list of the correspondents of Phoenix Donald is given as follows:

Ray Frazier, Chief of Police	Friend	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1925
Riley Thornton	Nephew	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1925
Mrs. W. T. Bowling	Sister	Salem, Arkansas	1925-1931
Jack Leverette	Cousin	Old Albuquerque, N.M.	1930
Mrs. M. S. Donald	Mother	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1925-1930
Ruby Bowling	Niece	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1930
W. T. Bowling	Brother-in-law	Salem, Arkansas	1925-1930
Mrs. Georgia Donald	Wife	Newoka, Oklahoma	1925
American Legion Post	Business	Oilton, Oklahoma	1930
Pat Giniere	Friend	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1930
H. G. Thornton	Nephew	Norman, Oklahoma	1927
Eugene Bowling	Nephew	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1926
Jack Dunn	Friend	Salem, Arkansas	1925
E. E. Sterling	Friend	Ault, Colorado	1925
H. L. Lewis	Friend	Ault, Colorado	1925
Owen Edwards	Friend	Hearne, Texas	1925
Bill Brown	Friend	Borger, Texas	1925
Oklahoma Publishing Co.	Business	Ault, Colorado	1925
		Oklahoma City, Okla.	1925

The records also reflect that Phoenix Donald is very fond of baseball games, also that he plays several band instruments.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City office be advised if investigation should be conducted among the relatives and friends of Phoenix Donald listed above in the district covered by this office.

Very truly yours,

HARLE W. SLICK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 20, 1934

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Postmaster,
Oilton, Oklahoma.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.
#1218, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Concerning a case which this office has under investigation, we are desirous of contacting one Phoenix Donald for questioning. His wife is Mrs. Georgia Donald and our information is that she is now residing in Oilton, Oklahoma. If you have any information concerning the location of Donald, we shall be pleased to hear from you in regard thereto.

Further requested that a copy of this letter be furnished to the post office at Oilton, Oklahoma, and that the post office be furnished this office.

While we are only desirous of questioning Donald, it is about a very important matter and it is therefore respectfully requested that the matter be handled by you in a most confidential way.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 20, 1934

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Postmaster,
Salem, Arkansas.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.
#1218, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a very important investigation being conducted by this office, we are desirous of locating Phoenix Donald for questioning. He is a brother of Mrs. W. T. Bowling of Salem. If you can furnish this office any information concerning the location of Donald, it will be greatly appreciated.

It is further requested that a Liberty Bell cover be placed upon the envelope and that the name of the sender be written thereon in a confidential manner.

While it is only desired that Donald be contacted for the purpose of being interrogated, it is about a very important matter and it is therefore requested that the matter be treated in a most confidential manner.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this regard, I am

Very truly yours,

HARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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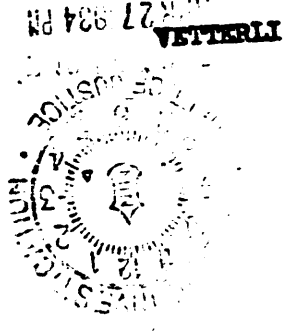
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**E. E. Conroy,
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April 21, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 700,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR H. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
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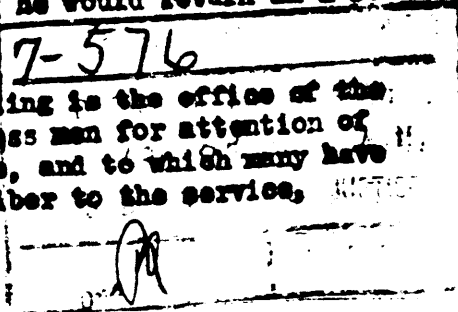
Reference is made to your telephone message of April
20th, and confirming my telegram of April 21st:

California 1934 license E-W-6543 was issued to Hugh
Berry, 415 Howard Building, San Francisco, as registered owner;
Commercial Discount Company, 340 Pine St., San Francisco, legal
owner, for Packard De Luxe "8" Coupe, 1932 model, motor No. 365937,
serial No. 859470.

In his application for loan, on file with the
Commercial Discount Company, dated March 27, 1934, Hugh Monroe
Berry gave his age as 35; height 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight 150 lbs.; complexion
dark; hair dark; occupation publicity and advertising; former place
of business 88 Front St., Portland; San Francisco residence Gaylord
Hotel; references, J. H. Macheune, 88 Front St., Portland; E. Rork,
610 Geary St., San Francisco; mother, Estelle MacKenzie, 326 Front
St., Portland.

From investigation it appears that Berry has been in
San Francisco since March, this year, coming here from Portland.
His reputation at the Gaylord Hotel is good, though little is known
of him. He recently checked out, saying he would return in a few
weeks.

The address, 415 Howard Building is the office of the
Business Telephone Service, used by business men for attention of
their telephone calls during their absence, and to which many have
their mail addressed. Berry is a subscriber to the service.



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receiving his mail and telephone calls there. He is said to be an advertising man, who is on the road much of the time; pays his bills promptly, and though known but a short time, is considered of good character.

E. Bork, 610 Geary St., San Francisco, named as a reference in Berry's application for the auto loan, is out of the city temporarily.

Berry has been here such a short time, he is little known. Such information as has been obtained indicates he is engaged in a legitimate business. Nothing against his reputation has been found.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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318 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California.

April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul, and to code wire from the Salt Lake City Office, stating that informant had advised that Subjects in the Bremer Kidnaping Case had been friendly with the widowed daughter of a banker, either a legitimate banker, or a banker at the Bank Club, at Reno, Nevada, and would keep in touch with this girl.

Please be advised that there is only one bank open in Reno at the present time. However, a thorough investigation was made of all legitimate bankers. None of them have a widowed daughter with whom Subjects would contact. In addition, confidential check-up was made of Wingfield, who is a banker and big politician at Reno. His only daughter was married a few days ago in New York City. I understand this was the daughter of his first wife, however.

A check of William Graham, J. C. McKay, Jack Sullivan, Ray Kendall and Harry Bond, all primary figures in the handling of the Bank Club, a gambling joint, at Reno, Nevada, also Police Commissioner Justi, at Reno, who is involved with these individuals, failed to indicate that they had a widowed daughter whom Subjects might contact. In each instance inquiries were also made to ascertain if possibly they had any daughter of the age with whom Subjects might contact. While, of course, the inquiries had to be made guardedly, the information received was all in the negative.

However, this matter is being pursued at Reno at the present time.

For your further information, Mr. Clegg should be advised that a thorough check was made of the airplanes during our remaining stay at Reno, there being three from the East and three from the West each day; no suspicious characters arrived at all. Accordingly Agents checked back over the records at the Airport for several months, but failed to find the names of Subjects, under their correct names or aliases, or any other individuals whose names appeared to be at all suspicious.

Bill Hoover of the de Luxe Taxi Company, 207 N. Virginia St., Reno, who was mentioned in my report of April 11th, and who was the individual frequently called by the woman who lived with Subject Harry Campbell under the name of G. L. Martin, was interviewed. He had no particular information of value, other than that already reported by the owner of the de Luxe Taxi Company. He stated that he called for Mrs. Martin on two or three occasions, and the last day he saw her, which was several months ago, they stopped at various places around town, had a glass of beer or drink, and on each occasion Bill Hoover went into these joints with her, including the Bank Club, and other places, where Mrs. Martin had a highball or a glass of beer, and Bill Hoover joined her in these drinks. Hoover states that Mrs. Martin did not speak to anyone at any of these places, and made no telephone calls, and left owing him a small bill, stating she would see him the next day. Further, that when he left Mrs. Martin, she was slightly intoxicated, and he has not seen her since, and has no idea where the woman or Subjects may be located.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

San Francisco, California, April 22, 1934.

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

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Washington, D. C.

April 19, 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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated April 12, 1934, concerning information furnished by Audrey Witcomb, formerly Mrs. Wesley W. Billings, having to do with her contacts with Dutch Jones, Jack Phiefer, and others at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and at the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Audrey Witcomb has informed Agent Burruss that while at St. Paul with Dutch Jones, she became acquainted with Virginia Gary, secretary to Otto Bremer. Audrey Witcomb stated that Virginia Gary, who lives at 136 North Lexington Street, St. Paul, met Dutch Jones and Jack Phiefer, and that she undoubtedly can furnish the names of others connected with the underworld at St. Paul. Miss Witcomb stated that she became very friendly with Miss Gary, and it is Miss Witcomb's opinion that Virginia Gary can supply the names of other men whom Miss Witcomb met while at St. Paul. Miss Witcomb stated that she had no objection to her name being used in contacting Virginia Gary.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Pennington
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul
cc Mr. Rorer

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

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W.A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minn.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation in the matter of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al (Edward George Bremer - Victim), (Kidnaping), I am attaching hereto a copy of the log maintained with respect to the tap on the telephones in the rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, occupied by W.J. Graham, James Gray and John Taaffe, which tap was maintained from the night of April 10, 1934 until their departure from New York City, April 14, 1934 at 4:15 P.M.

Very truly yours,

F.X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

cc Division (enc.)
Chicago
San Francisco
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April 17, 1934

RECORD OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH TAP ON TELEPHONES
IN ROOMS 1066-68-70 AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK
CITY, FROM APRIL 10 to 14, 1934, SAID ROOMS BEING OCCUPIED
BY GRAHAM, McKay and TAAFFE.

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Agents McGrath and Tracy covered the Twentieth Century and it was observed that Graham, McKay and Taaffe took this train, which left the Grand Central Depot at 4:15 P.M. April 14, 1934. They were accompanied to the train by Jack Adler. Just before

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taking the train, Graham and Taaffe went to the ticket office and inquiry developed that the purpose of this was to validate the return portion of a round trip ticket from San Francisco to New York. The party secured and occupied drawing room B in Car 23. The Chicago Division office was immediately wired.

Further inquiry at Grand Central Depot disclosed that two trunks had been checked out of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel under the name Graham. One trunk on Waldorf-Astoria check #19804 was shipped to Crockett, California, on New York Central ticket 362064. The second trunk was shipped on Waldorf-Astoria check #19806 to Reno, Nevada on New York Central check 362086.

Further investigation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel disclosed that bill was paid with the following currency:

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Upon the departure of these three individuals, their rooms were immediately searched by Agent Rosen, and the following items were found:

Two cards bearing the following telephone numbers:

Boulevard 8-6224
Riverside 9-3118
Hanover 2-3050

Listings were obtained on the above numbers and are as follows:

Boulevard 8-6224 - listed to
T. C. Chalmers, M. D.
88 Continental Avenue,
Queens, N. Y.

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Riverside 9-3110 - listed to
Rev. Thomas McCandless,
227 West 99th Street,
New York City.

Hanover 2-3050 - listed to
Ryan & Mollanus,
24 Broad Street,
New York City.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

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There is attached hereto a rough draft sketch of a section of a suburb of Chicago, known as Oak Park. You will notice the arrow in ink showing the direction to the loop section to Chicago, down Washington Street, or Avenue. You will also note an intersection of Washington Avenue with Holmes Avenue. BESSIE GREEN, with aliases, advises that while proceeding down Washington Avenue in the direction of Chicago, upon reaching Holmes Avenue, a left turn should be made. Within a radius of two blocks of this intersection of Washington and Holmes, and on the right side of the street after entering Holmes Avenue, there is an old fashioned brick apartment house, or flat. This building has no front porch, although she recalls that it is possible that there are some steps leading up from the street. The house is, to the best of her recollection, cream colored and consists probably of three floors but it is possible that it consists of four floors. There are no elevators in the building and she advises that, in the spring of 1933, when she was in Chicago, she visited the apartment, or flat, on the third floor front, on the left side after entering, and KATE BAKER, the mother of FRED and BOB BAKER, was living in this apartment, or flat, at that time. She further believes that the windows in front consisted of one large window as the center of the group of three windows with two small windows flanking the large window, one on each side. She believes that there is a larger apartment house across the street, which is taller than the one in which the BAKER apartment was located. She does not recall being able to see over a building across the street in looking out the front window in such a way that she could see any of the signs in the business, or theater, district.

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BESSIE GREEN thinks that, shortly after leaving the above referred to apartment house, or flat, going in the direction of the elevated line, that a turn is made to the left, leaving Holmes Avenue, and passing under the elevated, making a "U" turn, and returning further to the north again under the elevated, and the business district of Oak Park should be located by travelling in the manner indicated from the house in which the BARKERS lived. She stated that she believes that the entire block was made up largely of apartment houses. She knows definitely that the house was between Washington Avenue and the elevated on Holmes and she stated, in fact, that she could easily go directly to the house but claims that this is the best possible description she could give as to its location since it has been about a year since she saw this building.

There appears in previous correspondence recording interviews with BESSIE GREEN further details of her conversation concerning the location of this house and the circumstances as to its location. I realize, of course, that this information is rather indefinite although it does seem to indicate the house as definitely placed within a radius of two blocks of Oak Park, Illinois, and it may be that you will be able to effect an identification of the building through this rather meager information.

If this does not suffice, following the disposition of charges which have been filed against BESSIE GREEN, some arrangements may be made whereby she will be permitted to come to Chicago to effect this location. She frankly expresses the opinion, however, that MRS. BARKER will not be there now because she definitely recalls hearing that MRS. BARKER was with FRED and DOC BARKER in the Twin Cities before Christmas, 1933, and that FRED and his mother returned to Chicago for the holidays. It may be that they retained the old apartment, but she is inclined to the opinion that they would have obtained quarters elsewhere when they returned at Christmas, 1933.

Please note previous communications recording information received from BESSIE GREEN, one in particular which points out the approximate location of a place where meals are served outside a building in Maywood, Illinois, and that ALVIN KARPIS is supposed to eat, on occasions, at this place.

If an identification cannot be effected, it may be possible that BESSIE GREEN could be of further service if permitted to come to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

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OC Division (Enc.) Enc.

M.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/20/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/4-13/34	REPORT MADE BY: A. SCHROEDER
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Wesley Pritchard, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, Pa., reputable citizen, corresponds with Wesley D. Brannon, 537 DeQueen Boulevard, Port Arthur, Texas, but has seen nothing of Paula Harmon since 1925; will notify this office if any information received.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Office, 4-3-34

DETAILS:

AT LANSDOWNE, PA.
Investigation revealed that Wesley Pritchard rooms at the home of Franklin Graham, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne. Lansdowne is a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia and is a purely residential section. It was ascertained that Mr. Graham is employed by the Sentman Motor Company, 5630 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and that the Grahams are considered highly respectable people.

DETAILS:

Contact with Mr. Graham reflected that Pritchard is the son of the manager of the Gulf Refining Company and is presently employed by that company at Girard Point, near Philadelphia. He advised that Pritchard had resided with them for approximately the last six months; that the young man had no visitors and is a high-type of individual.

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Wesley Pritchard, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, was interviewed at the Gulf Refining Company, Girard Point, near Philadelphia. He advised that his father, G. L. Pritchard, is manager of the Gulf Refining Company and located in the Gulf Refining Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., his home address being 1031 Washington Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Pritchard was not advised of the nature of this case. However, he informed that he formerly resided in Port Arthur, Texas, having been reared in that city and attended school there, during which time he became very friendly with Wesley D. Brannon, whom he considers one of his best friends.

The Brannon family, according to Pritchard, are straight-living, honest people. Relative to Paula Harmon, Pritchard stated he has not seen her since, approximately, 1925 or 1926 and has no idea whether she may be living with her parents at home or where she may be located. He stated that he corresponds with Wesley D. Brannon rather frequently, but that his correspondence is limited to that member of the family.

According to Pritchard, Wesley D. Brannon is employed by the Texas Company at Port Arthur, as a gauger, is married, and has never been in any difficulty to Pritchard's knowledge. Pritchard was unable to furnish any definite information relative to Paula Harmon, advising that, although he knew her in his younger days, he has lost all contact with her. However, he agreed to advise this office in the event he receives any information relative to Paula Harmon's whereabouts and further agreed not to inform the Brannons that inquiry is being made concerning Paula Harmon.

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

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FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/18/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/15/34	REPORT MADE BY: T. E. BILLINGS - AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William J. Graham, James C. McKay, John J. Taaffe and two other men, probably John F. Flannigan of Chicago, and Jimmie McCann, identity unknown, arrived in Chicago via New York Central Twentieth Century Limited 4/15/34 at 9:00 A. M., proceeded to Drake Hotel and to other points in city, departing by Chicago and North Western Overland Limited same date at 9:30 P. M. Kept under surveillance during entire time and all telephone calls covered. Calls indicate connection with racketeers in Chicago. No contact made with Frisch or members of Karpis-Barker gang.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 3/28/34; reports of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, 3/27/34 and 4/3/34; report of Special Agent A. Rosen, New York City, 4/4/34.

DETAILS:

On April 14, 1934, a teletype message was received from the New York City Division office, advising that Graham, McKay and Taaffe left New York City at 4:15 P. M. that date on the New York Central Century Limited, which arrived at Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 A. M., April 15, 1934; that they were occupying drawing room B in Car 23; that two return trip tickets to

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San Francisco had been validated that date and one trunk checked to Reno on baggage check No. 362086, another trunk to Crockett, California on check No. 362064, and that they apparently planned to take Overland Limited from Chicago, but that their reservations were unknown, and requested that the Chicago office keep them under surveillance and advise the Salt Lake City office of the results.

This agent, together with Special Agents H. L. Scott and Charles Jenkins, proceeded to the La Salle Street Station and observed that William J. Graham, James C. McKay, John J. Taaffe and two other individuals, who it will be shown later in this report, were probably John F. Flannigan of Chicago and Jimmie McCann, whose identity is unknown, alighted from the Twentieth Century Limited, which arrived at 9:00 A. M. These parties took a taxicab and were followed by agents to the Drake Hotel, where Graham, McKay and Taaffe registered for the use of rooms 970 and 972.

Arrangements were made through Mr. Cutter, manager, for agents to keep the lobby of the hotel under surveillance and to occupy a room at the hotel and to have all telephone calls made by these parties covered. Special Agents Jenkins and Scott remained in the lobby while this agent remained in a room at the hotel and covered all telephone calls made by these individuals. Special Agent Charles Jenkins was subsequently relieved by Special Agent J. F. O'Connell and he, together with agent Scott, followed the above five individuals, together with another man, whom it was later ascertained was Mr. B. A. Sullivan, publicity director for the Drake Hotel, to the Casino of the Congress Hotel, South Michigan Avenue and Congress Street, where they remained for approximately thirty minutes and then proceeded in a taxicab to the corner of Clark and Lake Streets. The agents, however, lost them in traffic but ascertained later, through the taxicab driver, that he had discharged them at the corner of Clark and Lake Streets, but that he did not know where they had gone. It was later ascertained, through telephone calls made by these parties, that they had been at the Ogden Grill, 192 North Clark Street, which is operated by Gilbert Kaplan. This place, in addition to being a restaurant, operates two elaborate bars. These parties, after remaining there for approximately two hours, returned to the hotel, where they remained in their rooms until about 8:30 P. M., when they went to the North Western depot, where Graham, McKay and Taaffe boarded the Overland Limited of the Chicago and North Western Railway at 9:30 P. M., occupying drawing room A, Car N-65. The information as to their reservations was transmitted telegraphically to the Salt Lake City office.

There is being set out below a resume of all telephone conversations had by these individuals which appear to be of importance in connection with this matter.

A call was made to Briargate 8700, which is an unpublished number, but was ascertained to be listed in the name of John F. Flannigan, 6608 North Fairfield Avenue, first floor, before agent had made arrangements to cover the telephone calls, but a subsequent call to this number indicated that [REDACTED]

Efforts were made by the agents stationed in the lobby to observe individuals who might be inquiring as to the rooms occupied by Graham and his party, but no one was observed and no one was seen during the entire time of the surveillance to contact these parties, other than Mr. B. A. Sullivan, who, as stated above, is publicity director for the Drake Hotel.

A call was made to Bittersweet 8303, which is the Pine Lodge Hotel, 3616 Pinegrove Avenue, [REDACTED]

Special Agents W. F. Trainor and C. A. Whitten ascertained, through Mr. M. B. Stein, manager, Pine Lodge Hotel, that Mr. F. L. Hague occupied Apartment 214; that he and his wife had been there for about three weeks, having returned from Florida; that they previously resided at the Pine Lodge Hotel and wrote him from Florida for a three-room apartment but he did not have what they wanted and they are now waiting for an apartment of the description mentioned above. Mr. Stein claimed he did not remember where they were in Florida, although he had stated they wrote him a letter, as mentioned above. He denied having any knowledge of them personally except as set forth above.

Mr. Stein furnished the following descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Hague:

Name:	F. L. HAGUE	MRS. F. L. HAGUE
Age:	58 to 60	About 50
Height:	6'	5'3 1/2" or 4"
Weight:	190 lb.	About 120 lb.
Hair:	Gray	Chestnut (edged with gray)
Eyes:	Unknown	Unknown
Complexion:	Ruddy	Fair

It was also ascertained from Mr. Stein that the above parties are driving a 1930 or 1931 Model Chrysler Coupe, bearing 1933 Illinois tags No. 695808. The tag number was obtained by agents from the car, a dark blue or black in color, which was parked in front of the hotel as indicated by Stein. Special Agent T. F. Mullen ascertained from the Chicago Police, Motor Vehicle Bureau, that the above tags were issued to Mrs. Grace White, 5616 Pinegrove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a Chrysler automobile, motor No. CD-22905.

An incoming call was received and the party who answered the telephone stated [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Special Agent W. F. Trainor ascertained at the Sovereign Hotel that Mr. B. A. Sullivan, former manager of the Sovereign Hotel, and now said to be publicity director for the Drake Hotel, was the only individual who had placed a call for the Drake Hotel at the hour the above call was received.

It was ascertained by this agent, through Mr. Cutter, manager of the Drake Hotel, that Mr. Sullivan is a close personal friend of Mr. John F. Flannigan, whom it was later ascertained was one of the members of the party arriving from New York with Graham and his party; that Mr. Flannigan was formerly manager of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, and that he is now known to be connected with a crowd of gamblers in Chicago. Mr. Cutter did not know the identity of the gamblers nor did he know of other connections of Mr. Flannigan. b7c

Telephone calls were made to the Morrison Hotel and the Medinah Club, and at each place [REDACTED]

Mr. McKay, at 1:45 P. M., placed a call [REDACTED]

A Western Union Messenger was called, and Mr. Cutter, of his own volition without any request upon the part of this agent, intercepted the telegram sent and ascertained that it was directed to Jack Dempsey, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, and signed by McKay, stating that Florence was in the hospital and giving the date of a trial, the exact date was not remembered by Mr. Cutter.

During the time that these individuals were absent from the hotel rooms, a call was received at the ticket reservation office of the hotel [redacted] b7c

[redacted] It was ascertained that the above telephone is listed in the name of Gilbert Kaplan, 192 North Clark Street. Agent proceeded to this address but found that these individuals had departed. Consequently, no opportunity was afforded to observe their activities there. It should be noted, however, in the reference report of Special Agent Rosen, that one Fred Kaplan is an attorney who has made inquiry regarding the case against Graham and McKay through the Assistant United States Attorney at New York, and further in the report of reference of Special Agent Gere, dated 4/5/34, that one Joseph Kaplan, an associate of William Golder, left Reno on March 7, 1934, for New York City. It is possible that the Gilbert Kaplan mentioned above is a relative of these individuals.

Telephone calls were subsequently made to Kaplan's place through the above telephone, and also through Dearborn 6229, which is listed in the name of the Ogden Grill, [redacted] b7c

[redacted]

Certain members of the Janitors' Union are well known racketeers in Chicago, but no information is available at this time as to the character and reputation of Jerry Horne.

In the above conversations with Kaplan, [redacted]

A call for [redacted]

Telephone calls were made to the Congress Hotel Harrison

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A call was also made to the Hotel Riensl, 600 West Diveray Parkway, Buckingham 4100, but agent was not connected with the call in time to ascertain the party called for at the hotel and there was no response to the call.

At 7:45 P. M. Mr. McKay placed a call for 4111, Reno, Nevada, but was advised at 8:10 P. M. that there was no response to that number, whereupon Mr. McKay requested that a call be placed for 3505 for Mr. William Woodburn personally.

It will be noted in the reference report of Special Agent Rosen, dated 4/4/34, on page 3 thereof, that William Woodburn is an attorney who represented Graham and McKay before Judge Horcross at Reno. In the reference report of Special Agent Gere, dated 5/27/34, reference is made to an anonymous letter received by the Chief of Police, Reno, in which the writer stated that he was told that he could get his pay for the job by calling Reno 4111, the number called above by McKay.

During the surveillance of these parties no contact was made with any individual answering the description of Roy J. Frisch or any members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and the telephone calls outlined above do not indicate that contact was made with them through that means.

Copies of this report are being made for both the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects; Roy J. Frisch - Victim - Possible Kidnaping, Missing Person", and the case entitled, "Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping"; and copies are being furnished under each title to appropriate offices.

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

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: Apr. 16, 1934.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Apr. 4 to 13, 1934.	REPORT MADE BY: W.R. Ramsey, Jr. AP.
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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check of news stands this district concluded. Investigation Vallejo, California, reflects suspects as E. L. Burnes and C. W. Davis stopped Casa Del Vallejo Hotel, Feb. 1st-6th, 1933, and T. C. Blackburn and W. Lohman registered Nov. 7, 1933, all giving residence as Reno; that Vallejo General Hospital is operated by Tobias Williams, formerly Reno gambler, and hospital apparently frequented by criminals. Dr. Edward Peterson of Vallejo reported physician for hospital patients, and removed Subject Karpis' tonsils last year. Investigation Grass Valley and other California mining districts reveals Bentz brothers and one Pauline King, an associate, operated there in 1930, but not presently there. Pauline King reported Plaza Hotel, Seattle, in December, 1933. Mrs. Helen McLeod, reported owner two sets California 1934 license plates, and whose car reported seen at Bentz residence, Chicago, said to reside 5491 Lake Port St., Chicago. Investigation hotels San Francisco, Sacramento and Oakland, California, and at Tanforan and El Cerrito Race Tracks thus far develops no further information as to suspects, but investigation continuing. Cooperation San Francisco and Northern California Laundry Associations secured in circularization of laundries this district, and check proceeding as to laundry marks of suspects. Goggles of type used in this case traced in San Francisco without result. Registration additional cars in names or aliases of Subjects in California</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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REFERENCE:

Letter from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23, 1934; Letters from Portland Division Office dated March 25th and 28th, 1934; Report of Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, San Francisco, March 27, 1934; Reports of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, April 2d and April 4, 1934, and Report Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, St. Lake City, Utah, April 6, 1934.

DETAILS:

This report is a joint report of Special Agents Criss, Geraghty and this Agent.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss, San Francisco, has submitted the following memorandum in connection with an investigation conducted by him:

AT STOCKTON, CALIF.

Mr. A. G. Wilson, operator of news stand, located at 5 North California St., was interviewed and advised that he was the only dealer in Stockton retailing out of State newspapers. He remembered that during the period that Bremer was kidnaped, and shortly thereafter, there were two old men who were very interested in the case, and purchased St. Paul newspapers. He did not know the men, but believed they were friends of Bremer; that lately a young man, about thirty years old, has purchased St. Paul papers; this man was not identified as one of the suspects in the case. Wilson seemed willing to cooperate, and will notify the San Francisco Division Office in case he observes any of the suspects.

The Stockton News Company is a wholesale newspaper and magazine company.

AT VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA.

Harry Hannery, Manager Casa Del Vallejo Hotel, was interviewed, and allowed Agent to check the hotel records, which reflected the following information:

E.L. Burnes and C. W. Davis checked in on Feb. 1, 1933, and remained until Feb. 6, 1933. They occupied room 224. The following telephone calls were made: Reno 21738 and Vallejo 15, the latter number being the Vallejo General Hospital.

R.E. Davis and E. V. Davis and mother checked in on Feb. 8, 1933, and were assigned rooms 101 and 103, staying one day.

E. L. Burnes and C. W. Davis checked into the hotel again on Feb. 9, 1933, and were assigned room 218, remaining one day.

T.C. Blackburn and W. Lohman checked in on Nov. 7, 1933, and were assigned room 228.

The only address given for the above registrations was Reno, Nevada.

The clerks and bellboys, after reviewing the pictures of the Barker gang, were able to identify Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, but could not remember anything in detail concerning their visits to the hotel.

Mr. Hannery advised that William Graham, J.M. McKay, and the Reno crowd, stopped usually at the Vallejo General Hospital, managed by one Tobias Williams, a close friend of theirs.

Dr. E. Leachman was interviewed and advised that he sent patients to the Vallejo General Hospital. He was reluctant to talk much, but did state that Tobias Williams was formerly a gambler from Nevada, and thus was very friendly with William Graham, Jack Dempsey, J.M. McKay, and that many patients were sent from Reno to this hospital for treatment by Dr. Edward A. Peterson, 537 Georgia St.; that he remembered on one occasion two men who were badly shot, came to the hospital; were treated and later disappeared. They were subsequently identified as bank or train robbers, wanted in a \$200,000.00 holdup; that Graham and McKay, and friends, when coming down from Reno to San Francisco, usually stop at the hospital, instead of going to an hotel; that William Graham is married to some relative of Tom Finn, a politician of great influence in San Francisco, and thus Graham and his friends are well known and liked by the San Francisco Police, and others in San Francisco.

Dr. Edward Peterson was interviewed, but seemed somewhat angry that Agent should question him. He vaguely identified Alvin Karpis as a patient who had had his tonsils removed some

time last year. Dr. Peterson claimed not to have any records or history on Karpis, and did not remember the name he used, or who visited him, claiming he was a cash patient, and thus no records were necessary.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Captain Hansley, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, advised that Theodore Bentz had operated a mine under the name of Ted Richards, somewhere around Grass Valley, and the Sheriff at Nevada City held a warrant for his arrest on labor charges.

AT GRASS VALLEY, AUBURN and DOWNIEVILLE, CALIF.

A check of the mining claim records, and Assessor's roll, did not reveal any mining claims or property assessed to Theodore Bentz, or aliases, in Placer, Nevada or Sierra Counties. He was unknown to the Sheriff's Office at Auburn, Calif.

The Sheriff's Office at Nevada City advised, from their records, that Theodore Bentz had the following record: b7c



They knew nothing of his present whereabouts, or business dealings. They will keep a lookout for him and his brother Edward.

The Postmaster at Grass Valley advised that one Charles Brockington, a well known mining engineer, had had dealings with Theodore Bentz under the name of Ted Richards.

Miss Thelma Brockington, daughter of Charles Brockington, who was sick in bed, advised that Theodore Bentz and his brother

Edward, accompanied by a Pauline King, came to Grass Valley in 1930, and posed as wealthy people, who wanted to invest in a mine, and had interested her father, an elderly man, in the development of the Ruby Mine, near Downieville, Calif.; that they had promised to make her father president of a corporation to be formed, and to make him manager of the mine, and thereby caused him to invest about \$3500.00; that her father also became infatuated with Pauline King, alias Pauline Burks, alias Pauline Richards, a sister of the Bentz' and had spent much money on her; that she had heard this group trying to get \$2500.00 more from her father; that she became suspicious of them and objected, and had all of her father's property placed in her name. She also advised that Pauline King had written a Christmas card to her father this last Christmas, which she had hidden. This was shown to Agent. It was postmarked Dec. 20, 1933, and had a return address of Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Brockington was interviewed, but knew of no other mines in which Theodore Bentz was interested.

AT DOWNIEVILLE, CALIF.

Sheriff E. W. Johnson, Assistant County Surveyor Ross Taylor, and others, identified Theodore Bentz, Edward Bentz, Mrs. Ed. R. Ronaldson, alias Mrs. Edward Bentz, as people who had been up to the Ruby Mine, located about five miles Southwest of Downieville. It was learned that Theodore Bentz was also selling Thrift Insurance, and had swindled an old man, now dead, by the name of Tom Brown, of Forest, California, out of \$10,000.00. Ross Taylor advised that the Bentz brothers have not been at the Ruby Mine since 1930; that when they left, they abandoned an automobile which was later repossessed by Joe Paoli and Deputy Sheriff Joe Miller of Eureka, California; that the Ruby Mine is now operated and owned by men such as E. L. Best of the Best Tractor Co., Norman DeVaux of the DeVaux Motor Company, etc.

Mr. C. A. Michels, President of the Sierra Pacific Gold Mining Company, San Francisco, California, telephone Sutter 3677, was interviewed, and advised that Theodore Bentz had leased the Ruby Mine from his company upon a percentage basis; that the records reflect he took out between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in gold, and then absconded without paying the company or his labor.

Agent checked at Bridgeport, Sheridan, Alleghany, Forest, French Corral and other mining towns, without obtaining any information as to Theodore Bentz, or his brother Edward being at present in the territory. A check will be made in other sections of the mother lode district.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

At the State Mining Bureau the file on the Ruby Mine contained a newspaper article setting out the dismissal of the case against Ted Richards at Nevada City in 1930, and referred to him as Manager of the Ruby Mine and as President of the Anglo Pacific Mines, Incorporated.

Agent was advised that most of the records were left in the Mining Bureau Office in the Ferry Building, San Francisco, and that Mr. John Bougard, High Grade Inspector, who inspects about all of the mines in the state, might know of Theodore Bentz and his present location.

The records of the California State Corporation Commission had little information, except that they reflected that on April 1, 1930, Ted Richards was placed on the questioned list, due to taking preorganization subscriptions in the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., without a permit, and had thus obtained about \$4,000.00 from Lettie A. Whittier, Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, and a group of eight people, which money was to be used supposedly in a mine near Downieville, California. Further, that Theodore Richards was granted an agent's certificate for the National Thrift Association of Los Angeles, not now in existence, on Jan. 29, 1930, the same being revoked on April 14, 1930."

Referring to report of this Agent, dated San Francisco April 4, 1934, with reference to license plates issued to a Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, and reported seen in front of the Bentz residence in Chicago recently, Special Agent T.P. Geraghty conducted the following investigation:

"Mrs. Walter Mamma, 310 Locust St., San Francisco, stated that she is a sister of Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, who resides with her husband, A.V. McLeod, 5491 Lake Port St., Chicago, who is in the real estate business in Chicago, and formerly very wealthy; that Mrs. McLeod intends to visit in California this Spring, and desired 1934 California license plates, the license being also much cheaper in California than in Illinois; that Mrs. McLeod forwarded to her (Mrs. Mamma) the certificate of title to a DeSoto Sedan, and requested that 1934 California license be obtained; that she personally made application for the license in the name of Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Walter Clifford, a brother-in-law, who also resides at 310 Locust St.; that the license plates, 3-J-3575, were received in due time, and forwarded to Mrs. McLeod in Chicago.

Mrs. Walter Mame further stated that her sister, Mrs. McLeod had informed her in a letter that she had requested Clark Coe to obtain 1934 California license for her, but he never answered her letter, nor sent the license plates; that she has known Clark Coe for over two years, as did Mrs. McLeod, and Coe formerly lived in Chicago; that Coe has had no regular occupation, as far as she knows, for the past two years, but is believed to come from a good family back East.

F. D. Harsin, Manager Rhodema Hotel, 811 Geary St., stated Clark Coe resided at his hotel for about a year prior to July 28, 1933, when he surreptitiously left owing \$192.00 for room rent, and he has been unable to locate him; that while residing at the Rhodema Hotel, Coe had no man associates, but seemed to be friendly with some old ladies, whom it is reported Coe defrauded out of considerable sums of money, particularly one Mrs. Adams, who in 1933 sued and obtained a judgment against Coe in 1933.

F. D. Harsin further stated that a letter addressed to Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Clark Coe, Rhodema Hotel, San Francisco, from the State of California Motor Vehicle Division, containing automobile white slip, was received April 5, 1934, which white slip shows 1934 California license 5-J-480, issued Jan. 20, 1934, for DeSota Sedan, Motor No. 5-C-19185, Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Clark Coe, Rhodema Hotel, the registered and legal owner.

Clark Coe, Clark Hotel, Taylor & Eddy Sts., San Francisco, stated that he has known Mrs. Helen McLeod of Chicago, Ill., for some years; that in 1933 Mrs. McLeod visited in San Francisco with relatives, and had with her a DeSoto Sedan automobile, and he aided her in obtaining a 1933 California license for the car; that in the early part of January, 1934, he received a written request from Mrs. McLeod, who resides in Chicago, Ill., to obtain for her a 1934 California license, for the same DeSoto Sedan, but she did not enclose any certificate of title, or other papers showing title to the car; that he consulted Vera Bethmeyer, secretary to Theodore Roche, San Francisco Police Commissioner, who aided him in obtaining a 1934 California license in the name of Mrs. Helen McLeod, without title papers; that he forwarded the license plates, in the original container, to Mrs. Helen McLeod, the latter part of January, 1934, and has no further information concerning said license plates."

This office is not fully conversant with all the investigation conducted by the Chicago Office in connection with the Bentz brothers in Chicago, and for that reason, no lead is being set out to interview Mrs. McLeod at 5491 Lake Port St., this being left to the discretion of the Chicago Office, if in view of their previous investigation, this address appears important.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss conducted a thorough check of the hotels in Sacramento, California, exhibiting the photographs of instant suspects, and reports that no information relative to their whereabouts in Sacramento was secured.

Further investigation and check of hotels in San Francisco is continuing, but thus far no further information has been obtained regarding suspects.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty and this Agent conducted investigation in checking the principal hotels in Oakland, California, but obtained no information regarding instant suspects. However, this investigation is continuing, both in Oakland and San Francisco, with regard to other hotels, garages and apartments, and full results will be reported at a later time.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty and this Agent conducted investigation at the El Cerrito dog race track in Alameda County and other gambling places near Oakland, California, but obtained no information with reference to instant suspects.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, in company with Special Agent Albert Miller of the Los Angeles Division, who is in San Francisco on other official matters, conducted investigation at the Tanforan Race Track, in connection with the racing meet now in progress at that point, which involved interview of Chief of Police W. L. Maher of San Bruno, California, and check with the officials of the race track, but obtained no information with regard to instant suspects. Investigation at Tanforan will continue, and agents of this Division Office will endeavor to secure information at Tanforan.

Referring to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated April 2, 1934, in which a request was made to circularize the laundries in the jurisdiction of this office, for the purpose of ascertaining if Subjects are located in this district, and with further reference to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated April 6, 1934, containing further and additional list of laundry marks used by instant suspects at Reno, Nevada, this Agent contacted Mr. A. C. Ireland, Manager of the United States Laundry, 1148 Harrison St., San Francisco, and a check was made of the records of this company, and several of the laundry marks connected with this investigation were found, a check of which has thus far resulted in pointing to no one connected with this investigation. This check of laundry marks at the United States Laundry is continuing, and subsequent reports will include the results thereof. Mr. Ireland offered his complete cooperation in facilitating this search, and placed Agent in touch with Mr. H. H. Buddington, Executive Secretary of the Laundry Owners' Association, Room 241, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco.

Mr. Buddington, upon interview by this Agent, expressed a desire to lend the full facilities of the Northern California Laundry Owners' Association in connection with this matter, and is preparing a list for this office of all laundries in the jurisdiction of this office in Northern California, which will be circularized with reference to the laundry marks of importance in connection with this investigation. Mr. Buddington advised that he would personally see that the members of the Laundry Owners' Association, which comprises 65% of the laundries in this district, would all lend their aid and cooperation in connection with this matter.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. G. H. Riley, Secretary of the San Francisco Laundry Owners' Association, to lend his full cooperation in connection with the search in San Francisco, in furnishing a list of all laundries in San Francisco in connection with this matter, and arrangements are being made for circularization of these laundries at this time.

Personal contact by this Agent was had with Mr. Charles Cain, Manager of the La Grande Laundry, 12th & Howard Sts., San Francisco; Larry Beall, Assistant Manager of the Home Laundry, 3338 17th St.; L. J. Pelgen, Manager of the New Method Laundry, 401 Sanchez St.; C. M. Bufford, Manager of the San Francisco Laundry, 1490 Turk St.; F. Dietrick, Superintendent of the Sanitary Laundry, 2140 O'Farrell St.; J. J. Robel, Peerless Laundry, 5th & Folsom Sts.; George D. Klein, Ideal Laundry, 7th & Harrison Sts.; J. Barasi, New Process Laundry, 385 8th St.; which laundries are the principal ones in the San Francisco metropolitan area, and partial check was made of the records of these laundries, and further check is being conducted by this office with reference to their records. It should be noted that the secretaries of the laundry associations have advised that the laundries above noted, personally contacted, cover over 70 percent of the business of this city.

Future reports will carry full information regarding further check of the San Francisco laundries, and full information regarding circularization of all laundries in this district.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 31, 1934, copy of which was furnished this office, investigation was conducted by this office at the Hirsch and Kaye Optical Company, 239 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, indicated in that letter as having received one pair of goggles of the type found in connection with this investigation, during November, 1931, and two pairs in December, 1931, from the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Mr. Frank Kaye, partner of this company, advised after checking their records that they had first ordered a pair of these goggles on Nov. 4, 1931; that this order had been placed as a result of a telephonic prescription from Dr. Larz A. Smith, a well known and reputable physician in San Francisco, with whom, he stated, he had personally been dealing with for over twenty years. He stated that these goggles had been ordered for a patient by the name of Pasquale Gelardi, 819-A Lombard St., in San Francisco, and that their records indicated that Dr. Smith had previously prescribed for this individual a set of heavy lens glasses on Sept. 29, 1931. He exhibited this record, which showed that these goggles had been received on Nov. 18, 1931, and delivered to Gelardi.

Mr. Kaye stated that following this special order, he had placed an order with the Chicago Eye Shield Company for two additional pairs of goggles, in order that they might be carried in stock. Upon examination of his supplies, he ascertained that these goggles were still intact and in stock, and had not been sold. These goggles were exhibited to Agent, and it was noted that they were of the type indicated, and were actually in this dealer's stock.

Agent interviewed Dr. Larz A. Smith, 450 Sutter St., who confirmed prescription of these goggles for Gelardi, and advised that Gelardi was now located at 2340 Taylor St. and had been in his office last on Dec. 16, 1933. He stated that Gelardi was an old Italian, who is almost blind, and as far as he knew is unemployed.

Agent called at 2340 Taylor St., interviewing Mr. Gelardi, and ascertained that he still has in his possession the goggles prescribed for him by Dr. Smith, which he exhibited to this Agent. This investigation accounts for all goggles of the type used in connection with this case, which are known to have been in San Francisco district.

Additional information has been received from the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, with reference to further cars registered in the State of California in the names or aliases of suspects in instant investigation, as follows, and it is being requested that the Los Angeles Office check the registrations noted, which are in the Los Angeles district:

Dr. F. G. Ward, 630 10th St., San Diego registered a 1932 De Soto 6 Brougham, motor #SC 18880 serial #5051230 as sole owner on January 15th under 1934 license #AZ 2453.

A. S. Hunter Jr., Box 182, Soquel, Calif. registered a 1929 Reo Sport Coupe, motor #CA 13900, serial #C1439 on February 17th under 1934 license #5G 8610. Legal owner Reliance Acceptance Corporation, 1549 Pine St., San Francisco. 1933 address 72 Spruce St., Santa Cruz.

A. S. Hunter, RFD 3, No. Main St., Riverside as sole owner of a 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, motor No. 2406134, which was registered on January 9th under 1934 license #2B 3593.

George Dunn, 149 Marston Ave., San Francisco, registered a Buick Touring, motor #1036888 on January 15th under 1934 license #3J 3588 as sole owner.

George Dunn, Rt. 10, Box 518, Fresno, registered a 1928 Hudson Sedan, motor #540815 on Jan. 8th, under 1934 license #4L 7857 by Dunn as sole owner.

George Dunn, 606 W St., Santa Ana registered a Ford Sedan, motor #6001358 as sole owner on Jan. 29th under 1934 license #2C 4463.

Geo. Dunn, Half Moon Bay, registered a 1931 Studebaker 6 Sedan, motor #S-23168, serial #5096047, on Jan. 17th, under 1934 license #7H 5391. Legal owner Rice Sec. Co. 308 N. Irwin St. Hanford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, 140 S Ave. 59th, Los Angeles, registered a 1928 Essex 6 Sedan, motor #1032154 serial #964400 on Jan. 9th under 1934 license #6V 9392 as sole owner.

R. E. Hamilton, 316 Hilliard Ave. Monterey Park, registered a 1928 Nash Sedan, motor #36302, serial #37019, as sole owner, on Jan. 13th, under 1934 license #6-P 7639.

R. E. Hamilton, 1749 Bay View Ave., Wilmington, registered a 1928 Whippet Sedan, motor No. 303271, serial #299626 on Jan. 19th under 1934 license #5Y 9517 as sole owner.

R. E. Hamilton and Ethel L. Hamilton, 1340 Grove, San Diego, registered as sole owners, a 1929 Essex Sedan, motor No. 1186997, serial #1121094, on Jan. 23d under 1934 license #6Z 1540.

A. Carter, 1205 E. 60th St., Los Angeles, registered a 1925 Hudson Coach, motor No. 307391, serial No. 610757 on Jan. 12th, as sole owner, under 1934 license #7-M 6872.

A. Carter, 520 N. Arden, Glendale, registered a 1933 Ford Std. Coupe, motor No. 18-212670 on Feb. 8th under 1934 license #1S 6151, legal owner Pacific Finance Corporation, 621 S Hope St., Los Angeles.

A. Carter, 1531 Cypress St., Oakland, registered a 1924 Ford Rd. motor No. 10916080, on March 2nd, under 1934 license #9G 411, as sole owner.

J. J. Burns, 714 N. Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles, registered as sole owner, a 1925 Ford Rd. Motor No. 7820838 on Feb. 5d, under 1934 license #2R 3967.

J. J. Burns, 457 4th Ave., San Francisco, registered as sole owner a 1923 LaFayette 8 Torpedo, motor No. 2567, on Jan. 30th, under 1934 license 6K 9193.

J. J. Burns, 424 Burlingham Ave., San Mateo, registered a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3622227, serial #6CA05 17115 on Jan. 11th under 1934 license #1J 2611. Legal owner as General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Federal Reserve Bank Bldg. San Francisco.

J. J. Burns, 700 Monterey St., Bakersfield, registered a 1929 Olds. 6 Sedan, Motor #F 119021, serial #14386 on Jan. 9th under 1934 license #8-X 1028, legal owner H. C. Landstrom, 2128 Chester Ave., Bakersfield.

J. J. Burns, Box 46-A, Santa Margarita, registered a 1927 Chevrolet Cabr., motor #3471032 on Feb. 13th under 1934 license #7-D 7491 as sole owner.

J. J. Burns and Catherine C. Burns, Rt. 1, Box 210, Santa Cruz, registered a 1926 Ford Sedan, motor #13647149 on Jan. 4th, under 1934 license #9-A 9658 as sole owner.

J. J. Burns, 2875 23rd St., San Francisco registered a 1926 Ford Tudor Sedan, motor #13966376, under 1934 license #5J 8464 as sole owner.

E.V. Davis, Clearlake (Clearlake) Highlands, California, registered a 1927 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #2956715 on March 6th under 1934 license #2E 6265, legal owner Jessie Mae Davis, Clearlake Highlands.

C.E. Moore, 469 9th St., San Pedro, registered a 1929 Ford Rd. motor #A 1651068 on Feb. 20th under 1934 license #7Y 7572 legal owner Pacific Finance Corporation, 1118 American, Long Beach.

C.E. Moore, 773 22nd St., San Pedro, registered a 1929 Chevrolet Rd. motor #4002362, serial "removed" on Jan. 29th under 1934 license #7Y 6358 as sole owner. Car sold to Gaudy & Lilley Auto Parts Co. 1025 San Pedro Rd., San Pedro, dealers, who sold it Feb. 21th, 1934 to John B. Fisher, 626 5d St., San Pedro, transfer made March 3d as sole owner.

It will be noted that many of the cars noted above are old models and that there is only a very remote possibility that they would be connected in any way with suspects of this investigation. The San Francisco Office in checking the identity of the persons noted in this district, will endeavor to check only those of the more recent type models where it is believed some possible connection may exist.

With reference to the letter of Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to this office, it was ascertained that there has been no 1934 California registration for Ford V-8 de luxe Coupe, Motor No. 328420 or 18-328420 or 40-328420, or for Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, Motor No. 18-304794 or No. 304794, nor for Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554674, nor have there been any registrations whatsoever in California, in 1934, under the names of J. Darrows, Ted Murphy, "Doc" or Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H.J. Harnsey, Alvin Karpis, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, J.H. Lockwood, S.E. Lockwood.

In connection with the Plymouth Sedan, formerly in the possession of Subject Karpis, and indicated in previous reports in connection with this case, Motor No. 81821, which was apparently changed to Motor No. 8181, it was ascertained that on Nov. 27th, under motor No. 8181, this Plymouth Sedan was registered under ~~Minnesota~~ 1932 California non-resident permit No. 152574, by E. L. Burnes, giving Minnesota address of 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, and California address as General Delivery, Los Angeles. Minnesota license at that time, 1932, was No. B-15801. There have been no 1933 or 1934 licenses issued on this motor No. 8181. The attention of the St. Paul Office is directed to the St. Paul address given by Burnes at this time, if it has not already been covered in connection with previous investigation by that office.

With reference to Willys-Knight Sedan, Motor No. 158636, bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 502671, and reported as having attached thereto a trailer with 1934 Illinois license No. 302-W, in which it has been reported George Bentz was en route to California, it was ascertained that there is no record at this time of this car having been checked into California, nor was there any registration in the name of George Bentz. Stop notices have been

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placed in the files of the Motor Vehicle Department, and this office will be notified should this car enter this State.

Photographs of instant suspects were immediately placed in the hands of Quarantine Inspectors stationed on the California-Oregon and California-Nevada boundaries, upon receipt from the Division, and as noted in previous reports in this case, the cooperation of these inspectors has been secured to immediately notify this office, or the nearest law enforcement agencies, should these suspects or cars enter California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The attention of the Chicago Office is directed to information developed in the body of this report by Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, indicating the address of Mrs. Helen McLeod as 5491 Lake Port St., in connection with their investigation relative to the location of the Bentz brothers.

The Los Angeles Office. Refer to information developed in the body of this report relative to cars in California registered in the names or aliases of instant suspects, and use their discretion in checking these cars.

The St. Paul Office. The attention of the St. Paul Office is directed to the address, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, furnished by Subject Karpis in connection with non-resident permit secured in California in 1932, as noted in the body of this report, if same has not already been covered.

The San Francisco Office, at San Francisco, will interview John Bougard, Inspector, California State Mining Bureau, Ferry Building, for information he may have regarding the Bentz brothers, and also L. A. Whittier, Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, for the same purpose. The San Francisco Office will continue this investigation, covering all leads outstanding in this district in connection with this case.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that I was informed that Special Agent S.L.Fortenberry arrived in Reno, Nevada, on Saturday, April 14,1934. He stayed, for the first day, at the Golden Hotel but stated he would change and on doing so he would advise me further.

I am, today, in receipt of a communication from Special Agent Fortenberry advising that, under the name of F.T.Berry, he is residing at room 512, Hotel El Cortez, 239 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, telephone number 5118. All mail addressed to him, until further notice, should be addressed to F.T.Berry, care of General Delivery, at Reno, Nevada, in a plain envelope bearing a stamp, and showing no indication of an official character on the communication.

Very truly yours,

H.H. Clegg
H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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Director,
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Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, I. O.
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St. Paul file No. 26-2454.

On April 16, 1934, Mrs. Bessie Skinner, with aliases, was interviewed further, and the following additional information was obtained:

Volney Davis, one of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, she believes at one time lived at Neosho, Missouri, and he either moved from Neosho to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, or he moved from Sapulpa to Neosho, she does not recall which as this is based upon her recollection of information obtained some time ago.

Bessie Skinner was shown the photograph of a girl, which photograph, I am informed, came from the apartment of Myrtle Eaton, 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She identified this photograph, which bears the inscription, "Love, Dodo", as a niece of Bill Weaver, who she stated is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. This photograph was contained in a folder in which appeared the name "Miller", who apparently was the photographer, but the address of this photographer has obviously been scraped off the folder. By using a reading glass, however, the first four letters could be identified as "West". I conferred with photographers and at the Wright Studio in St. Paul, I examined a list of photographers belonging to some kind of photographers association and included in this list was the name Millers Studio, Westplains, Missouri. When Bessie Skinner was informed that this was probably the address, she expressed the opinion that this girl identified as Bill Weaver's niece had taught school at Westplains. She did not believe that it was her home, but she recalled that the girl was a school teacher. She still contends that Weaver and his relatives are from Arkansas.

She further advised that about one year ago, William Weaver lived at 241 Brimhall Street in St. Paul in an apartment house on the corner of Brimhall and St. Clair Street. In this apartment with William Weaver for a time lived his sister, his niece whose photograph is above

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described, a nephew who is five or six years of age, and another nephew by the name of Eugene who is about 22 years of age. Eugene was in this apartment with William Weaver to her knowledge as recently as December, 1933. The best description she could furnish of William Weaver's sister was that she is about 45 years of age, rather heavy set, had light brown hair which was turning gray, and she thinks that it is possible that her name might have been Sue (note particularly a letter received by Myrtle Eaton from Newport, Arkansas, signed by "Sue" described in a letter dated April 16, 1934).

Bessie Skinner stated that Bill Weaver owned his own furniture which he purchased from some concern on Cedar Street in St. Paul located between 6th and 7th Streets, and it was on the left of the street while proceeding from 7th to 6th. The only furniture company listed in the telephone directory with such an address is the Summerfield Furniture Company. She stated that she understood that Weaver had stored his furniture in a storehouse which was used by this furniture company and that probably this company had transferred his furniture from the apartment to the store house and had moved it on the occasions since its purchase whenever Weaver moved. The furniture, she believes, was purchased about one year ago in the winter. She advised that Bill Weaver moved out of an apartment on Dale Street to the apartment on Brimhall Street.

She advised relative to Ray Karpis that when he was in St. Paul in the spring of 1933, he was driving a Graham Sedan which was maroon colored; that later, she understood, he purchased a Graham Sedan or Graham Coach which was dark blue or black.

Concerning Volney Davis, she recalls that she had heard him state that when he got enough money, he intended to buy an Auburn automobile.

Concerning the shooting of Edward Green on April 3, 1934, Bessie Skinner alias Bessie Green advised Mr. Nathan, and subsequently repeated this information in the presence of both Mr. Nathan and me, that she was sitting in the car waiting for Green to return from the house located at 778 Rondo Street when she turned and saw him on the ground. Realizing that he had previously been operated on for rupture and seeing the bag which he had evidently had in his hand, she was of the opinion that the carrying of this weight had caused a further rupture and that he had collapsed in the street. She stated positively that she did not see anyone do any shooting. She did not, in fact, hear any shooting. She did not see Green at the time he was shot, and her first knowledge of the fact that he had been injured by a shot was when she got to him as he lay in the street, following the shooting.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: Apr. 17, 1934.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Apr. 12, 13, 17, 1934.	REPORT MADE BY: W. R. Ramsey, Jr. AP.
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: Howard Mulaney, former associate Bentz brothers, interviewed here, and states Ted Bentz had spoken of some gold gravel mines south of Reno, and Mulaney believes that if hiding out, would be in such location. Ted Bentz reported to have divorced Ann Galloway and married Christina Dawson, and to have worked in Reno for Graham and McKay last year. John Bongard, Inspector, California State Division of Mines, who covers all State mines, personally cooperating in search for suspects.			
REFERENCE: Report of this Agent, dated April 16, 1934.			
DETAILS: This report is a continuation of investigation by Special Agent V. E. Criss and this Agent. Special Agent V. E. Criss has submitted the following memorandum:			
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"Mrs. Howard Mulaney, 521 Fulton St., Palo Alto, was interviewed and advised that neither she nor her husband had seen or heard from the Bentz' since some time in the early part of 1933, or when this office had Theodore Bentz for investigation relative to an embezzled automobile. She did not know of any mine, other than the Ruby mine, near Downieville, which Theodore Bentz had had an interest in. She was positive her husband, who is working a black ruby mine in the northern part of Nevada, is in no way connected with Theodore Bentz.

Howard Mulaney was interviewed, and he corroborated his wife's statement above. He advised that the black ruby mine which he is working, is on the Tom Duffareno farm, close to the Nevada and Oregon State line, the address being Denio, Oregon; that Ted Bentz had gone with him to this mine in the first instance, but had tried to have Duffareno oust him, Mulaney, and turn the mine over to him, Ted Bentz; that this caused hard feelings between him and Ted Bentz, but he still feels that Ted Bentz is all right, and is being led by Edward Bentz, his brother.

Mulaney remembered that Ted Bentz had talked about some gold gravel mines, south of Reno, but does not know the location thereof; that he believes that if Edward Bentz and Ted Bentz are now at some mine, they are there hiding out, and that John Dillinger, and other gangsters, who were with the Edward Bentz gang, will undoubtedly go to this mine.

Howard Mulaney subsequently visited Mrs. Rose Byron, mother of the Bentz brothers, and in conversation, she stated that the boys had a new mine, but when she saw he, Mulaney, did not know of it, would not give the address, but said it was somewhere near Grass Valley. She further stated that Ted had worked in Reno last year for McKay and Graham, and while there had obtained a divorce from Ann Callows, and had married "Crissie" Dawson."

Agent interviewed John Bongard, High Grade Ore Inspector of the California State Division of Mines, Ferry Building, San Francisco, and advised that the Bentz brothers were known to him only by reputation. He was familiar with the information developed by Agent Criss regarding the Bentz brothers in the Grass Valley Mining District, but was able to add no new details, except that he advised that the mine which was listed as the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., of which Ted Richards, alias Ted Bentz, had been president, was formerly the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd., and that the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd., of which C. A. Michels was president, was now carrying on the property which the Anglo Pacific Mines Ltd. had leased, when Ted Bentz had absconded with the gold taken out under the lease. The Mining Handbook for 1931 was examined in Mr. Bongard's office, and it was noted that the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. was incorporated May 21, 1930, in Nevada, and that there is a notation that the transfers made in connection with the stock of this company, are made at the Reno, Nev. Office, Reno, Nevada. The

only notation with reference to the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd. is the information indicating Ted Richards as the president, and cross reference to the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. Mr. Bongard advised that he had been able to find no further information with reference to the corporation structure of the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., and it is his belief that this company was a Nevada corporation, as the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. was, inasmuch as the laws of Nevada were much more lenient with reference to the incorporation of such companies, and were not as stringent as the California laws with reference to the sale of stock. He suggested check in the State of Nevada, Carson City, with reference to the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd.

Mr. Bongard further advised that W. B. Tucker, District Mining Engineer for the California State Division of Mines, located in the State Building at Los Angeles, California, had resided in the Southern district of California for some fourteen years, and was thoroughly familiar with the mines in the Southern territory, and was frequently contacted by mining operators in that district regarding their problems, and that he felt that an interview with Mr. Tucker might prove valuable in developing information regarding instant suspects, if they operated in the Southern part of this State. Mr. Bongard advised that he personally visits the greater portion of the mines in the State, particularly in the Northern California District, at regular intervals. He was furnished with photographs of suspects in connection with this case, and promised his fullest cooperation in immediately conveying to the San Francisco Office any information he should obtain regarding the whereabouts of any of instant suspects.

Check at the Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, developed that this hotel was changed to the El Centro, in 1931, and that any person by the name of L. A. Whittier is unknown. Examination of the register reflected that one Lee Whitten, a taxi driver, had registered at the hotel on Aug. 12, 1931, for one day, and again on Oct. 5, 1931, for one day, but left no forwarding address. The ledger reflects that one Whittier and wife were registered at the hotel for one night on May 2, 1930, but left without leaving a forwarding address.

Investigation is continuing in this district in connection with all undeveloped leads in this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION OFFICE, at Reno, Nevada, is respectfully requested to check the report of Ted Bentz' divorce and subsequent remarriage to Christina Dawson at Reno; ascertain his connections there, and if he purchased or leased any mines.

At Carson City, Nevada, through the Corporation Commissioner, or Secretary of State, ascertain if Ted Bentz or his brother, Edward Bentz, organized any corporations, and check the records with

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Reference to the Anglo Pacific Gold Mines, Ltd., which Ted Bantz, under the name of Theodore Richards, was reported to be president of.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE, will interview W. B. Tucker, District Mining Engineer for the California State Division of Mines, located in the State Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

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

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April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Division, dated April 14, 1934, addressed to Inspector H.E. Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, to which was attached memorandum, dated April 11, 1934, to the Director, signed by Mr. S.F. Cowley, in connection with arrangements effected by Mr. Fay at New York City with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies for cooperation with the St. Paul Division Office.

It is my recollection that Mr. Cowley telephoned me on March 15, 1934, and advised me that Mr. Fay had perfected arrangements satisfactorily but that I was to take no action until the Division advised this office by teletype, or letter. It is my further recollection that no further communication in this matter has been received from the Division since my telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley and a thorough search of the records of this office fails to disclose that a teletype message has been received.

In view of the large amount of work which would be necessarily entailed in running down these telegrams and due to the other urgent matters which have been pending at this office for some time, it is not believed that, at the present time, it is advisable to undertake this work. As soon as it is practicable, an examination of these wires will be made.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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April 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 925,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 18, 1934, in the case entitled ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, et al - Kidnaping, in which it is noted you state that, though you received telephonic information concerning the arrangements made by Mr. Fay at New York City with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and cooperation with the St. Paul Division office on March 15, 1934, you were requested to take no action in the matter until you received confirmation by teletype or letter and that no further communication was received by the St. Paul office concerning this matter.

The files of the Division reflect that on March 15, 1934, a teletype message was sent to the St. Paul office and received by "W. A. R."

Very truly yours,

Director

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

April 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is had to teletype message from this office,
dated April 16, 1934, regarding George Nelson alias "Baby Face".

It is respectfully requested that the St. Paul Division
Office be furnished with twenty photographs of George Nelson, above
named, as well as his criminal record, if any.

Very truly yours,

H.H. Clegg
H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR

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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
Identification Order #1218,
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order #1219,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the letter of Inspector E. H. Clegg, dated April 19, 1934, there are transmitted herewith twenty photographs of George Nelson alias "Baby Face".

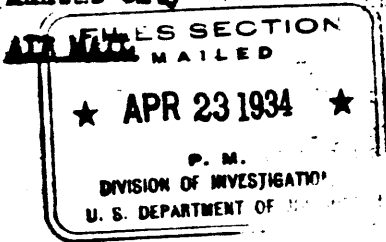
Ten copies of this photograph are also being forwarded to the Chicago Office and the Kansas City Office of the Division with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #554246

cc Chicago
Kansas City



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated April 5, 1934, referring to information possessed by G. H. Young, Bassetts, Virginia, as to the location of Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219, this is to advise you that Agent Schoales interviewed Mr. Young, Bassetts, Virginia, a man about fifty-five years of age, employed by the Bassetts Furniture Company, who stated that he knew a Mr. Charles Barker, Grassy Creek, North Carolina, who married a girl named Sexton, who was reared at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, from which union they had a son named Arthur R. Barker and that the photograph of the Barker who is the subject of Identification Order No. 1219 resembles the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker. He further stated that his cousin Bob Jones, Ironton, Ohio, married a Sexton girl, who is a cousin of Mrs. Charles Barker and that Mrs. Charles Barker has a cousin named Ernest Sexton living somewhere in the state of Maryland. Also, Mr. W. C. Plummer, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Marion, Virginia, who married his, Young's, niece, told him that he saw the Arthur Barker from Grassy Creek, North Carolina, driving a fine car, spending money freely, and that he had heard rumors that this Barker is a gangster. He could not advise whether Mr. Plummer saw this Barker at Marion, Virginia, or in Grassy Creek, North Carolina.

It is Mr. Young's belief that if the Arthur R. Barker of Grassy Creek, North Carolina and the subject of Identification Order No. 1219 are one and the same, that he can find him at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, he being of the opinion that that would be a likely place to find him, and wanted to know what the reward

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would be for catching him if they are one and the same. Agent Schoales informed Mr. Young that at present there is no reward offered for the capture of Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219.

Mr. Young advised that he has not been in close touch with the Barker family at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, and does not know their recent activities.

In view of the fact that the above information as to the relatives of the Arthur R. Barker of Grassy Creek, North Carolina, does not correspond with the information as to the relatives of Arthur R. Barker, subject of Identification Order No. 1219, it does not appear that the two Arthur R. Barkers are one and the same.

In the absence of instructions from the Division, no further action is contemplated by this office.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Pennington
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

SPC:DSS

April 16, 1934.

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R. Newby

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Keith called this morning and stated that the Billings woman, who had been in telephonic conversation with "Frisco Dutch" at St. Paul some time ago, had been thoroughly interviewed and had admitted that she was acquainted with Banks, Pfifer and "Frisco Dutch", and other known gangsters at St. Paul, although it does not appear that she is familiar with their activities, though she did suspect that they were engaged in some illegal activities; that she at one time was employed as an entertainer in some of the night clubs at St. Paul; that continued questioning of the woman disclosed that she had met on several occasions at one of these night clubs Virginia Garey, secretary to Mr. Otto Bremer. Mr. Keith stated that he was preparing a report on the interview with this woman which would immediately be forwarded to Mr. Rorer at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/20/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/6/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE IM
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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation conducted at the home of Will Shaw, Whitewater, Wisconsin, in effort to locate hideout house. Results negative. In recent months there have been several strange cars, to-wit, Lincoln, Buick, and a Ford Sedan, in the vicinity of Whitewater, Wisconsin, all reported to have been driven by strangers. Said strangers reported to have been familiar with Ida and Iva Pitt of Whitewater, and also to have been seen by Leroy and Francis Shaw of Whitewater. Neither the Pitt sisters nor the Shaw brothers were able to satisfactorily identify any of the strangers as any of the suspects in this case.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4/5/34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: The information contained herein is disclosed in the form of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown as follows:</p>			
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HIDEOUT

On April 6, 1934, Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. J. Metcalfe, of the Chicago Division Office, conducted the following investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Walworth, Wisconsin County Attorney R. V. Brown called the St. Paul Division Office on April 5, 1934 and advised that he thought he had located the Bremer hideout at Whitewater, Wisconsin; that he had information indicating that the home of Will Shaw, Wisconsin Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin, was possibly the place where Bremer was held.

On 4/6/34 this Agent (R. D. Brown), accompanied by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where Attorney Brown was interviewed, at which time he advised that he had obtained information to the effect that the wallpaper had recently been removed from some of the rooms located at the Will Shaw home, and that new wallpaper had been added; that the Shaws were suspicious persons due to the fact that they were once in the bootlegging business at Whitewater several years ago, and had left Whitewater and then returned during the fall of 1933 after having been in California for two or three years. He also stated that two of the Shaw boys, Leroy and Francis, had recently been arrested, and upon pleas of guilty, sentenced to three and four years respectively in the Wisconsin State Reformatory at Waupun, Wisconsin, on charges of rape of two sixteen year old girls.

Special Agent Metcalfe and this Agent, accompanied by Attorney Brown, proceeded to Whitewater, Wisconsin, which is located eighteen miles northeast of Elkhorn, and entered the Shaw home under the pretext that liquor was being sold there in violation of existing laws, under the advice of Attorney Brown.

The Will Shaw home has no steps leading down into a first floor, where there are living quarters and the only entrances are on the ground level. The basement contains two rooms, which are unoccupied, one of them being used as a furnace room, in which there is a medium sized furnace located, which uses coal as fuel, and the other room is a storage room for fruit, old bottles and trash. On the floor above the basement there is located a large kitchen containing a gas stove, through which the house may be entered from the outside. The room adjacent to the kitchen is a large dining room, and from this dining room one may walk to the left into a small bedroom

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containing a bed with iron posterns, a chest of drawers and a chair. There is no carpet on the floor. In order to enter the toilet from this room, one must walk from the room straight across through the dining room into the toilet. The door to the toilet opens into the toilet room. Nothing is located in the toilet room other than the toilet and a small case on the wall. There is no rug covering the toilet floor. The water box and bowl of the toilet equipment is of porcelain, the seat and cover are of wood. The flushing button is of a black bakelite material and from outward appearances seems to be a new one, which has been recently installed. However, upon examination, after taking the top off the water box, Agent discovered that apparently this flushing button had been on for some time due to the fact that it was slightly rusted around the threads holding the flushing lever in place. Mrs. Will Shaw, who was in the house at the time, was casually questioned as to the new equipment in the house, and she stated the toilet had been in the house approximately two years, and that no changes had been made in the equipment since that time, to her knowledge. Agent was careful not to mention the fact that the flushing lever appeared to be from the outside a new one.

From the large dining room, which contained a large round table and several chairs, one could pass through a large door into a medium sized living room, being about twelve feet square. Upon entering the living room, directly to the left one may enter another small bedroom. In order to get to the toilet from this bedroom one must pass through a portion of the living room into the dining room and turn right into the toilet. This particular bedroom is equipped similarly to the bedroom aforementioned. The wallpaper on the living room and kitchen wall, within a week before Agents' visit to the home, had been changed. Agent obtained pieces of the old wallpaper that had been taken off, and it did not have a design similar to the design described by Mr. Bremer. The new wallpaper appearing on the walls of the rooms at the present time is in no way similar. While Agent Metcalfe was examining other rooms of the house, Agent Brown closed the door to the kitchen and was able to pull away a portion of the new paper, and underneath could see a portion of the old wallpaper, and it was the same paper that was examined by Agent said to have been taken off the walls of the rooms before they had been repapered. Neither of the aforementioned bedrooms had been repapered, and the paper was quite dirty, and had cobwebs in the corners, which appeared to have been there for some months.

There is an upper floor accessible by stairs from the living room, which lead to a large room. This room might be described as an attic because of the tapering ceiling, and covers only the living room and dining room, this room being only a portion of the second floor. There is no room located above the bedroom first described. The second floor is poorly furnished, having two beds, a dresser and three chairs. There is no toilet on the second floor, the toilet before described being the only toilet in the house. There is no bath tub located in the house.

There is a radio located in the living room, but according to Mrs. Will Shaw the same has been out of order since shortly after Christmas. There is no vacuum cleaner in the home, and Mrs. Shaw claims she has never had one since living there. From all appearances Mrs. Shaw believed the purpose of the examination of her house was an attempt to find liquor being illegally sold, and she appeared quite hostile because of the examination of her house, although she indicated she was willing for the examination to be made.

It will be noted from the above that the general layout of the first floor of this home is quite similar to the layout of the hideout as described by Mr. Bremer. However, the second floor of the house extends only over the dining room and the living room, and there are no steps leading down into the first floor living quarters, there being no living quarters in the basement.

Mrs. Shaw advised she has two sons, Leroy and Francis, who had recently been arrested on charges of rape of the sixteen year old Pitt sisters, who have been sentenced to the Wisconsin Industrial Home for Girls, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Attorney Brown advised that Leroy and Francis were at that time incarcerated in the Walworth County Jail at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and had given some information indicating that strange men had been seen going out with the Pitt sisters, and that they had immoral relations with these men for money during weekends at a point thought to be near Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Leroy and Francis Shaw were both interviewed by this Agent and Agent Metcalfe in the Walworth County Jail in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and both complained that they had by trickery been induced to plead guilty to charges of rape on the two Pitt sisters, Ida and Iva. Francis Shaw advised he had been sentenced to serve one to three years in the

Wisconsin State Reformatory at Waupun, Wisconsin, on this charge and Leroy Shaw advised he had been sentenced to serve one to four years on this charge. The latter advised that the Pitt sisters are twins and had thought them to be twenty-one years of age, whereas they are but sixteen. Leroy Shaw advised he is married and has a small baby, but does not live at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw, but resides on the same street in a house located four houses south.

Leroy Shaw, when questioned concerning other men the Pitt sisters had been familiar with, stated that some time in January, the approximate date of which he could not furnish, he first saw a large Lincoln Sedan bearing five men drive up Wisconsin Street and over Cemetery Hill and disappear. He later changed his story and stated this car was a new 1933 Buick Sedan, black in color, with a trunk rack in the rear. He advised he did not notice the license plates on this car. He later changed his story, stating that he saw the Buick Sedan, before mentioned, a Lincoln Sedan, black in color, and a Ford Model A Sedan at that time, all containing strange men, who made this trip. He advised that the next afternoon he saw the Buick Sedan again in Whitewater with only two men in the car, and that one of the men was wearing a chauffeur's uniform; that the men could have, in taking the road over Cemetery Hill which leads out from Wisconsin Street, gone to Green Lake which is located approximately five or six miles southeast of Whitewater. He stated that he saw this Buick Sedan three or four times after this, at which time it would sometimes have five men in the car, and at other times but two men. He stated that he thought he could describe the two men who were driving the Buick Sedan, and stated they were both very large men, weighing at least 200 lbs. each, and sometimes were dressed wearing caps, and sometimes with hats; that the time he saw the Buick Sedan containing two men, the one that wore the chauffeur's uniform wore a slouch cap with a regular chauffeur's cap bill dark in color, and that the man appeared to be about thirty-five years of age, had dark eyes, a dark complexion, unusually broad shoulders, and appeared to be a man who would weigh approximately 200 lbs. Agent carefully questioned Leroy as to the description of these two men, and he appeared to change his description each time.

Francis Shaw advised that he saw these men, or men who answered to the general descriptions of the men described by his brother Leroy but once, which was some time during the first part of March, when they called at his house on Wisconsin Street, which is the house where Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw reside, and which has been described before, at which time there were but two men in the car. They called and at-

tempted to induce the two Pitt sisters to go with them. He stated this was about two o'clock in the afternoon, and that the Pitt sisters did go with them, but he does not know where they went; that they took the road southeast on Wisconsin Street over the Cemetery Hill. During the same interview he retracted his statement and advised that they attempted to induce the Pitt sisters to go with them, but that they refused. He stated that the Pitt sisters were visiting at his home at that time, their father being the owner of the house.

Both Leroy and Francis Shaw then stated that the Pitt sisters once told them that they had spent a weekend out of town with some strange men, and that they had received \$10 from them, but they did not state where they had gone with these men; that they stated that these men would return for them and would take them on another weekend party, at which time they would receive \$10 more. They were unable to furnish any further information relative to this.

From the conversations had with Leroy and Francis Shaw it was Agent Metcalfe's and this Agent's opinion that they were attempting to defend themselves on the charges of rape placed against them in connection with these two girls; that they were of the opinion that the young girls were exceedingly loose in character and would go out with any men. Their story as to the strange men and strange cars, aforementioned, were exceedingly vague and Agents were unable to determine which account given by them was true.

The photographs of Subjects Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker were then shown to Francis and Leroy Shaw separately. Both noticed the letters "KSP" appeared on the photographs, and asked if that meant the Kansas State Penitentiary. Agent then informed them that these men were escaped prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary, and an attempt was being made to locate them. After carefully examining the photographs, Francis Shaw stated that none of the photographs bore a likeness of men whom he had seen other than that of Volney Davis. He examined this photograph carefully and stated that in his opinion this photograph was similar to one of the men who called at his house as was before related. He described this man as being unusually large, weighing approximately 190 lbs., tall and that he had square shoulders; that he was neatly dressed wearing dark clothes and a hat. He stated that he could not be sure of that.

identification, although he stated that it looked much like one of the men whom he had seen. He was unable to state whether this man was driving the car.

Leroy Shaw, after carefully examining the photographs, stated that the only one which looked like any of the strangers before mentioned was the photograph of Alvin Karpis; that this man appeared to him to be about twenty-six or twenty-seven years of age, 5'10" in height, weighed about 190 to 200 lbs., had a sallow complexion and a very piercing gaze. He stated this photograph did not resemble the man who was driving one of the cars, but appeared to resemble the one who was always sitting on the front seat of the Buick Sedan with the driver. He again stated that he had never seen any of these men previous to the time mentioned above.

At the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Agents interviewed Ida and Iva Pitt separately in the presence of the Superintendent of the home, Mrs. Alice Stenholm.

Mrs. Stenholm produced the records of these girls which showed that they had never been in any previous trouble, and that they are twins, having been born 3/18/18. Both sisters were carefully questioned as to persons they had kept company with during January, February and March of this year, and they stated that they had always gone out together, and that the only times that they have had dates and been seen in Whitewater, Wisconsin or the vicinity, where they resided, were the times that they had been out with Dewey Olsen, Dwain Kyle, Clarence Schultz and Charles Pitt. They stated these men all lived in Whitewater or the vicinity. They later admitted having had immoral relations with these men at various times, and stated that they had also had immoral relations with Francis and Leroy Shaw. They stated that they had never received any money from them for going out with them, and that they had never spent a weekend or a night away from their home. Both appeared to be [redacted] and the Superintendent of the home, Mrs. Stenholm, advised that [redacted] these two girls indicated that [redacted] Both denied having kept company with strange men with large automobiles.

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The photographs of the Subjects, before mentioned, were then displayed to each of the sisters separately, and Iva Pitt picked out the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell and stated: "Why, this is Arnold Schultz." She described Schultz as being about thirty-five years of age, about 5'10" in height and weighing about 180 lbs. She stated Schultz resides in Whitewater and operates a milk route. She was unable to state his place of residence in Whitewater and advised she used to meet him at the City Hall when having dates with him. She closely examined the other photographs and stated she had never seen any of these men before, or any persons looking like them.

Ida Pitt was then shown the pictures and stated that none of them resembled any men she had ever been out with and or had ever seen.

The reaction of these two girls when examining these photographs was carefully noted and they did not, from their facial expressions, appear to recognize any of them other than the identification by Iva Pitt of the photograph of Harry Campbell, whom she stated looked like Arnold Schultz of Whitewater.

Mrs. Stenholm advised she will have further conversations with the girls from time to time and if anything develops indicating that they were withholding information, she will advise the Chicago Division Office.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO.

7-45

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-19-34 4-2-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Wynn
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Of 54 pairs of the particular type "Cesco" goggles sold in Cincinnati District, 18 pairs accounted for in possession of individuals; 31 pairs appear to be beyond possibilities of tracing; 1 pair sold at Shenandoah, Iowa, to be traced by Kansas City Office; 4 pairs merit further investigation.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-13-34.			
DETAILS: <u>AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</u> Mr. William R. Barten, Sutton Garten Company, furnished the following disposition of the goggles received by his company. Those marked * have been traced by agent as being accounted for in the possession of the purchaser.			
<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	
December, 1931	Indianapolis Water Co.	2 pairs *	
April, 1932	Service Garage, Inc., Martinsville, Ind.	1 " *	
May, 1932	Welding Supply Co., Kuncie, Ind.	1 " *	
May, 1932	Frey Bros., Indianapolis, Ind.	2 " *	
May, 1932	Shenandoah Welding Co., Shenandoah, Iowa.	1 " *	
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1727	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 23 1934
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<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
March, 1932	Challenge Gauge & Tool Co., Indianapolis, Ind.	1 pair
March, 1932	Roach Machine Welding, Linton, Ind.	1 "
	In Stock	8 "
	In use in shop	1 "
	Unable to account for	6 "

Mr. Harry Freyn, Freyn Bros. Plumbing Co., 1028 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind., advised, after checking his records, that he had no record of having purchased the goggles; very little welding done by the company; only welder in employ in May, 1932, Ted Lehr, who is now working on a job for the firm at the Narcotic Hospital, Lexington, Ky. Recheck at Sutton Garten established that this was a cash sale; often men employed by a firm will make individual cash purchases and give the name of the firm by which employed hoping to obtain discounts on the purchases; in such cases sales recorded in the name of the firm.

W. S. Brant, Indiana Oxygen Co., 435 S. Delaware St., after having a search of records made, advised it was impossible to account for the disposition of the goggles.

AT MUNCIE, INDIANA

Thomas R. Williams, Welding Supply Company, no longer located at Muncie, Ind. Now reported as residing 709 E. 25th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Dr. George Ridgeway, Ridgeway Optical Co., 213 Main St., Evansville, has only one pair of goggles in stock answering the description; however, they are not equipped with Essentialite lens. No records to indicate to whom three pairs sold, and has no personal recollection, nor does any of his assistants or clerks.

AT PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

Records of J. G. Warnecke, storekeeper, I. C. R.R., indicate regular purchases of goggles from Chicago Eye Shield Co.; however, all purchase orders specify #525 MEL Ventilated Type Essentialite goggles. No purchase record could be located specifying #524 type; no goggles latter type in stock.

E. C. Roddie, Shop Superintendent, and R. R. Royal Master Mechanic, accompanied agent to various departments of the shops, contacting the foremen, who made a canvas of the men working, and located two pairs of #524 type with Essentialite lens, and one pair with white lens. Shop employs 1500 men at full production; now employs about 600 men; no way of tracing a particular type goggle to a particular individual, inasmuch as issuing records merely specify goggles, without designating the type.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Shenandoah, Iowa. Conduct investigation at Shenandoah Welding Company, as requested in report of reference.

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Indianapolis, Indiana. Conduct necessary investigation with reference to goggles possession of Thomas R. Williams, 709 E. 25th Street.

At Lexington, Ky. Conduct investigation at the Narcotic Hospital, ascertaining from Ted Lehr, welder for Freyn Bros., Company, any information which may be of value in tracing the goggles which evidently were sold by Sutton Garten, Indianapolis, Ind., to employees of Freyn Bros.

At Kokomo, Ind. Investigation as requested in reference report.

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

April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

With reference to Director's letter of April 12, 1934, there are transmitted herewith all the photographs of individuals selected from the single fingerprint file of the Division which were forwarded to this office with Division letters dated February 13, 17, and 23, 1934.

It is respectfully requested that this office be furnished a supply of ten each of the following photographs which are set out in Division letter dated February 17, 1934, above referred to:

- K-1954 - Peter Valder
- K-2200 - Lawrence M. Barton alias O'Keefe alias Barker alias Lawrence Barker.
- K-2246 - Isadore Blumenfeld alias "Kid Can".

Very truly yours,

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

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Mr. E. H. Clegg,
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

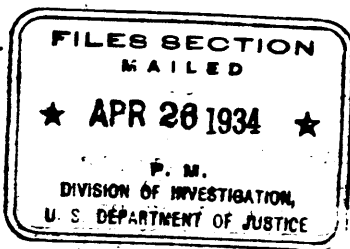
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter of April 20, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 7218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In accordance with the request made there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of each of the following individuals:

- K-1954 - Peter Valder.
- K-2200 - Lawrence M. Burton alias O'Keefe alias Barker alias Lawrence Barker.
- K-2246 - Isidoro Blumenfeld alias "Kid Can".

Very truly yours,

Director.



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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 view of recent communication from the
Saint Paul Office indicating that WILLIAM WEAVER, Saint
Paul Police No. 23452, is definitely associated with the
Karpis-Barker Gang, it is desired that you furnish this
office with twenty-five copies of the photograph of William
Weaver attached hereto.

Kindly return the original photograph with
the copies.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter
of April 21, 1934, there are transmitted herewith 25 copies of
the photograph of William Weaver, #23452 St. Paul, Minnesota
Police Department.

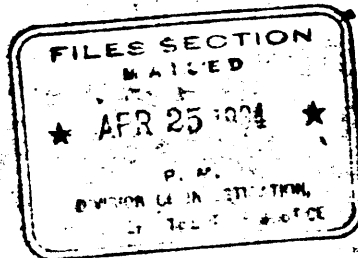
Twenty copies of this photograph are also being furnished
to Inspector Borar with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Inspector Borar,
St. Paul.





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William Weaver, #23452, PD, St. Paul, Minnesota.

William Weaver, #23452,
PD, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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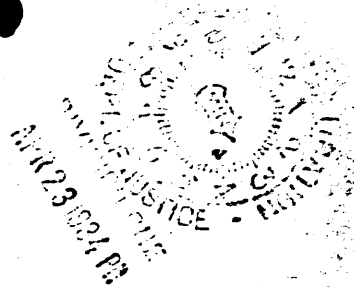
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 121B,
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division's letters of March 15 and 28, 1934 requesting that the Division be advised which of the individuals whose names have been submitted by the St. Paul Police Department as possible suspects in the above entitled case are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers and extortionists. Please be advised that it is felt that the fingerprints of the following individuals should be permanently entered in the single fingerprint file:

- ✓ Morris L. Weiss, St. Paul Police No. 23753
- ✓ William H. Reilly, St. Paul Police No. 23976
- ✓ Thomas Carroll, St. Paul Police No. 23979
- ✓ William Hart, St. Paul Police No. 23981
- Albert DuVol, St. Paul Police No. 23982
- ✓ William Niemeyer, St. Paul Police No. 24436
- ✓ William Jones, St. Paul Police No. 25003
- ✓ James Brock, St. Paul Police No. 24075
- ✓ Walter Wilder, St. Paul Police No. 24346
- ✓ Ben Hurvitz, St. Paul Police No. 24310
- ✓ Carl Huseby, St. Paul Police No. 24245
- ✓ Harry Jaffa, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police No. 19016
- ✓ Sam Jaffa, Minneapolis Police No. 19677
- ✓ William Jaffa, Minneapolis Police No. 16545.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CLEGG
Inspector.

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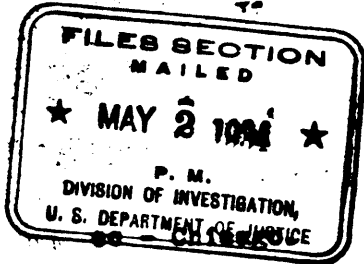
Mr. H. H. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 20, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al. Unknown Subjects; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, in which you advise the names of the individuals which you consider such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file. These names were selected from the list previously submitted by the St. Paul Police Department. The fingerprints of the specially selected individuals are being entered in the single fingerprint file with the exception of William Hart, St. Paul Police Department #23981; Albert DuVel, St. Paul Police Department #23982; and James Brock, St. Paul Police Department #24075. As indicated in Division letter of April 11, 1934, it has not been possible to locate fingerprint records in the Identification Unit for William Hart, and no definite identification could be made concerning Albert DuVel and James Brock. It is requested that if possible fingerprints of these individuals be obtained and submitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Form No. 1

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

File No. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-17-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-23 & 4-2 to 14-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. K. Bowling
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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
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information obtainable in Tacoma, or Seattle, Washington to effect that Edward W. Bentz or Theodore Bentz have been in this section recently. George Bentz, brother of Edward and Theodore Bentz, is not employed by any fish company in Tacoma or Seattle. Confidential information obtained through Chief of Police, Tacoma, Washington to effect George Bentz is still residing in Chicago, Illinois and recently underwent a very serious operation.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated April 2, 1934; report of Special Agent in Charge C. E. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated March 22, 1934, also wire from Chicago, Illinois Division office, dated March 27, 1934.

DETAILS: At Tacoma and Seattle, Washington
Chief of Police M. B. Guy, Tacoma, Washington, Detectives George L. Burgerson, Jack Klich, Harry Shoner, and Captain Ross, also of the Tacoma Police Department, who have been working in cooperation with the writer in an effort to locate Edward W. Bentz and his brother Theodore Bentz, have been contacted on several occasions recently but have been unable to obtain any information as to the present whereabouts of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. K. Bowling</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	1-576-1731	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 23 1934
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The above named officers advised the writer that they had informants who, in case the Bentz brothers showed up in Tacoma, would advise immediately as they held a warrant for Edward W. Bentz on a charge of bank robbery and that Theodore Bentz was also wanted by the American Express Company at Seattle, Washington; that they would be apprehended and this office advised immediately. Agent was further advised that Ernest R. Johnson, a nephew of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz, was residing with his aunt Mrs. Frank Keller, at 816 South Grant Street, Tacoma; that should Ernest R. Johnson or his aunt Mrs. Frank Keller be contacted they would immediately relay any information obtained to the Bentz brothers.

Upon receipt of reference wire from Chicago advising that George Bentz, a brother of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz, had left Chicago, Illinois in an old Willys-Knight Sedan, Maroon color, bearing 1934, Illinois license number 502-671, motor number 158636, factory number 2506 with trailer attached, bearing 1934 Illinois license number 302 W enroute to Tacoma, Washington and expected to go to work for the San Juan Fish Company at Tacoma, the writer immediately furnished this information to the Tacoma Police Department, also the Pierce County Sheriff's office. It was ascertained that there was no San Juan Fish Company in Tacoma but that there was a San Juan Fish Company in Seattle, Washington. A check of all other Fish Companies in Tacoma failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz.

Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Tacoma advised Agent that he had obtained information through a Police informant that was reliable, that George Bentz was still residing in Chicago, Illinois and had recently undergone a very serious operation and was no doubt confined in the hospital at the present time. The name of the hospital he had been unable to ascertain.

A check of the San Juan Fish Company in Seattle also failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz. A further check of all other fish companies in Seattle failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz.

Reference wire also stated that Rose Kelso, a sister of the Bentz brothers, resided in Seattle. This information is incorrect as the last information this office had Rose Kelso was residing in Dallas, Texas, street address unknown.

The information to the effect that Edward W. and Theodore Bentz were believed traveling in a blue or black Lincoln Sedan, bearing Indiana license number 410-864 was furnished the Tacoma, Seattle, and Everett, Washington police and Sheriff's office upon receipt of same with instructions to hold all parties found in car bearing above license number.

Fred Ewen, Chief Criminal Investigator, Pierce County Sheriff's office, Tacoma, advised the writer that he was continuing his efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of the Bentz brothers; that he felt certain that they would not come to Tacoma or even into the state of Washington as they were too well known in this section. Mr. Ewen also advised against contacting Mrs. Frank Keller, a sister of the Bentz brothers, who resides at 816 S. Grant Street, Tacoma, and Ernest R. Johnson, a nephew who is now residing with Mrs. Keller.

O. D. Colby, Special Agent American Express Company and H. H. Maxwell Special Agent Railway Express Company, Seattle were again contacted and advised they had been unable to obtain any information as to the Bentz brothers.

Efforts to locate and interview Harry L. Stratton, who resides at 6118 Latonia Street, Seattle, have been unsuccessful to date. Further efforts will be made in the near future to interview above party.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

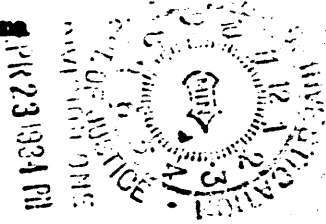
CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: Will make discreet investigation at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, the home of George Bentz, and if possible verify the fact that he recently underwent a serious operation and it is possible he is now confined in some hospital in Chicago.

PORTLAND OFFICE: At Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, will keep in touch with all sources of information that will assist in the location of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz. Will also interview Harry L. Stratton, 6118 Latonia Street, Seattle for any information he may furnish.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 19, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of April 5, 1934 re:
"Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), Richard Tallman Galatas,
with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1201, Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner" (obviously intended to pertain to the Alvin
Karpis file), in which you requested the reasons for the discrepancy
appearing in the telegram from this office in the Alvin Karpis file
under date of February 19, 1934, and the telegram from this office
dated March 31, 1934.

In the absence of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, I am
unable to advise as to how the information was obtained as furnished
the Division under date of February 19, 1934. Reference is made, how-
ever, to a letter from this office in the above titled case (Alvin
Karpis) under date of March 31, 1934 confirming telegraphic information
furnished under date of March 31, 1934, and outlining the method by
which the information was developed as shown in the telegram from this
office dated March 31, 1934. As stated in that letter, investigation
was conducted by Special Agent Earle M. Black at Okmulgee and Henryetta,
Oklahoma, where the original records were examined.

Your letter of April 5th will be brought to the attention of
Special Agent in Charge Brantley, upon his return to this office, and if
he is in position to add anything to this letter, he no doubt will furnish
the Division with his observations.

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cc-Mr. Rorer (St. Paul)

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Very truly yours,

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EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

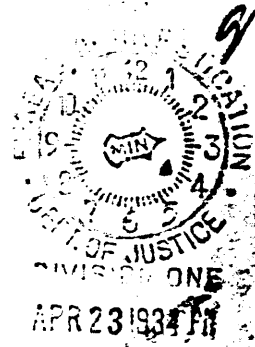
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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

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Please refer to the report of Special Agent
W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, April 5, 1934, page three, wherein
it is noted that photostatic copies of the bill of sale
executed by W. B. LOEMAN to the Auburn California Company,
covering the 1933 Dodge Sedan, were forwarded to the
Division.

This bill of sale contains the signature of
W. B. LOEMAN and no copies of said signature have been
furnished the Chicago Office.

It is, therefore, requested that the Division
furnish this office with at least fifteen photostatic copies
of the signature of W. B. LOEMAN.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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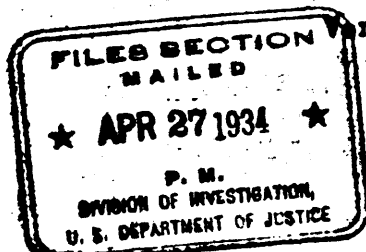
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of April 20, 1934, there are transmitted herewith fifteen photostatic copies of the signature of one W. B. Lohman, which appears on the bill of sale executed by this individual to the Auburn California Company, covering 1933 Dodge Sedan, a photostatic copy of which bill of sale was forwarded to the Division with the report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 5, 1934.



Director.

Enclosure 334161.

CC Mr. Morer, St. Paul.



Division of Investigation

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

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April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30

Reference is made to Division letter dated April 14, 1934, addressed to Inspector H.H.Clegg, at St.Paul, Minnesota, and to my letter to the Division dated April 18, 1934, in connection with teletype message from the Division informing that arrangements had been perfected whereby telegrams could be examined at St.Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the above case.

The teletype message from the Division, referred to in Mr.Cowley's memorandum has now been found. It was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the St.Paul Office and no mention was made therein to the BREMER case and, consequently, it was not brought to my attention but was initialed by Mr.Hanni and placed in the St.Paul Division Office administrative file entitled, "Sources of Information".

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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Director,
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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 - Chicago File 7-82.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the fact that serious consideration has been given to WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN and vicinity as a possible hideout where BREMER was held, a plat of a portion of the City of Whitewater was secured from Mr. R. Y. Brown, County Attorney, Whitewater, Wisconsin. That portion of the plat secured reflects a portion of the town in the vicinity of Wisconsin Street, located north of and between Tripp Lake and Cravath Lake.

Photostatic copies of that portion of the plat of Whitewater have been prepared for the Division, the Saint Paul and Chicago Offices. The photostat described above is marked No. 1 and is divided into Parts Nos. 1 and 2. The west portion of Part No. 1 should be joined with the east portion of Part No. 2 to give you a proper picture of that portion of Whitewater under consideration.

This office also secured from Mr. Brown, a plat of Whitewater Township, showing the vicinity particularly to the immediate south of Whitewater, Wisconsin. This has also been photostated and copies are being forwarded to the Division and the Saint Paul Office. This plat is marked No. 2.

This office has prepared enlarged photostatic copies of Whitewater Township, as reflected by the maps previously furnished this office by the Division, which maps were secured from the Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey. Three copies of the above mentioned maps are being furnished the Division, two to the Saint Paul Office, while a sufficient number is being retained in this office for investigative purposes.

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Investigation already conducted and to be conducted at Whitewater will be reported separately.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

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

April 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
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In confirmation of my telegram to you on the twentieth instant, it is desired that PHOENIX DONALD alias WILLIAM WEAVER alias BILL SCOTT be discreetly located in order that he may be questioned in this case. Information received by this office indicates that he is very probably one of the kidnapers as he is known to have been a very close associate of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG, for some time. His criminal record, as furnished by your office, indicates that he was a suspect with FRED BARKER in a jewelry theft at Vinita, Oklahoma, during 1930.

For some time past, this office has located apartments formerly occupied by the BARKER-KARPIS GANG, at which time laundry marks were obtained from clothing. This office has, recently, located an apartment wherein PHOENIX DONALD alias WEAVER alias SCOTT resided in the early part of 1934 and the laundry marks found on his clothing are similar to laundry marks previously found in clothing obtained from the BARKER-KARPIS GANG, which is in the possession of this office.

BESSIE SKINNER, consort of EUGENE GREEN, deceased, is a close friend of MYRTLE EATON, wife of CLARENCE EATON alias DOC EATON, bank robber and ex-convict, who is an associate of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. According to BESSIE SKINNER, PHOENIX DONALD is, and has been, in love with MYRTLE EATON for a long time and keeps in close communication with her. This office is informed that DONALD receives mail from his family through MYRTLE EATON. Efforts are being made to locate MYRTLE EATON and it is desired that every effort be exerted towards the location of

PHOENIX MORALS. It is probable that DONALD and MYRTLE RAYON are not together since it has been determined that she left her apartment, which is apartment 104, 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately following the shooting of EDIE SKENE, on April 5, 1934.

The Kansas City Office, after investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, where the relatives of MYRTLE RAYON and her husband reside, has advised that MYRTLE RAYON is believed to have been in Des Moines, recently, with an unknown man.

Very truly yours,

H. E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

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In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, there are transmitted herewith 6 abstracts of the criminal record as reflected by our files of Mrs. C. P. Harmon with aliases and 12 photographic copies of a photograph appearing on fingerprints submitted by the Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, received in this Unit June 8, 1928. It will be observed that the New Orleans, Louisiana, arrest was not reflected in previous correspondence as this fingerprint card was found in the file on a research of the original record.

The following description appears on the fingerprints received from New Orleans:

Color - White
Age - 25
Weight - 96
Height - 5' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " B.F.
Build - Slim
Complexion - Fair
Hair - Chestnut
Eyes - Hazel
Residence - San Antonio, Texas
Place of birth - Savannah, Georgia.

On fingerprints received in this Unit March 6, 1926, from the Sheriff's office, Council Bluffs, Iowa, her residence is shown as Port Arthur, Texas, place of birth, Demorest, Georgia.

On fingerprints received from the Police Department, Houston, Texas, reflecting her arrest in March, 1924, her residence was given as 200 12th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.

On prints received from the Chicago Division Office, reflecting Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa; #1303, arrested by American Express Agents, her place of birth is again shown as Demorest, Georgia, and residence as Port Arthur, Texas, (home of parents). This card has the following notation:

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"Arrested at Rock Island, Ill., 2/25/26 by Am. Express Agts. and Police, Chg. Fugitive, B & E Am. Ry. Express Office and U.S. P.O.; Returned to Davenport, Ioa., waiving extradition. Returned to Council Bluffs by Sheriff, Pott County. Turned over to Federal for robbery of Underwood, Ioa. P.O. 2/20/26. Released by Federal and State."

W. M. Dyer
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Memo Mr. Clegg
Re: Mrs. C. P. Harmon with aliases

April 18, 1934.

The back of the fingerprint record from Council Bluffs, Iowa, contains the following:


"Accomplices: C. P. Harmon #1305; Jas. I. Harmon #1306; Lecta Graham #1304.

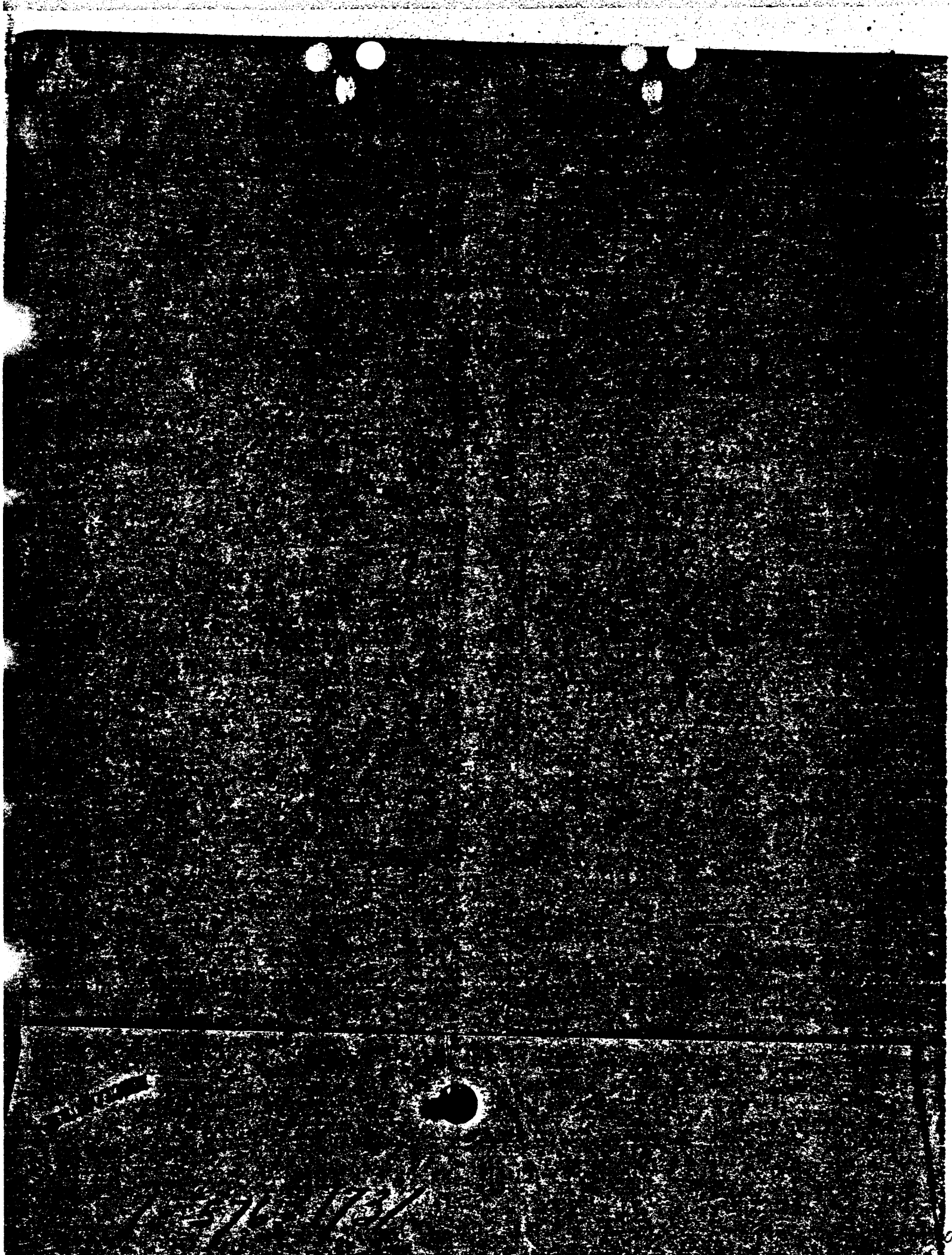
"#1305 and #1306 bot four silvertown cord tires in Omaha in Feb. 1926 made a small payment and had them sent C.O.D. by the Am. Ry. Express to Elkhorn, Neb., and then broke into the depot and stole the tires which were later found on a Hupmobile Sedan owned by #1304, at the time of their arrest at Rock Island, Ill. The depot at Elkhorn burned down the same night it was robbed but none of these parties claimed any knowledge of it (nite of Feb. 9th 1926)

"A \$750 fur coat was ordered from Brandeis, Omaha, Nebr. and sent C.O.D. to Greenwood, Neb. by express but this job was passed by these men as "suspicious". Later one of these women as "Miss Connor" spent some time in selecting and having altered several dresses and lingerie, etc., from Goldstein-Chapman Store, Omaha, Nebr., which were ordered sent C.O.D. by express to Weston, Ica. Said shipment to be there on Sat. Febr. 20th 1926 sure. On same day Feb. 18th 1926 #1306 called at Browning-King Store, Omaha, and selected a suit of clothes and shoes ordering them sent by express to Underwood, Ica. Said shipment went out not by express but by Parcel Post C.O.D. Sat. nite Feb. 20 1926, the depot at Underwood was broken into and parcel not found so they broke into the P.O. and secured the Parcel and some \$90 worth of stamps. Passing up the Weston job as not 'looking good' as operator was still on duty. The women were in said car at the time of this robbery and they all went to Des Moines, Ica. where they had shipments by express sent to Dallas Center - Grimes and Redfield Ica. The men robbed Redfield and were frightened away from the depot at Dallas Center (which was "planted" by Sheriff and agents) by the Deputy Sheriff exposing himself as they were in the act of entering the operator's window. They drove out of town behind the Sheriff's posse without lights and observing Sheriff turn around they did the same and drove back and out the other side of town and later drove into Des Moines and then to Rock Island, Ill. where they were arrested. A dozen sticks of 40% dynamite were in their hand bag also a full box of caps. #1306 had a stick of dynamite with cap and fuse in his pocket when arrested."

Six sets of photographic signature of Mrs. Harmon will be submitted.

Respectfully,


L. C. Schilder.





Marie Mayer, #11622, PD, New Orleans, La.

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RE: Mr.

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

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a memorandum dated April 18, 1934 prepared by Mr. L. G. Schilder of the Identification Unit, setting forth data obtained from the fingerprint cards of Mrs. C. F. Harman with aliases, together with an abstract of the criminal record and photographs of this individual.

The photograph should be exhibited to persons acquainted with Paula Harman, and in the event it is identified as a good likeness of her copies will be made and distributed to all field offices. In comparing this photograph with the photograph taken by the Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa, there appear on both two marks or scars on the left cheek.

The attention of the New Orleans Office is directed to the arrest of Paula Harman as Marie Mayer alias Marie Roney, #11622, on May 30, 1928, and all the facts incident to this arrest and circumstances, names of associates if any should be immediately ascertained and the information furnished to the St. Paul, Chicago, Kansas City and other interested offices.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City
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Mr. E. A. Bremer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

APR 24 1934

Dear Sir:

With reference to the request signed by Mr. Clegg and received by teletype dated April 16, 1934, you are advised that the fingerprints of George Nelson, alias Baby Face, our #342742, and of Paula Harmon, our #105880, have been compared with the latent fingerprints in both the Bremer and Dillinger cases with negative results.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.
1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Division's letter dated March 30, 1934, forwarding to the St. Paul and the Chicago offices topographical maps obtained from the United States Geographical Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., there having been indicated on the Briggsville quadrangle, map No. 14, the spot where the four gas cans were believed to have been located.

Please be advised that from examination of the memorandum of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 13, 1934, and a map of Columbia County, Wisconsin, which was obtained by Agent McKee at that time, the spot as indicated on map No. 14 where the cans were located, is correct.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. COWLEY

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Oklahoma City this evening. He stated he feels that the situation at the Oklahoma City Office is in rather bad shape with regard to the three major cases, namely, the Bremer case, the Barrow case, and the Dillinger case.

The Barrow case was assigned to Agent Hollis on February 6, 1933. At the present time Agent Hollis is at Tulsa, which of course handicaps his working on the Barrow case. In addition to this fact, Agent Hollis is being transferred to another office. The Dillinger case has been assigned to Agent Butterworth, who has been at Little Rock for the last couple of months. The Bremer case was assigned to Agent Hansen on February 15th. However, Agent Hansen didn't appear to be well acquainted with the case. Mr. Nathan stated that in justice to the Agent in Charge, he assumes that these cases have been assigned to these Agents in name only, and that he, himself, has been performing all the work on them, or at least has all the information on them. Mr. Nathan instructed Agent Hansen to thoroughly review the Bremer file and he, Mr. Nathan, has been reviewing the Barrow file. There is no indication in the Barrow file that the leads were handled. For instance, there is a memorandum from the Kansas City Office dated April 8, giving information concerning three or four hideouts, although there is no indication that any action has been taken. Mr. Nathan further stated that three or four weeks ago he knew that Paula Harmon had connections with the Barker-Karpis gang in the Oklahoma City territory, although so far he has found no such indication in the file.

The case of "Pretty Boy" Floyd is in about the same status. Mr. Nathan's personal opinion is that there is nothing definite in any file in any office to show that Floyd was located June 16, 1933, in spite of many reports to this effect.

Mr. Nathan stated he felt cases such as those referred to above should be handled by some one who can work on them intensively and continuously. He suggested that the Agent in Charge should take care of such personally, leaving the routine work of the office for some one else to handle. I inquired if he felt the Agent in Charge would be able to personally handle all three of these cases, namely the Bremer, Barrow and Dillinger cases. Mr. Nathan stated that although the Bremer case involves a great amount of work, there is not so much in that territory on Dillinger. He stated there are some hideouts reported in connection with the Barrow case, and contrary to the policy which has previously been followed along this line, he felt that when such a hideout is discovered, an effort should be made to develop a confidential informant in that vicinity. I told Mr. Nathan I would be more inclined to assign each of these cases to an Agent in the office, instructing the Agent in Charge to exercise particular supervision over them. In this connection, Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that the only

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Agents in that office who are competent to handle these cases are Agents Black, Hansen and Deaderick. Mr. Deaderick is assigned to Mr. Purvis at the present time with his "raiding squad" and is also a witness to statements that Evelyn Frechette is alleged to have made. It is therefore very uncertain when he will return to Oklahoma City. Mr. Nathan and I agreed that the Floyd and Barrow cases could be assigned to one Agent. The Bremer case needs immediate supervision.

Mr. Nathan stated he was informed by Agents Black and Hansen that the lack of supervision of these cases at the Oklahoma City Office was due to insufficient men.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to assign these cases and to carefully go over them with the individual agents to whom they are assigned. Mr. Nathan stated he wired Mr. Clegg today in an effort to ascertain when Mr. Deaderick may be expected to return to Oklahoma City, and learned that it is very uncertain since it may be necessary for this Agent to proceed to St. Paul from the Chicago territory. I instructed Mr. Nathan to again wire Mr. Clegg, indicating that it is imperative that Agent Deaderick return to Oklahoma City as soon as possible. Mr. Nathan suggested that he would assign the Bremer case to Mr. Deaderick, the Dillinger case to Mr. Black, and the Barrow and Floyd cases to Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Nathan stated the Agents at Oklahoma City are too heavily assigned; that there are ten men carrying thirty-one cases per Agent, which, of course, is entirely too many. I stated that I felt it would be far less misleading to carry these cases as unassigned. I told Mr. Nathan that I had directed Agent in Charge Brantley to return to Oklahoma City by way of Washington, at which time I would discuss this situation with him. I directed Mr. Nathan to also impress this upon Mr. Black.

Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that there are a number of unsatisfactory Agents in the Oklahoma City Office. I called his attention to the fact that there has been no indication to this effect in the efficiency ratings which have been received. Mr. Nathan stated there is no doubt that a lot of work is being done; that Mr. Brantley has been working until midnight every night. I directed Mr. Nathan to make a survey of the personnel while he is in Oklahoma City, also obtaining Mr. Black's views. I directed that he take similar action at Dallas, as well as in any other office at which he may stop, mentioning particularly the Kansas City Office.

I also directed Mr. Nathan to clear up the matters pertaining to Agents Edgar and Black.

With regard to personnel matter, Mr. Nathan will make notes and dictate upon his return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul this morning. He stated that after talking with you last night and just before returning the woman to the County Jail, she advised that if we wanted to catch the Barker-Karpis crowd, we should work around Reno, Nevada, which, of course, is consistent with information already in our possession. She stated that the woman friends of this gang gamble a great deal at the Bank Club which is owned now or has been previously owned by a man by the name of Graham, under income tax indictment in New York. One of the Barker boys has lost a great deal of money at the Bank Club. Also, one of the members of this gang (she believes it is one of the Barker boys) is very much in love with a banker's daughter in Reno, who is a widow. She states that if they are not there now, they will return and will appear there frequently because they have a political protection there that is unfailling. Mr. Clegg stated he telephoned Agent in Charge Dowd last night and directed him to have the Agent at Reno call him on the private line so that he could give him that information. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that I felt a squad of Agents should be sent to Reno to handle this situation. Mr. Clegg agreed fully with this suggestion. I directed Mr. Clegg to select approximately three Agents qualified for this type of assignment to proceed to Reno from St. Paul and station themselves in this gambling establishment in an effort to apprehend this gang, and stated that if reinforcements are needed later, Agents could proceed from San Francisco and Salt Lake. Mr. Clegg stated that Agent in Charge Vetterli wired St. Paul yesterday to the effect that he was leaving Reno in twenty-four hours, leaving only Agent Gere in Reno. I told Mr. Clegg that Mr. Vetterli would be instructed to remain in Reno until the undercover squad from St. Paul arrived in Reno.

Mr. Clegg stated that the woman also advised that the name of the "big strong man with the Southern talk" in the Bremer kidnaping case is Weaver. She stated she had seen him so many times that she was sure she could identify him. She was in Topeka, Kansas when the kidnaping occurred, but does not definitely know who did the kidnaping.

Mr. Clegg stated the papers this morning carry a big headline as follows: "Bass Green Talks - New U. S. Chief Here". Mr. Clegg stated that the newspapers had no definite information to this effect, but were only guessing. He stated, however, that one of the bank officials did tip off somebody that we examined the safe deposit box. He stated that of course this is an unfortunate break against the woman because she is cooperating now. Mr. Clegg stated they had found some "getaway" charts and road maps in connection with a bank robbery which was being planned in Iowa last Saturday. She stated that a place was also "spotted" in Wisconsin. I directed Mr. Clegg to make every effort to take in this entire mob.

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Mr. Clegg advised that the woman also advised that the name of the "big strong man with the Southern talk" in the Bremer kidnaping case is Weaver. She stated she had seen him so many times that she was sure she could identify him. She was in Topeka, Kansas when the kidnaping occurred, but does not definitely know who did the kidnaping.

Mr. Clegg further stated that a committee of coroners held an inquest yesterday over Green and found that his death was attributable to accident in connection with firearms.

Mr. Clegg stated that one of the colored women owns the residence in which the shooting occurred, and the other colored woman involved in this case was her sister, who had accompanied her to the apartment to clean up. These two women have now furnished the address of another apartment which the Greens had sent them to clean up. They obtained a definite statement from Bessie Green last night that Dillinger and Evalyn Frechette lived in that house, which is a block from where she lived, and is the same apartment which these two colored women cleaned up on a previous occasion. Mr. Clegg stated that the colored women have been held because they were in the apartment when the shooting occurred. They have employed a lawyer, who is also a colored woman, and she agreed with Mr. Clegg that she would allow him to hold these women for a reasonable length of time. Mr. Clegg stated that he and Mr. Nathan felt that probably the best procedure would be to have a talk with these women, advising them that the investigation is not completed, and that as long as they "keep their mouths shut" they needn't worry, and then release them some time today. I approved this suggestion.

With regard to the three men being sent to Reno, I instructed Mr. Clegg to have these Agents keep in touch with him, and that he in turn keep me advised. I told him to advise Mr. Dowd that they would be in his district, but that they needn't report to Mr. Dowd.

Mr. Clegg stated that complaints were filed this morning against John Hamilton and Evalyn Frechette, charging them with conspiracy to harbor Dillinger. This is being filed in Minneapolis. I directed Mr. Clegg to have this done promptly because the Attorney General is issuing a statement this morning that Evalyn Frechette is in custody.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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April 23, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of April 21, 1934,
there are being forwarded under separate cover today two
copies each of the Topography maps, entitled "White Bear,
Minnesota Quadrangle" and "Anoka, Minnesota Quadrangle".

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I.O. #1218. FUGITIVE.
ARTHUR R. BARNETT, with aliases - I.O.
#1219, et al. FUGITIVE.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

and

USION SUBJECTS
ROY J. FRISCH - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Recently, while at Reno, Nevada, through the courtesy of the telephone company there, the long distance telephone calls were secured from the home of William Graham, J. C. McKay, Jack Sullivan, and Ray Bond, all, who have been mentioned in the reports on the Bremer and Frisch kidnaping cases - also of William Golder, who had been mentioned in connection with the Frisch kidnaping case, and the record of the long distance telephone calls placed from the telephone of Louis Marymont at Reno, together with a record of the calls placed from the gambling and liquor house which he runs, called the "Town House".

Although a number of these calls do not appear to be important at all, and there is no indication that the subjects in the Bremer case placed any of these long distance calls, yet a list, in duplicate, is being forwarded to the St. Paul and Salt Lake City offices, and the Division, and two copies are being kept on file at San Francisco, owing to the fact there might possibly be some telephone number in any of the field offices listed above, which might be dovetailed into the calls on the list attached hereto, which might present some clue. In addition, this list might possibly be of interest for future reference.

These numbers were secured in strict confidence by [redacted] of the telephone company at Reno, and, of course, the information contained in the list should be kept strictly confidential by the respective field offices.

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In those offices where a file is being maintained on both the Bremer kidnaping case and the possible kidnaping of Roy J. Frisch, it is suggested that one copy be placed in each of the files, and the St. Paul Office can readily ascertain, no doubt, from their files, whether they desire any of the telephone numbers checked in connection with the Bremer case, by perusing the list in question.

Very truly yours,

R. D. VENTRILLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

S.C. Division (Incs.)
S.C. Salt Lake City (Incs.)

CALLS MADE FROM "RADIO 3989", IN NAME OF JACK SULLIVAN.

October, 1933.

- 1 - Brockway, Calif.
- 4 - San Francisco
- 4 - San Ysidro, Calif.
- 4 - Los Angeles
- 4 - San Francisco
- 4 - " "
- 4 - " "
- 4 - " "
- 10 - Brockway, Calif.
- 12 - Pasadena, Calif.
- 19 - San Francisco
- 24 - San Francisco
- 24 - Los Angeles
- 28 - Vallejo, Calif.

- 19
- Randolph 7177
- 2451 - to Eddie Baker, by Sullivan
- Hia. 5796
- Skyline 8717 - E. O. Bear
- Garfield 8121
- Skyline 3990
- Walnut 9219
- PS
- Laurel 1446
- Franklin 2500 - Californian Hotel
- Exbrook 5982
- Mi. 9273
- 15

November, 1933.

- 4 - Tacoma, Wash.
- 8 - Sacramento, Calif.
- 10 - San Francisco
- 11 - Vallejo, Calif.
- 13 - San Francisco
- 21 - White Plains, N. Y.
- 22 - Salt Lake City
- 22 - San Francisco
- 22 - Sacramento
- 23 - Pasadena, Calif.
- 23 - San Francisco
- 30 - San Francisco

- Broadway 3232 - to Wm. Boyce, by Dr. Murray
- Main 948
- China 0084
- 311
- Franklin 7779 - to Frank Sullivan by Graham
- 5108
- Wa. 128 - to Chief of Police Payne by Graham
- Market 3862
- Main 948
- Laurel 1446
- Garfield 8121
- Walnut 9219

December, 1933.

- 1 - San Francisco
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - San Francisco
- 3 - San Francisco
- 3 - San Francisco
- 4 - New York City
- 4 - San Francisco
- 4 - San Francisco
- 4 - Sacramento
- 4 - Sacramento
- 11 - Sacramento
- 12 - San Francisco
- 16 - San Francisco
- 16 - San Francisco
- 19 - San Francisco
- 19 - St. Helena, Calif.

- Underhill 9419
- Randolph 7177
- Underhill 9419
- Walnut 9219
- Underhill 9419
- Circle 74640 to Frank Frost by Graham
- Walnut 9219
- Garfield 8121
- Main 491 - McKesson, Kirk, Hansen
- Main 491
- Main 8000 - Barzels to J. B. Sullivan
- Kearny 8600 - Palace Hotel
- Ordway 6114
- Garfield 8121
- Garfield 6890
- 169 - Barenger Bros.

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December, 1933 (cont.)

- 19 - San Francisco
- 20 - San Francisco
- 21 - San Francisco
- 21 - St. Helena, Calif.
- 21 - San Francisco
- 23 - San Francisco
- 28 - San Francisco

Garfield 8121 - by Brier.
 Walnut 9319, by Sullivan
 Garfield 8121
 169th, by Sullivan
 Sutter 0332, by Sullivan
 Kearny 8600 - Palace Hotel
 Sutter 7152 - to McDowell & Mahler by Sullivan

January, 1934.

- 3 - Sacramento
- 3 - San Francisco
- 4 - Los Angeles
- 10 - Los Angeles
- 11 - San Francisco
- 15 - San Francisco
- 15 - San Francisco
- 15 - San Francisco
- 17 - San Francisco
- 18 - San Francisco
- 20 - San Francisco
- 20 - Sacramento
- 20 - San Francisco
- 21 - San Francisco
- 21 - Sacramento
- 21 - "
- 23 - San Francisco
- 24 - Sacramento
- 25 - "
- 25 - San Francisco
- 26 - Sacramento
- 26 - San Francisco
- 26 - "
- 28 - Sacramento
- 13 - San Francisco

Main 5740, by Sullivan
 Market 3862
 Rht. 2433
 Mutual 4530, by Kendall
 Garfield 8121, by Sullivan
 Garfield 1410 and Ebrook 0300, by Sullivan
 Ebrook 0208, by Sullivan
 Ebrook 3920, by Sullivan
 " " "
 Garfield 8121, by Sullivan
 Douglas 2400, by Kendall
 Main 948, by Kendall
 11st. 3862
 Market 3862
 Main 948
 " "
 Sutter 0332, by Kendall
 Main 948
 " "
 Garfield 5600
 Main 948
 Market 3262
 " "
 Main 948
 Kearny 8600

February, 1934.

- 3 - Sacramento
- 3 - San Francisco
- 6 - San Francisco
- 7 - Sacramento
- 9 - Sacramento
- 10 - Los Angeles
- 11 - Sacramento
- 17 - San Francisco
- 20 - San Francisco
- 21 - "
- 21 - San Francisco
- 25 - San Francisco
- 28 - San Francisco

Main 948
 Market 3862
 Sutter 0332
 Main 948
 Main 948
 Mutual 4530, by Kendall
 Main 948
 Franklin 2500, by Kendall
 " " "
 " " "
 Randolph 7177, by Sullivan
 Franklin 2500, by Kendall
 " " "

March, 1934.

- 1 - San Francisco
- 2 - San Francisco
- 3 - Sacramento
- 4 - San Francisco
- 4 - San Francisco
- 5 - Los Angeles
- 7 - San Francisco
- 8 - Sacramento
- 8 - "
- 8 - San Francisco
- 9 - Sacramento
- 11 - Los Angeles
- 11 - Los Angeles
- 11 - San Francisco
- 14 - San Francisco
- 21 - San Francisco
- 22 - San Francisco
- 23 - Carson City, Nevada
- 24 - San Francisco
- 24 - "
- 25 - Carson City, Nevada
- 29 - Virginia City, Nevada
- 30 - Phoenix, Arizona
- 31 - Virginia City, Nevada

Exbrook 0500, by Sullivan
Garfield 6890, by Sullivan
Main 113 - Joe Conery, by Sullivan
(Address K St., name of Levenson)
Market 3400 - William Taylor Hotel, to
Wm. Golder, by Sullivan.
Graystone 8155
Mutual 4530, by Sullivan
Randolph 7177
Main 948
" "
Douglas 7400, by Graham
Main 948
Exp. 5181 - Wm. Fann Hotel
Fed. 1244
Exbrook 7755 - Sir Francis Drake Hotel
Garfield 8181
Exbrook 7755, to Wm. Graham by Sullivan,
at 9:35 P.M.
Exbrook 7755, to Wm. Graham by Sullivan,
at 1:07 A.M.
573W, Dick Bright, by Kendall.
Exbrook 7755, by Kendall
" "
573W, by Kendall
SHL, to Mr. James by M. E. James
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SHL, to Mr. James by M. E. James

LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM BROCKWAY, CALIF., 19, Jas. C. McKay
 summer home at Lake Tahoe, 1933.

1933

June 23 - San Francisco	Underhill 9419
23 - Reno, Nevada	7513
30 - Reno, Nevada	7425
July 2 - Reno	8215
2 - Reno	7425
5 - Reno	6131
6 - Reno	7513
10 - Reno	7425, by Miss Gersich to Miss Gersich
10 - Reno	4111
14 - Reno	8215
14 - Reno	3714
20 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
Aug. 26 - Reno	21269
27 - Reno	21269
28 - Minden, Nevada	93, to Fred Daubury
28 - Reno	6131
28 - Reno	6131
Sept. 3 - Reno	7513
5 - "	"
8 - "	"
12 - "	"
13 - "	"
13 - Los Angeles	Ex. 8006
17 - Reno	7513
18 - Reno	4111
18 - Reno	7513
18 - Reno	8215

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM BROCKWAY, CALIF., 79, SUMMER
home of WILLIAM GOLDER in 1933.

1933

June	24	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887, by one Howard
	26	- Reno	3203
	27	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887, residence of W. Moffett.
July	1	- Collect from Bayside 9-1883, New York City, to Wm. Golder, from Rosen.	
	2	- Los Angeles	Fed. 3583
	3	- "	" "
	3	- Reno	6111
	3	- Reno	8215
	3	- Reno	3691
	4	- Los Angeles	Fed. 3583
	5	- Reno	7513
	5	- Reno	3203
	5	- Reno	3691
	10	- Reno	6111
	13	- Reno	21512
	13	- Reno	4151
	14	- Reno	4151
	14	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887, residence Wm. Moffett
	15	- Reno	6922
	15	- Reno	6922
	15	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887
	23	- Reno	3203
	23	- "	"
	24	- Reno	6922
	28	- Reno	6922
	29	- San Francisco	Douglas 3060
	29	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887
	30	- San Francisco	Prospect 6175
	31	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887
Aug.	7	- Reno	6922
	1	- Reno	6922
	2	- San Francisco	Prospect 6175
	2	- San Francisco	Ordway 7920
	3	- Reno	7513 (2 calls)
	3	- New York City	Circle 7-7440 - Maurice Hotel, 145 E. 58th. St.
	3	- Overland, Ohio	Fairmont 6572
	4	- Collect from New York City, Circle 8852, by Rosen.	
	4	- Collect from New York City, Circle 9679, from Mr. Green.	
	4	- San Francisco	Ordway 7920
	4	- Collect from Bay. 9-6223, Manhattan, New York, to Golder from Rosenberg	
	4	- Reno	6111
	4	- Zephyr Cove, Nevada	887.
Sept.	4	- Oyster Bay, New York	1497

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RED 3203", IN NAME OF JAMES C. MCKAY.

October, 1933.

1 - Yerington, Nevada	23.
2 - Brockway, Calif.	19
6 - Tahoe Tavern, Calif.	59, to Mathews from Mrs. McKay.
6 - Brockway, Calif.	Calneva operator.
7 - Tum. Rd., Calif.	59, to Jack Mathews from Mrs. McKay
7 - Pasadena, Calif.	Laurel 1487
15 - San Francisco	Market 3400
16 - Vallejo, 15	
18 - San Rafael, Calif.	451J - Dr. Tic Barr
19 - Brockway, Calif.	1
19 - San Francisco	Market 3400
19 - Yerington, Nevada	23
20 - San Francisco	Market 3400
20 - Los Angeles	Ex. 8006
23 - San Francisco	Oakfield 9690
23 - San Francisco	Market 3400
23 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
24 - Los Angeles	Ex. 8006
24 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
25 - Yerington, Nevada	23
26 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
26 - " "	15
26 - Vallejo, Calif.	311
27 - " "	311
31 - Vallejo, Calif.	15

November, 1933.

5 - Lovelock, Nevada	20 - to McKay and Graham, Big Meadows Hotel.
5 - Carson City, Nevada	21, to Nat Tenrose
8 - Yerington, Nevada	23
10 - Virginia City, Nevada	35 or 513 - Leonard or Higgins.
15 - Yerington, Nevada	23
16 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
21 - Grass Valley, Calif.	300 - Bret Harte Inn
21 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
21 - San Francisco	Underhill 9419
26 - Yerington, Nevada	23
23 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
28 - Carson City, Nevada	307 or 1.

December, 1933.

9 - Yerington, Nevada	23
9 - Yerington, Nevada	23
12 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
12 - Yerington, Nevada	23
12 - " "	23

December, 1933. (cont.)

16 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
17 - Vallejo, Calif.	311
18 - Winnemucca, Nevada	160
19 - Brockway, Calif.	(PS)
20 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
22 - Yerington, Nevada	23
23 - " " "	23
25 - San Rafael, Calif.	451J, to Barr.
25 - Los Angeles, Calif.	Ex. 4141
25 - Oakland	Fruitvale 4789
25 - Oakland	Rum. 0761

January, 1934.

18 - Oakland, Calif.	Glen. 7000 - Mrs. McKay's maid to Mrs. McKay
24 - Yerington, Nevada	23
26 - Yerington, Nevada	23
29 - Oakland	Fruitvale 4789
31 - Yerington, Nevada	23
31 - San Rafael, Calif.	4515
31 - Oakland	Fruitvale 4789

February, 1934.

1 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
2 - Oakland	Fruitvale 4789 - Father McLaughlin.
6 - San Francisco	Market 3400 - William Taylor Hotel
8 - Los Angeles	Ex. 41417 - Barbara Hotel
8 - Yerington, Nevada	23
11 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
12 - " " "	15
14 - " " "	15
15 - " " "	15
15 - " " "	15
16 - " " "	15
23 - Yerington, Nevada	23
28 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
28 - Little Rock, Arka.	195 - Marion Hotel.

March, 1934.

3 - Yerington, Nevada	23
8 - Yerington, Nevada	23
14 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
15 - Oakland	Fruitvale 4789
17 - Yerington, Nevada	23
17 - " " "	23
17 - New York City	Circle 72700 - Warwick Hotel
18 - " " "	" " "
18 - Yerington, Nevada	23

March, 1951 (cont.)

19 - Yerington, Nevada
20 - Yerington, Nevada
28 - New York City
31 - Yerington, Nevada

23
23
Circle 7-2700 - Warwick Hotel, 65 W. 54th St.
23

TELEPHONE CALLS FROM "RINO 6539", IN NAME OF RAY KENDALL.

January, 1934.

1 - Fresno, Calif. 21805

February, 1934.

22 - Fresno, Calif. 21805

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RENO 7204", IN NAME OF THE "TOWN HOUSE".

October, 1933.

- 1 - Fontello, Idaho 188
- 2 - Los Angeles Dr. 3023
- 3 - San Francisco Ordway 9739, to John Marine, from Rennie.
- 4 - Virginia City, Nevada 141
- 5 - Collect to Reno 7204 from Henry Warner, Prospect 9376, San Francisco.
- 6 - San Francisco Ordway 8506.
- 7 - Collect to Reno 7204, from Henry Warner, Prospect 9376, San Francisco.
- 8 - San Francisco Kearny 7456 - Leeks Drug, 458 Post St.
- 9 - Seattle, Wash. Ordway 8506.
- 10 - Virginia City, Nevada Edmonds 1098
- 11 - Western Union wire to New York 141
- 12 - San Francisco Evergreen 2868, to Louis Kyp, 4747 Geary St.
- 13 - Western Union wire to San Francisco, signed "C. Rennie".
- 14 - Carson City, Nevada 399 - Orphans Home.
- 15 - Seattle, Wash. Elliott 9484
- 16 - San Francisco Ordway 9739, to Johnny Marine, from C. Rennie.
- 17 - Western Union wire to San Francisco by "C. Rennie".

November, 1933.

- 1 - Sacramento Main 9510 & 7300 & 455, to P. T. Jackson.
- 2 - San Francisco Truwallers Hotel.
- 3 - Sacramento Ordway 8997.
- 4 - Western Union wire to Marion, Ohio, signed "C. Rennie".
- 5 - San Francisco Main 5400 - Glens Hotel.
- 6 - Western Union wire to Berkeley, signed "L. Marymont".
- 7 - San Francisco Overland 8997.
- 8 - Western Union wire to S.A.S.A., signed Duke Ranch P. House.
- 9 - San Francisco Overland 8997.
- 10 - Sacramento Main 5400 - Glens Hotel.
- 11 - Western Union wire to Marion, Ohio, signed "C. Rennie".
- 12 - San Francisco Highland 2828, to Les Perkins.
- 13 - Winnemucca, Nevada To Ira Hunsell, from Mrs. Hunsell.
- 14 - San Francisco Kearny 8408, to Charlie Rennie from Louis Marymont.
- 15 - Western Union wire to S.A.S.A., signed Duke Ranch P. House.
- 16 - Quincy, Cal. 100
- 17 - Western Union wire to Marion, Ohio, signed "C. Rennie".
- 18 - San Francisco Overland 8997.
- 19 - San Francisco Douglas 2828, Silver Sweet Liqueur Store, to Ella Vincent from Char. Perkins.
- 20 - Western Union wire to San Francisco by "C. Rennie".
- 21 - San Francisco Elliott 8484.

December, 1933.

- 1 - San Francisco Douglas 6079
- 1 - Western Union wire to Marion, Ohio, by Rennie
- 1 - San Francisco Douglas 6079
- 2 - San Francisco Overland 6987
- 3 - San Francisco Overland 6987
- 3 - Chico, Calif. 161, to Jerome Peters, attorney, from Marymont.
- 3 - Calpine, Calif. 25, to Craig Kilbourne, from Marymont.
- 3 - Oakland To D. J. Pass, a/o Wm. P. Jarvis Agency, from Marymont.
- 7 - San Francisco Fillmore 9680, to Belle Love.
- 7 - San Francisco West 3264, to Belle Love.
- 8 - San Francisco Douglas 2628, to Slim Vincent from Rennie.
- 8 - San Francisco Overland 6987
- 8 - San Francisco Ordway 7796.
- 8 - San Francisco Overland 6987.
- 9 - San Francisco Overland 6987.
- 9 - Western Union wire to Marion, Ohio, signed Dude Ranch Town House.
- 11 - San Francisco Douglas 2628.
- 11 - San Francisco Garfield 8121.
- 13 - Los Angeles Dr. 3923.
- 13 - Los Angeles Cras. 13303
- 13 - Western Union wire to San Francisco, by Dude Ranch Town House.
- 14 - Grants Pass, Ore. To Dr. Pass, a/o hotels, by Marymont.
- 15 - San Francisco Garfield 1277, to Murray A. Shuts by Rennie.
- 15 - Oakland, Calif. To D. G. Pass, a/o Wm. P. Jarvis Agency, by Marymont.
- 18 - San Francisco Overland 6987
- 18 - Western Union wire to San Francisco - Town House.
- 19 - San Francisco Sutter 9042, to Phil B. Criss, from Marymont.
- 20 - San Francisco Prospect 10235 - back stage number.
- 22 - Oakland Gla. 5938, to D. J. Pass, a/o Wm. P. Jarvis Agency, by Marymont.
- 22 - Los Angeles Dr. 3923
- 23 - San Francisco Douglas 6079 - Cottage Cafe.
- 23 - San Francisco Douglas 9556
- 23 - San Francisco Prospect 6300 - Ambassador Hotel
- 24 - Los Angeles Dr. 3923.
- 26 - San Francisco Douglas 5592 - L. I. Haven.
- 26 - San Francisco Garfield 3448 - Burkram Ross
- 27 - Oakland Gla. 5938 - to B. G. Pass.
- 27 - Oakland Sivtd. 2044
- 27 - San Francisco Douglas 6079
- 28 - Los Angeles Mi. 1997, to V. G. Pass, 679 So. Spring St.
- 29 - San Francisco Ordway 9739 and 8782, to Johnny Marino.
- 29 - Oakland Occ. 5938, to V. G. Pass
- 29 - San Francisco Ordway 9739, to Johnny Marino.

JANUARY, 1934.

- 2 - San Francisco

Ordway 9739, to Johnny Marino

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RENO 4632", IN NAME OF "BANK CLUB".

October, 1933.

4 - San Francisco
26 - Virginia City, Nev.

Franklin 2282
823

November, 1933.

4 - San Francisco
11 - San Francisco
21 - Ely, Nevada
22 - Las Vegas, Nevada
25 - San Francisco

Tuxedo 9691
Market 3400 - William Taylor Hotel.
1827, to John Sumberg, by one Bolman.
To Int. Rev. Collector, Overland, Hotel
by James Bonner.
Franklin 2282

December, 1933.

2 - Ely, Nevada
7 - Virginia City, Nevada

1827
823

February, 1934.

25 - San Francisco
25 - " "

Graystone 8156
" "

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RENO 3453", IN NAME OF LOUIS MARYMONT, OWNER
of the TOWN HOUSE, and who is friendly with BURNS, alias KARPIS.

November, 1933.

- 5 - Collect call from Fallon, Nevada, 773, to Marymont, Reno, 3453.
- 16 - Western Union wire by 3453, signed "Beulah", to LOSA.
- 17 - Mina, Nevada To Loyd Willson, by Mrs. Marymont,
- 20 - Los Angeles Cr. 6557
- 26 - Fallon, Nevada 773
- 30 - Carson City, Nevada 272

December, 1933.

- 1 - Western Union wire from Reno 3453, to Stockton and signed "Bea",
- 29 - Stockton, Calif. 9373.

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RENO 8936", IN NAME OF "TORN HOUSE".

November, 1933.

8 - Los Angeles	Hemlock 1260, to Mrs. Felice Farrow, 2400 North Highland.
14 - Redwood City, Calif.	880
11 - Fallon, Nevada	21Y
22 - Malibu Beach, Calif.	88394

December, 1933.

2 - San Francisco	Prospect 0355
4 - San Francisco	Ordway 8791 - York Hotel, Geary St.
22 - Salt Lake City	Was. 5078
22 - San Francisco	Metropolitan Hotel - to L. F. Bertken, by Mrs. Bertken. (Checked out - not expected until after New Years.)
23 - San Francisco	Atwater 8200
8 - Collect call to Reno 8936 from Boise, Idaho, from Frankie Johnston, Boise 1540, to Ernest Newton, Reno.	
26 - Huffaker, Nevada	to Eddie Questa.
28 - San Francisco	Atwater 8200

January, 1934.

2 - Prto, Calif.	26W
2 - Seattle, Wash.	Elliott 8700
2 - Seattle, Wash.	Main 7670 - Embassy Club.
2 - Fallon, Nevada	16G - theatre.
3 - Collect call to Reno 8936, from Boise, Idaho, 1542, from Miss Frankie Johnston.	
3 - San Francisco	Douglas 6079
3 - San Francisco	Ordway 2010
6 - San Francisco	Douglas 6079
6 - Petaluma, Calif.	822
7 - San Francisco	Douglas 8350
15 - San Francisco	Sutter 2667
15 - San Francisco	Douglas 8520 - Inferno Cafe, Pacific St.
20 - San Francisco	Evergreen 1008
21 - Carson City, Nevada	372 or 372
22 - San Francisco	Bayview 4842.

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RENO 8215", IN NAME OF WILLIAM J. GRAHAM.

October, 1933.

1 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
2 - "	"
10 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
11 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
12 - "	"
13 - "	"
14 - "	"
15 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
20 - San Francisco	Market 3400 - William Taylor Hotel
25 - Los Angeles	Mi. 1011 - Biltmore Hotel
26 - Los Angeles	Exp. 8006
28 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
28 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
29 - Los Angeles	Ex. 8006
29 - Los Angeles	Ex. 8539
29 - San Francisco	Underhill 9091
29 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
30 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177

November, 1933

2 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
2 - San Francisco	Hemlock 2666
3 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
3 - San Francisco	Walnut 8981
3 - Vallejo, Calif.	511
4 - San Francisco	Chi. (China) 0084
4 - San Francisco	Walnut 8981
4 - Big Meadows Hotel, Lovelock, Nevada, #20, to Dick Johnson, from Graham.	
4 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
4 - San Francisco	Douglas 6079
5 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
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7 - San Francisco	Prospect 6300 - Ambassador Hotel
7 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
9 - Sacramento	Main 2611
9 - San Francisco	West 3900 - New Fillmore Hotel
9 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
9 - Sacramento	Main 2611
9 - Lovelock, Nevada	251
10 - "	"
11 - "	"
12 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
13 - "	"
14 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691

November, 1933 (cont.)

14 - Sacramento
14 - Sacramento
14 - San Francisco
14 - Sacramento
14 - Oakland
15 - San Francisco
17 - "
18 - Vallejo, Calif.
18 - San Francisco
19 - Sacramento
19 - San Francisco
19 - San Francisco
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20 - Sacramento
21 - "
22 - New York City
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25 - Los Angeles
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29 - San Francisco
29 - Vallejo, Calif.
29 - San Francisco
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Main 2611
Main 8000 - Senator Hotel, to J. Palm.
Tuxedo 9691
Main 948
Lakeside 6430
Randolph 7177
"
300 - Casa del Vallejo, to Wm. Collier.
Tuxedo 9691
Main 2611
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691
Prospect 9747 - Turf Club, Golden Gate Ave.
Main 2611
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Sterling 9694
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691
390 - Casa del Vallejo Hotel
Tuxedo 9691
Market 3400
Market 3862
Mad. 6562
Herlock 3200 - Whitcomb Hotel
Randolph 7177
"
Main 9084
Main 2611
Market 3400
Edbrook 7753
Tuxedo 9691
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691
Douglas 6079 - The Cottage, Front St.
Market 3400
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Randolph 7177
Market 3400

December, 1933.

1 - San Francisco
1 - San Francisco
1 - San Francisco
2 - San Francisco
2 - Sacramento
4 - Auburn, Calif.
5 - San Francisco
5 - Los Angeles
6 - Los Angeles

Tuxedo 9691
Randolph 7177
Market 3400
Randolph 7177
Main 23897
2 - to Rupley.
Tuxedo 9691
Ol. 6030 - Cohen
Mutual 2252 - Herbert Spitzel, by Graham

December, 1933 (cont.)

6 - Carson City, Nevada	21 - to Warden Penrose, by Graham.
6 - San Francisco	Sutter 7800 - Stewart Hotel
7 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
7 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
7 - San Francisco	Garfield 9300
7 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
8 - San Francisco	Garfield 9300
9 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
11 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
15 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
15 - San Francisco	Kearny 8600
17 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
17 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
19 - " "	" "
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25 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
31 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177

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January, 1934.

2 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
3 - Los Angeles	Ex. 4141, to J. C. McKay, Barbara Hotel, by Graham.
3 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
4 - " "	" "
6 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
7 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
8 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
8 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
8 - " "	" "
9 - San Francisco	Tuxedo 9691
11 - Sacramento	Main 9533
11 - San Francisco	Garfield 9438
13 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
14 - Oakland	Lakeside 6430
19 - Sacramento	Main 948
19 - San Francisco	Market 3862
21 - Seattle, Wash.	Elliott 8320 - Olympic Hotel, to Series, by Graham.
21 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
22 - Sacramento	Main 948
22 - " "	" "
22 - San Francisco	Market 3862
26 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177
28 - Sacramento	Main 948
28 - San Francisco	Garfield 9300
28 - San Francisco	Randolph 7177

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28 - San Francisco
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29 - Los Angeles
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Market 3862
Tuxedo 9691
Garfield 9300
Tuxedo 9691
Gra. 4901
Tuxedo 9691
Main 948
Tuxedo 9691
Randolph 7177
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Main 948
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Market 3862
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691
Garfield 9300
Main 948
Market 3862
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691

February, 1934.

1 - San Francisco
1 - Sacramento
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1 - San Francisco
2 - San Francisco
3 - San Francisco
3 - San Francisco
3 - San Francisco
3 - San Francisco
3 - Sacramento
3 - San Francisco
3 - Oakland
6 - San Francisco
11 - Los Angeles
12 - San Francisco
13 - San Francisco
14 - San Francisco
17 - Oakland
20 - San Francisco
23 - San Francisco
23 - San Francisco
23 - San Francisco

Randolph 7177
Main 948
"
Market 3862
Randolph 7177
Hemlock 2666
Tuxedo 9691
Randolph 7177
Garfield 9438
Market 3862
Main 948
Hemlock 2666
Lakeside 6430
Randolph 7177
Fitz. 9072
Randolph 7177
Tuxedo 9691
Randolph 7177
Lakeside 6430
Randolph 7177
Randolph 7177 (3 calls)
Atwater 5565
Randolph 7177
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March, 1934.

- 1 - Sacramento
- 6 - San Francisco
- 6 - San Francisco
- 7 - San Francisco
- 7 - San Francisco
- 8 - San Francisco
- 8 - San Francisco
- 8 - Sacramento
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- 8 - San Francisco
- 9 - San Francisco
- 9 - San Francisco
- 9 - San Francisco
- 9 - San Francisco
- 29 - San Francisco

- Main 948
- Randolph 7177
- Mission 9223
- Randolph 7177
- Garfield 9300
- Tuxedo 9691
- Mission 9223
- Main 948
- Market 8962
- Tuxedo 9691
- Garfield 9438
- Tuxedo 9642
- Randolph 7177
- Graystone 1661, Wm. Penn Hotel, to McDuffy.
- Randolph 7177.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 21, 1934

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. ROSEN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On April 14, 15 and 16, 1934, accompanied by Special Agents K. R. McIntire and V. W. Peterson, I made a survey of the towns of Crystal Lake, Cary, Fox River Grove, Algonquin, McHenry, Fox Lake, Woodstock, Harvard, Illinois and White Water, Wisconsin. These towns had been previously covered by Agents attached to the Chicago Office and in all but White Water, Wisconsin it was found that the sounds heard by Bremer were not present. A detailed memorandum is being prepared by me setting out the contacts made and the results of my observations at these towns.

I am enthusiastic, perhaps too enthusiastic, about the prospects of locating the hide-out in the town of White Water, Wisconsin, in spite of the fact that this town does not have the "frequent trains in the morning and afternoon", which were heard by Bremer. It does, however, have most of the other sounds, but they do not exactly coincide with the times indicated by Bremer at which he heard them. In addition to the sounds at White Water, Special Agents R. B. Brown and H. H. Reinecke had previously covered this town and located a store in which the clerks had identified the photographs of Arthur R. Barker and Kate Barker as being identical with individuals who had come to the store in the middle of December and that Arthur R. Barker had purchased an expensive suit without asking the price and waited around the store until the suit had been altered to fit him. The clerks, in viewing the photographs, each selected the two photographs above mentioned as resembling these individuals.

Upon arriving at White Water on the afternoon of April 16th, Agents contacted motorcycle officer Joe Shurin, who at the very outset appeared to be mentally unbalanced in that, immediately after identifying ourselves as being with the Federal Government, he stated that he had valuable information with respect to the Lindbergh kidnaping case; that he had forwarded the information to the New Jersey State authorities, but had never received a reply; that he is quite positive that a week after the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped he saw it in Elkhorn, Wisconsin in a car driven by "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn; that he is quite positive in his identification of McGurn for the reason that he is acquainted with

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all Chicago gangsters; that he at one time was a chauffeur for the son of a millionaire, but he refused to name his employer and Agents did not press him for this information. Agents exhibited photographs of the five principal suspects in the Bremer case to him and he stated that he is quite certain that he has seen Arthur R. Barker, but as to when, where or under what circumstances he could not recall. He indicated that he had under observation several places in and around White Water where gangsters had been hiding out, but that he did not desire to disclose this information to Agents until he had obtained further information to corroborate his suspicions.

He finally suggested that he would point out a place if Agents were willing to accompany him and, accordingly, we accompanied him to the White Water Tavern, about six miles southwest of White Water on State Highway #89, which is alleged to be a gangster hide-out and on the first floor has a bar, a dance floor and a third room which contains dining alcoves. The first floor of this tavern is on the ground level, with living quarters above, and to reach the living quarters it is necessary to go up a flight of stairs.

Agents returned to White Water with Officer Shurin and on the return he stated that he had been receiving information from a woman who was endeavoring to locate a house wherein a machine gun was located and he did not desire Agents to contact this woman until he had obtained all the information with respect to this house. When Agents were about to leave him he stated that if Agents desired to interview this woman he would show them where she lived.

This woman turned out to be Mrs. Leroy Shaw, mother of three small children, whose husband was sentenced during the first week of April, this year, to serve from one to four years in the State Reformatory at Greenbay, Wisconsin. The photographs of the five principal suspects were exhibited to Mrs. Shaw and after examining them she selected the photographs of the Barker brothers as resembling individuals who had recently been seen in White Water. Agents questioned her as to their description. She stated that they appeared to be large men and to be of the hardened criminal type. She had no idea as to their age or weight, and stated that they were dressed "like millionaires" and that they, together with their associates, of which there were at least five in number, had been seen driving up the road past her house in a big black Buick sedan, a Lincoln and a third car, which she believes to have been a Packard. When pressed for further details

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relative to the description of these men she stated, "Oh, yes—one of the men was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform". She further stated that these men were in the vicinity of White Water subsequent to the first of the year and on and off until the latter part of March; that during their stay in that vicinity they had been accompanied by the Pitts sisters, Ida and Iva; that on one occasion, when they were seeking these sisters, they came to her mother-in-law's home and found the Pitts sisters there with her sister-in-law, Ethel Shaw. Her sister-in-law refused to go with them and later told her that these men were escapes from the Kansas State Penitentiary and that they are wanted for murder. Mrs. Shaw stated that her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Shaw, and her sister-in-law, Ethel Shaw, would be able to identify the photographs; that her sister-in-law, Ethel Shaw, was now in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Agents located and interviewed Ethel Shaw at Janesville, Wisconsin, where she was residing in a hotel next to the Jeffry Gardens, on West State Street. She selected the photographs of the Barker brothers as resembling the individuals who were in the vicinity of White Water during January and February and after referring to a diary kept by her she stated that it was on February 15th and 17th that she last saw this group of men; that they had been going with the Pitts sisters and had been giving them money in \$10 denominations to buy clothes; that she refused to go with these men for the reason that they were too hard looking.

Mrs. C. W. Shaw, the mother of Ethel Shaw, was interviewed and she also partially identified the photographs of Fred Barker and Harry Campbell as resembling the individuals who came to her house in a big black Buick sedan seeking the Pitts sisters; that these men were accompanied by a tall man, weighing about 200 pounds, with light hair and blue eyes, who had a pleasant personality, but at the same time appeared to be a hardened criminal.

Efforts were made to obtain from the above individuals some idea as to the vicinity where these men headquartered while at White Water, but without results.

It was ascertained that the Pitts sisters, who are but 15 years of age, although they appear to be older, had, during the first week in April, been arrested by the State authorities on charges of immorality and had been sentenced to the Girls' Reformatory at Milwaukee until they reached the age of 21. Leroy Shaw and his brother,

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Francis Shaw, were also arrested, together with others, during the first week of April, charged with having immoral relations with the Pitts sisters, and have each been sentenced to the State Reformatory at Greenbay, Wisconsin.

In view of the information furnished by Mrs. Shaw, her daughter and daughter-in-law, Agent V. W. Peterson was sent to Milwaukee and Greenbay, Wisconsin for the purpose of interviewing the Pitts sisters and the Shaw brothers. The results of these interviews have not yet been ascertained.

Incidentally, it was learned that one of the Civil Works Administration state projects in Wisconsin is to make a survey of each and every home for the purpose of revising tax assessments on all property in the state, and in making the survey squads of men visit the house and in a tabulated report check off the conditions and plot the floor plan of the house on each and every report. These reports are in detail, showing the type of flooring, condition of wallpaper, size of rooms, name of occupants, et cetera, and are available at the county seats. In Wallworth County, Wisconsin, these reports are available at Elkhorn.

Mr. Ralph V. Brown, State's Attorney for Wallworth County, is very cooperative and will go out of his way to assist this Division in locating the house, and when interviewed by me he stated that in the event entrance was refused to any house, suspected of being the house where Bremer was held, he is prepared to issue a search warrant for the premises on the basis that possibly a machine gun is located in the premises, and that he will not need very much proof to support the issuance of such a warrant. Mr. Brown stated that although his office is located at Elkhorn, his home is in White Water, and that he will have in his possession a search warrant available for the use of Agents at any time. He loaned Agents the plat book of Wallworth County, which shows in considerable detail the lots and streets of White Water, Wisconsin, together with the names of property owners, which book was of considerable assistance to Agents in interviewing prominent citizens at White Water, in that they could point out in the plat book the exact houses which would possibly fit the description of the house diagramed by Inspector Rorer from information furnished by Bremer.

There is considerable investigation to be made at White Water before this town can be eliminated as the vicinity in which the hide-out is located. It is my purpose to prepare a detailed

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memorandum setting forth the results of the investigation in that town and outlining what investigation should be made in the future.

In view of the fact that there is a gasoline locomotive that passes through the town twice daily, at approximately 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:15 in the evening, and in approaching the town each time blows a siren, which has a sound characteristic of gasoline locomotives, and also rings a bell in staccato time, which is also characteristic of such locomotives and can be heard from any point in the town, this information was telephoned to Mr. Clegg in order that Mr. Bremer might be further questioned with regard to these sounds. It is noted in the original statement made by Bremer with respect to sounds that he mentions the sounds of a "gasoline (railroad) truck". It may be that this is what Bremer had in mind.

It was also suggested to Mr. Clegg that an intensive investigation be made at Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin, towns located west and slightly south of White Water a distance of about 16 miles and in the territory covered by the St. Paul Office. Because there is a railroad junction, the additional trains heard by Bremer may be accounted for. The planes from White Water, which were very active throughout the winter, could very easily have flown over Milton and, further, the factory whistle and bell sounds may also be located at Milton. In this connection, one of the characteristics at White Water is the fact that the factory whistle of the Libbey, McNeil and Libbey condensary blows in the morning and afternoon only, and does not blow for the noon hour, which is unusual and which is mentioned by Mr. Bremer in his statement to Inspector Rorer.

In considering the sounds heard and the description of the house furnished by Mr. Bremer, Agents should not be guided strictly by these sounds and descriptions, but should make full allowances for alteration.

The Chicago Office is preparing photostatic copies from the plat book loaned Agents by Mr. Brown and when these photostatic copies are received at the Division I will prepare the memorandum, as above stated.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

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I read with great interest Mr. Newby's memorandum of April 21, 1934, covering the efforts he made to locate the Bremer hideout, and I wish that Mr. Newby would follow up in detail his ideas about this matter. It would appear that he has made some real progress toward the location of this hide-out, and I think that all leads in this investigation should be vigorously followed out.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION ONE
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I O 1218, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping.

Kindly refer to letter from Inspector R. H. Clegg dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 20, 1934, to your office relative to Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, and other aliases, whose location is desired by the Division for questioning in the above captioned case.

There is being forwarded herewith the original of a letter received from Sheriff L. C. Langston, Salem, Arkansas, requesting a photograph and a record of "Felix Donald."

Apparently the latter mentioned man in the same individual known to this office under the name of Wm. Weaver. The letter is being transmitted to you for reply and appropriate attention, no reply having been made thereto by this office.

You are advised that this office has no record in its indices concerning one "Felix Donald," and hence in the event Sheriff Langston is not referring to Weaver, it is suggested that you refer him to the Division at Washington for the information he desires.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE. APR 25 1934

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L G LANGSTON
SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR
FULTON COUNTY
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April 20, 1934.

Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

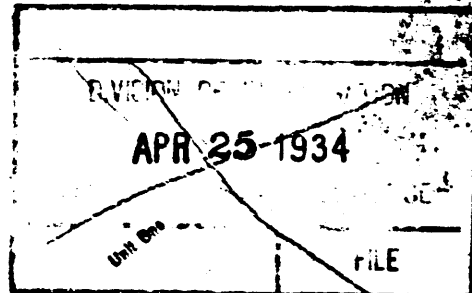
If you have a picture and record of one
Felix Donald, please send same to me.

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. G. Langston
Sheriff and Collector

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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

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Dear Sir:

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
ROY J. FRISCH - Victim
Kidnaping.

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

For your information, several people were interviewed at Reno on the Frisch case the last day or two Agent was there. However, no information of value was obtained, the information being all opinions and generalities.

In order to clear your records, Agent Gere and I interviewed one Dutch Larson, who runs a beer and gambling place on Commercial Row, just around the corner from the Bank Club. We also interviewed Talmadge Smith, former Assistant U. S. Attorney, and his secretary, also the father of Smith's secretary. Mr. Talmadge Smith is very much interested, but he has no definite information, and will keep your office advised if he hears anything in connection with this case. The information furnished gave no indication at all that it bore either directly or indirectly on the Frisch case.

May I suggest, however, that then an Agent is next in Reno, in the course of ordinary duty, that he interview one Cal Proskey, who is reported to live on California Avenue in Reno. I understood from Assistant U. S. Attorney Talmadge Smith, that this individual might have some information on the Frisch case.

In addition, in connection with the Bremer case, I have just learned that a Dr. M. R. Walker, who has his office on the Third

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Floor of the Arcade Building in Reno, is reported to have rented his house some time ago to four men, who left quite some time ago. However, after they had rented the house, he learned that these men were apparently gangsters. There may be nothing to this report, but I suggest that Dr. Walker be interviewed when an Agent is next in Reno to see if per chance he can recognize the photographs of any of the Bremer kidnapers.

For your confidential information, Assistant U. S. Attorney Talmadge Smith has a close personal friend by the name of Clyde Beecher. Beecher controls most of the slot machines in Reno and knows Al Capone personally, and is endeavoring to do some work on the Frisch case. I have met Mr. Beecher and had quite a talk with him. He has no definite information, but frankly states that if there is any indication that Graham and McKay are mixed up in the disappearance of Frisch, and any harm has come to Frisch, that Beecher and his group will positively take Graham, McKay and all their associates for a "ride".

When an Agent next interviews Talmadge Smith, I suggest that he inquire as to whether Beecher has secured any additional information, and, if perchance you go to Reno some time in the near future, I suggest that you make friends with this man Beecher, because I believe he will make a valuable informant for you, because he knows practically everyone in Reno and frankly knows how everything is operated. He admits a pay-off, confidentially, in order to place his slot machines in Reno.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge,

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

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stop cards placed in files of Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus, North Carolina and South Carolina. No record of previous application or transfer.

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REFERENCE:

Copy of letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to Salt Lake City, Utah, Office dated 3/23/34; report of Special Agent W. D. Dickerson, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated 3/31/34.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Emberson Wright.

Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Patrol, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that stop notice cards had been placed in his files for all names and aliases of Subjects; that no one under said names had applied for registration to date; that no automobiles with motor numbers as listed had appeared on the records at his office, but he stated that if any

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of said names or automobiles should come to the attention of his office, he would immediately communicate with the Charlotte Office.

The writer interviewed Mr. A. L. Ward, Assistant Director, State Highway Patrol, Columbia, South Carolina, and requested him to make a search of his records, both with regard to the names of Subjects and motor numbers. Mr. Ward advised that a search resulted in no pertinent information, but stated that wanted notices will be maintained in his files, and that in the event any of these persons or automobiles should come to the attention of his Bureau, he would immediately communicate with this office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

April 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is attached hereto a memorandum covering one of the many extortion cases resulting from the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, wherein an arrest was made at St. Louis, Missouri, yesterday, April 9, 1934, by Special Agents of this Division.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Enclosure #635507

- MR. NATHAN.....
- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
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MR. LESTER
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MR. ROSS

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~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.~~
Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On April 19, 1934, a letter dated April 17th, 1934, was received from Special Agent S.L. Fortenberry, from Reno, Nevada, making known that he is stopping at the El Cortez Hotel, Reno, Nevada, where he is occupying room 512. He can be reached at that hotel by calling Reno, Nevada, Telephone No. 5118. Since you are no doubt aware of the name under which he is registered and operating there, I will not take occasion to designate the name herein.

It is probable that this information has been furnished you direct by Agent Fortenberry, or through the St. Paul Division office, but since Agent Fortenberry does not indicate in his letter to me that you have been furnished this information, I deem it advisable to tender it to you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503-A 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 returns 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,

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

Cancelled - See letter from Salt Lake City

Director

Office dated 4-20-34

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-31-34 4-11-&-19-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. M. BAKER
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: Investigation conducted at Quincy, Ill., home of C. E. Moore, and all persons interviewed who knew this party spoke highly of him and stated that he was of good reputation and character in and around Quincy, Ill. All employees Roberts Bros. Mens Clothing Store, Springfield, Ill. unable to identify photographs of suspects in this case as customers or purchasers of shirts in question. Former Sheriff Winslow, Kirksville, Mo. and W. W. Watkins Wabash R.R. detective, Moberly, Mo. have no information concerning Karpis except that developed during investigation of murder of officer Rose by Lawrence DeWol.

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REFERENCE: St. Paul Division Office letter dated March 23, 1934 directed to Salt Lake City Office.
St. Paul Division Office letter dated March 6, 1934 directed to Kansas City Office.
Reports of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2-22-34, and Special Agent R. G. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 4-5-34.

DETAILS: Special Agent G. B. Norris, of the St. Louis Office, interviewed Abe Roberts, Manager of the Roberts Brothers Mens Clothing Store in Springfield, Illinois, who stated that his store purchased the twenty-one Cluett Peabody shirts, No. K-2419 Park C, from the Cluett Peabody Company of Chicago, Illinois on 12-29-33, and still have some of these shirts in stock. Mr. Abe Roberts and all of the employees of his store

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viewed the photographs of the suspects in this case, and stated that they were unable to identify any of the said suspects as customers of the store or purchasers of said shirts.

It should be noted that Roberts Brothers Store is regarded as a high class mens furnishing store in Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Bion J. Roberts, 1008 Nirth Eighth Street, Springfield, Illinois, stated that the only merchandise purchased by her family from the National Bellas Hess Company of Kansas City, Missouri, were some curtains which were ordered by her from the catalog of said company on or about January 7, 1933; that the price of these curtains was \$1.00. Bion J. Roberts has been an employee of the Illinois Watch Factory, Springfield, Illinois, until recently when this factory was closed. He was not available for interview at the time Agent Norris made this investigation.

Concerning the allegation that Former Sheriff Joe Winslow of Kirksville, Missouri, and Wabash Railroad Detective W. W. Matkins, Moberly, Missouri, possessed information concerning the Karpis Barker Gang and Clarence and Lawrence DeVol, it is stated that upon interview by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, of this Office, former Sheriff Joe Winslow advised that he has no information concerning the Karpis Barker Gang except that he believes Lawrence DeVol, who murdered night Marshal John Rose in Kirksville, Missouri several years ago, was an associate of the Karpis Barker Gang. Joe Winslow added that when Lawrence DeVol was arrested in Minneapolis, Minnesota, former State's Attorney Roland A. Zeigel went to Minneapolis, viewed DeVol, and returned to Kirksville, Missouri satisfied that Lawrence DeVol was the murderer of Officer John Rose. Former Sheriff Joe Winslow then referred Agent to former State's Attorney Roland A. Zeigel, 701 East Jefferson Street, Kirksville, Missouri, for possible additional information.

Upon interview Roland A. Zeigel, Attorney, Kirksville, Missouri, advised Agent that Lawrence DeVol murdered Night Marshal John Rose in Kirksville, Missouri on November 17, 1930 at a local filling station; that during the investigation concerning the murder of Marshal Rose, a Railway Express shippers receipt was found in the automobile used by Lawrence DeVol at the time of the murder. This Railway Express shippers receipt bore No. 511, and indicated that the shipment had been consigned to Mrs. P. H. Newbald, 1141

Francisco Avenue, (Rear Apartment) Chicago, Illinois, under date of November 11, 1930 by an individual using the name of S. E. Harris, St. Paul, Minnesota. This original Railway Express shippers receipt is now in the possession of Mr. Zeigel at Kirksville, Missouri. On November 11, 1930, according to information supplied by Mr. Zeigel, Lawrence DeVol was in Moberly, Missouri, on which date he shipped a trunk to St. Paul, Minnesota from Moberly, Missouri, using the name of S. E. Mason.

Mr. Zeigel permitted Agent access to his file in connection with the murder of Marshal Rose, the same containing considerable correspondence between Mr. Zeigel and the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, as well as correspondence between J. A. Bridges, Lock Box 85, West Plains, Missouri, former Chief Of Police at that point, with the Kansas City Division Office. Relative to the correspondence between the States Attorney's Office at Kirksville, Missouri, and J. A. Bridges, the latter stated on August 4, 1932 that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were wanted by the City of West Plains, Missouri. In this connection Mr. Bridges states that an individual by the name of Albert L. Garde, Lock Box 2710, Station J, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had written several letters to him advising that he was positive from the photographs of Karpis and Barker and DeVol that all three were then in the same apartment that he resided in. At this point, it is stated in Mr. Bridges letter that Albert L. Garde was highly interested in the reward offered for Karpis, Barker and DeVol. In a postscript of Mr. Bridges letter, he states, "You remember Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis killed our Sheriff here last December 19th and Lawrence DeVol is a running mate of these boys." On December 24, 1932 Mr. Bridges directed another letter to the State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri, in which he states, "In regard to Alvin Karpis. No we did not get him. There was a mistake in his identification by the Bay City, Michigan police. We have no later trace of him since last April when he and Barker got away from the Minneapolis police, after they killed Barkers own Step-daddy, old man Dunlop." Concerning the apprehension of Lawrence DeVol at Minneapolis, the following is quoted from Mr. Bridges letter, "We are glad they got O'Keefe (alias of Lawrence DeVol) as we feel like it is just one more of Karpis pals."

Concerning the shipment referred to above made by S. E. Harris via the American Express on November 11, 1930 from St. Paul, Minnesota to 1141 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,

The Chicago Police advised Sheriff Winslow by letter, under date of November 17, 1930, that an investigation had been made and the Chicago Police ascertained that 1141 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois is the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Newbald. Mrs. Newbald advised that the trunk shipped by B. E. Harris had arrived and had contained presents for her husband, herself, and child, Betty Jane, 7 years of age. She further stated that B. E. Harris is otherwise known to her as Larry O'Keefe, alias Lawrence Devol, and that his right name is DeVol; further that his mother resided at 720 Richwood Street, Morgantown, West Virginia. Mrs. Newbald then stated that her brother Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, No. 7071, Hutchinson, Kansas, had been an associate of DeVol's in the above named institution, from which both escaped at one time. The Chicago Police also ascertained that DeVol frequented the Berkshire Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kenesaw Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and often corresponded with one Harry Allen of the Berkshire Arms Hotel, and associated with an individual known as "Wop", an Italian. Mrs. Newbald further stated that DeVol, when in trouble, was represented in Kansas City, Missouri by an attorney known as Buddy Anderson, and at Miami, Oklahoma by the law firm of Common and Common.

State's Attorney Zeigel then advised that at the present time Lawrence DeVol, with aliases, is confined in the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, Minnesota, serving three life sentences for murder, and that on numerous occasions has been contacted but refuses to divulge any information whatsoever.

Upon interview W. W. Matkins, a railroad detective, Wabash Railroad, Moberly, Missouri, he advised Agent Yearsley that he possessed no information concerning the Karpis Barker Gang other than that contained in the State's Attorney's file at Kirksville, Missouri, inasmuch as his interest was only in the murder of Marshal Rose, but incidental thereto the name of the Karpis Barker Gang entered into the investigation occasionally.

Agent obtained from State's Attorney Zeigel one full length photograph of Lawrence DeVol and Alvin Karpis, also a half length photograph of these two individuals, which photographs are being forwarded to the Division by letter, requesting that copies thereof be made and forwarded to the St. Louis Division Office, together with originals in order that they may be

returned to State's Attorney Zeigel at Kirksville, Missouri.

No undeveloped leads are being set forth requesting investigation at Chicago, Illinois or other addresses supplied by Mr. Zeigel, as the investigation desired is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

Interview was had with Albert B. Schwarte, city mail carrier, 1114 Jersey Street, Quincy, Illinois, who stated he has known C. E. Moore of 1428 Elm Street, Quincy, for about four years, during which time Mr. Schwarte has been delivering mail to that address. He states Mr. Moore has been operating a Standard Oil Company filling station at Twelfth and Chestnut Street, Quincy, during the time he has been carrying mail on that route. Mr. Schwarte states that he never heard of Mr. Moore being involved in any kind of trouble, and never heard of any complaint about Mr. Moore's conduct. He stated that Mr. Moore associates with a good class of people, and that his reputation was good, as far as he, Mr. Schwarte, knows. Mr. Schwarte informed agent that Clarence, Missouri is the home town of C. E. Moore, and that Moore frequently visits there, but that he never heard of Moore leaving Quincy to go to any other place for any length of time.

Agent interviewed Walter Wich, retired mail carrier, 617 Chestnut Street, Quincy, Illinois, who stated that he has known C. E. Moore, 1428 Elm Street, Quincy, for about eight or ten years. He states that Mr. Moore has a good reputation, is respected in the city of Quincy, and associates with a good class of people. He stated that he never heard of Mr. Moore being involved in any kind of trouble and never heard of any complaints regarding Mr. Moore's conduct.

The Sheriff's Office at Quincy, Illinois was contacted, but no one there was acquainted with C. E. Moore, so no information could be obtained.

Agent interviewed H. J. Swope, postmaster of Quincy, and he informed agent that he did not know C. E. Moore, so no information could be obtained from him.

Interview was had with J. A. Connery, Chief of Police, Quincy, Illinois, and he stated that he did not know C. E. Moore. He informed agent that he would endeavor to find out something definite about Mr. Moore during the time agent was in Quincy.

Later during the day he stated that he had made inquiries concerning C. E. Moore and that he found Mr. Moore's reputation and character to be good, and that no complaint or objection had been made regarding Mr. Moore's conduct, as far as he knew.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/23/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/2, 3/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted on United States Highway #12 between Elkhorn, Wisconsin and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and in the vicinity of Lake Geneva fails to disclose location of the hideout, or persons who have seen subjects or suspects in that vicinity.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 7, 1934.

DETAILS:

The information contained herein is set out in the form of a memorandum submitted by the investigating Agent as follows:

HIDEOUT

On April 2 and 3, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places in an effort to locate the hideout described by victim, and to determine if any of the suspects could be identified as having been seen:

DETAILS:

United States Highway Number 12, between Elkhorn and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

At a hot dog stand on United States Highway Number 12, one mile east of Elkhorn, which also dispenses Cities Service gasoline and oil products, Kermit Lasch, the employee, and Phillip Woyak and R. D. Welch, regular frequenters of the place, were interviewed and photographs of all suspects shown to them. Lasch stated that the photograph of Kate Barker somewhat resembled an old lady who appeared

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twice at his station in about January or February of this year, but that the lady to whom he referred was undoubtedly much heavier than Kate Barker. The lady he had in mind stopped at his place about January or February, 1934 in a 1928 Chevrolet coupe, faded green in color. There was an elderly Jewish man with her to whom she referred as her husband. A dog was also in the car. About two weeks after this, the same people again drove in for gasoline and the same car at this time was painted a pretty blue. He remembered them as having been there before and remarked regarding the paint job on the car. The lady said that she had a relative who was employed in some filling station or garage in Chicago and that he had had the car painted for her while she was visiting there. In addition to the dog these people had with them on the return trip two cats which were in a box. The lady remarked that they were going to Wisconsin Dells near which place they resided. The lady, according to Lasch, was "a nice old lady", over fifty years old, short and fat, weighing much more than 160 pounds. The man was about the same age, but Lasch was unable to give a more detailed description of him. Lasch recognized none of the other photographs shown to him, and the other two men interviewed saw in them no likeness of anyone who had called at the place during their numerous and lengthy visits there.

Lasch mentioned one other suspicious incident which occurred at his place which is being set out here as a matter of record. He said that in about September, 1933, a man about 30 years old, weighing about 150 to 160 pounds, and about 5 feet 10 inches tall, being of slim build, and a girl of about the same age, drove up in an Auburn eight cylinder car on which they had a flat tire, which Lasch fixed. The car was of a tan color with green fenders, and had wire wheels. He does not recall the license plate as to state of issue or number. A few days later this same man returned with two other men, but not the girl, and was this time driving an Auburn with wire wheels, 12 cylinders, which he thinks was all tan in color. Gas was purchased at this time. The other two men were about the same age as the first man mentioned, but appeared to be a little shorter, and one was a little heavier. During this same month, namely about September, 1933, Lasch says that he saw these men pass his station several times, but they never again stopped. He has not seen them since. He could not say that any of the men mentioned answered the descriptions of or resembled any of the suspects herein, but it is reported on in view of the Auburn 12 cylinder car, it appearing that the principal suspects having at one time possessed such a car.

None of the individuals here interviewed could supply any other information which appeared pertinent, and Lasch added that he had not been asked by anyone to fill any cans of the type left by the kidnapers near Chicago, Wisconsin.

Similar inquiry as above was made at John A. Abbot's store and filling station on United States Highway Number 12, at the crossroads known as Como, 4 miles northwest of Lake Geneva and 6 miles south-east of Elkhorn, and also at the combination eating place, filling station, and automobile repair shop of John A. Mitchell, located at the same crossroads, as well as at the North Geneva Highlands Tavern and Shell gasoline station, two miles north of Lake Geneva. No results were obtained except that John A. Mitchell said that the photograph of Volney Davis seemed to resemble someone he had seen but he could not recall where, when, or under what circumstances.

At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Similar detailed investigation was made at the following gasoline stations where all attendants were interviewed without results:

Cities Service, George & Williams Streets

Evelyn's Phillips 66 Station, 619 Williams Street

The Texaco Station, Williams and North Streets

At Gambini's store and Filling station, 914 Williams Street, Mr. Gambini and his wife, the only persons employed there, were interviewed. Mr. Gambini thought that the photograph of Fred Barker resembled a man who had been in a truck with the driver thereof some months ago which stopped for gasoline. This man had said that he was on his way to St. Louis and had caught a ride on the highway with the truck driver. Mr. Gambini does not know who the truck driver is nor where he might be located, as he had only stopped on two occasions at Gambini's place.

Two employees at The Shell gasoline station at Williams and Ann Streets were contacted, and one, Eugene Day, recalled that in January or February, 1934, some man drove in one evening and wanted a can and five gallons of gasoline therein, saying that he was driving all night and might not find gasoline stations open along the route. Mr. Day did not supply the can nor the gasoline and can not recall a description of the individual nor of the car other than the latter probably was a sedan. He said that he could identify no one among the photos of the suspects as being this man.

Through interviews with the postmaster, the superintendent of the city water company, the secretary of the fire department and a Lutheran and Methodist minister, it was ascertained that there is no stationary siren of any kind in or near Lake Geneva, the fire department using an air whistle which is sounded only for fires and maybe once or twice during a winter during a sleet storm to see if the ice may have stopped it up; that there is no steam whistle blown within or near the city other than on trains; that the Evangelical Lutheran Church rings its bell every Saturday between 5 and 6 P.M. and also on Sunday mornings at 9:15, 10:00, 11:05, and 11:10, and also at 12:15 P.M.; and that there are four churches which have bells in the city besides this Lutheran church bell, but which are rung only for Sunday morning services.

The secretary of the fire department also advised that his records showed fire calls on January 23, 27, and 30, 1934, at which time the air whistle would have been sounded, but the records he has do not give the time of day the fires occurred.

C. O. O'Neill, superintendent of the city water department, J. O'Neill and E. O. O'Neill, water meter readers for the city water department, W. J. O'Neill, gas fitting contractor who says that he has installed gas equipment in practically every building supplied with this form of fuel in southeastern Walworth County, and city mail carriers F. Boutelle, W. Chambers, and E. Niles, were all contacted and the hideout description carefully gone over with them. Photographs of all suspects were exhibited, and with the mail carriers the suspects true names and aliases were gone over. No results were obtained. All will bear the matter in mind and will notify the Chicago Division office of anything they may learn which will be of interest.

From J. D. Mahoney, station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, it was learned that there are six trains daily, except Sundays, which pass through Lake Geneva, all making stops in that city. Four of these trains are passenger trains and two are freights. The only switching is that done by the two daily freights which engage in approximately one-half hour each of such activity each day. The Chicago & Northwestern is the only railroad into Lake Geneva, the next nearest, according to Mr. Mahoney, being three miles away. The schedule of Chicago & Northwestern trains into Lake Geneva is as follows:

<u>WESTBOUND</u>	
Passenger, daily except Sunday	- 10:50 A.M.
Passenger, " " "	- 6:05 P.M.
Freight, " " "	- 5:30 A.M.
Passenger, Sunday only	- 10:20 A.M.
<u>EASTBOUND</u>	
Passenger, daily except Sunday	- 7:40 A.M.
Passenger, " " "	- 2:25 P.M.
Freight, " " "	- 4:00 P.M.
Passenger, Sunday only	- 4:20 P.M.

M. C. Kennison and his wife, who operate a small eating place in the nature of a hamburger and root beer place, 622 Williams Street, were interviewed and shown photographs of all suspects. This place is on United States Highway Number 12 as it passes through Lake Geneva and is passed by one coming from the north and west on this highway before the business district of the city itself is reached. The Kennisons stated that a short time before Christmas, 1933, a short slim man came into their place between 11 and 12 P.M., having driven a car up to the curb in front and parked there, the car facing in a direction indicating that the man had driven up after having come into the town on United States Highway Number 12 from the northwest. They estimated that this man was between 28 and 32 years old, and wore a dark colored overcoat. They could not state whether he wore a cap or hat. The Kennisons advised that they have only a very small bill of fare and the man asked for several things they did not have, indicating he might be stalling for time. They became suspicious of him because of this and also because he "looked hard". The man said that he had only ten pennies. He finally ordered a roll and coffee and Mr. Kennison thought that he meant a sweet roll which they did not have. The man then pointed to Ralph C. Diehl of the Lake Shore Garage in Lake Geneva who was also sitting at the small counter and said, "He has a roll." This was an ordinary hamburger roll and Mr. Kennison served the man one together with a cup of coffee. The man paid with the ten pennies he said that he had. Mrs. Kennison says that she was almost constantly near the front windows of the place and noticed that the car parked in front was left running during the entire time that the man was in her place, which was for approximately 30 minutes. She thinks the car was a Ford and probably a sedan, but could give no idea as to what year model the car might be. She did notice, however, that the car carried Ohio license plates. She was able to see this because of the bright light that illuminates the front of this eating place. This man had considerable conversation with Mr. Diehl, who was the only other individual in the place, and said that he was from Denver. No other parts of his conversation are recalled. Both the Kennisons and Diehl were afraid that this man intended to hold them up. When the photographs of the suspects in this case were shown to them, both Mr. and Mrs. Kennison stated that Fred Barker "looks an awful lot like him". This is interesting because they described the individual who called at their place as short and thin, and driving a Ford car with Ohio license plates. None of the other photographs were recognized by the Kennisons.

The Kennisons related another suspicious incident stating that on last New Year's eve a large dark colored sedan drove into the driveway adjacent to their place about seven o'clock in the evening and there were 5 or 6 men in it. Only one came in at first for something to eat and the others gradually drifted in, but they were not all in the place at the same time. The first man to come in never took his hand out of his left overcoat pocket, even while eating, and the Kennisons were of the opinion that he carried a gun therein. These men were in again a few weeks later and used the same tactics in eating. They could not identify any of the suspects' photographs as being these individuals.

Ralph C. Diehl, Lake Shore Garage, was shown the photographs of all suspects before any mention was made of the incident related to the Kennisons. He studied them at great length at Agent's request, but said that he recognized none of them as anyone whom he had previously seen. He added, however, that he is very poor at remembering faces, oftentimes seeing an individual one day and not being able to recollect him the following day. Agent then reminded Mr. Diehl of the night he was at Kennisons as above described and he remembered it as being similar to Kennison's description of it. He described the suspicious stranger as being slim, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, having a dark complexion, and odd set eyes. Diehl said this occurred one night during December of 1933. Diehl said that he feared a hold-up and engaged the man in conversation feeling that if an acquaintanceship was struck up the man might be deterred in his robbery intentions, if he had any such intentions. He recalls the man saying he was from Minnesota or Denver, but remembers nothing else of the conversation. Diehl did not see the car as he was in Kennison's place when the individual came in, and remained there until after he left. Shortly before this man went out Harold Nish, a milk peddler, came in for something to eat and talked about having been coon hunting with a Mr. Hopkins, a trapper from Lake Geneva. Diehl again studied the pictures shown him by Agent but said that one of them might or might not be the individual who came into Kennisons the night in question.

Agent contacted Harold Nish at his home on Pleasant Street and he stated that he recalled the incident above referred to but could not fix the date other than it probably was in December of 1933. He felt that Mr. Hopkins, the trapper, whom this Agent knows, might be able to fix the exact date in view of the coon hunt that night. However, Agent, was called away from Lake Geneva before Mr. Hopkins could be interviewed on this matter and he will be seen when Agent returns there. Nish says that when he came into Kennisons on this night the man above mentioned was standing by the small stove in front of the counter, apparently having finished his eating, and left within a few minutes after Nish's arrival. Mr. Nish, however, saw him and described him as being about 5 feet 4 inches tall, quite thin, about 35 years old, and wearing a dark gray overcoat and cap. Nish did not notice the car out in front. The pictures of suspects were shown to Mr. Nish but he could recognize none of them, saying that Fred Barker could have been the man, but he could not say with any certainty as he saw the stranger only for such a very short time, and then the man had his coat collar up and his cap pulled down as though ready to go outside and merely getting a little warmth at the stove before going.

In connection with this stranger letting his motor run while he was inside eating, the Kennisons said that they could not recall it was extremely cold that night, although they think there was frost on the windows of their place. It might be that the motor was left running because of the temperature outside, although no motor which was warm from long driving would freeze or become difficult to start by only a thirty minutes stop.

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Deputy Sheriff Cecil Gardner advised Agent of having stopped at a gasoline filling station near Bristol, Wisconsin, some time ago and having the attendant tell about a woman who used to come in at night for gasoline and oil, and whose activities were of a suspicious nature. Deputy Sheriff Gardner accompanied Agent to this station, which is operated by Mr. O. E. Harrison, at the corner of State highways Number 50 and 75, and one-half mile north of Bristol. This filling station handles Phillips 66 products. Mr. Harrison said that in about June of 1933 one man and sometimes two began coming to his place for gasoline and oil, quite regularly in the evenings. Sometimes they drove a Cadillac sedan and sometimes a Ford roadster, model A. Occasionally they had on Wisconsin plates, at other times Illinois plates, and sometimes none at all. These men said that they lived at Paddocks Lake which is only a mile or so distant. Later a woman began coming to Harrison's station in an old Studebaker sedan and from her conversation he gathered that she was in some way connected with the two men mentioned and was the wife of one of them. She often carried gasoline away with her in a five gallon round red can. Mr. Harrison last saw any of these individuals about Labor Day of 1933. The girl at one time mentioned that she wanted to go to Chicago for the winter but that her husband wanted to stay at the lake and drive back and forth to Chicago, apparently to his work. One of the men referred to at one time bought some gasoline and gave a large denomination bill in payment, telling Mr. Harrison to keep the change. Mr. Harrison described one man as short and chubby, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 180 pounds, about 35 years old, and an American. The other man he described as being tall and stout, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds, about 35 years old, and an American. The girl he described as medium slender, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, 110 pounds, about 22 or 23 years old, dark complexion, and bobbed hair. Mr. Harrison examined the pictures of all suspects but said that none of them even slightly resembled the individuals to whom he referred.

Mr. Harrison apparently had been interviewed on a previous occasion by some local officials in connection with the Hamm hideout, and said that he had since thought of a place that seemed to fit the description quite accurately. He mentioned the location of the place which is near Genoa City, Wisconsin, and Deputy Sheriff Gardner said that he knew exactly where it was because a number of years ago it had belonged to his aunt. He said there was no running water in the place then but it might have been installed at a later date. In view of the possible connection of the Hamm hideout with the one involved in this case, Agent and Deputy Sheriff Gardner drove to the place mentioned by Mr.

Harrison and examined it inside and out. It is now owned by one, Joe Zamaeto, according to two workers who were found at the place. It is a farm home located one mile northeast of United States Highway Number 12 and one and one-half miles northeast of Genoa City, Wisconsin. It is an old frame house of quite large proportions and with many rooms on the first and second floors. The basement is but one large room not extending under the entire house, has unfinished stone walls and is used only for the furnace and storage of coal, vegetables, etc. There is no plumbing anywhere in the house, no toilets or bath tubs. Water is carried in from a nearby well. Although all of the rooms above the basement are papered, none are of the design seen in the hideout, nor has any of the paper now on the walls been recently applied. Most of the rooms are unfurnished and the place is very dirty. It is occupied by two men who claim to be doing the farm work for the owner who resides in Chicago.

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JER:KCS

April 24, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

During telephonic conversation today, I inquired of Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago as to what steps had been taken with regard to the Bremer ransom money which was passed yesterday. He stated Agents have been assigned to this angle and he is today issuing a circular letter to all banks in that vicinity, advising them that some of this money has been passed, and asking them not to disclose the information under any circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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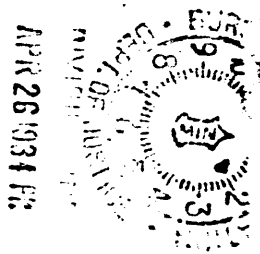
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Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
April 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith one full-length and one half-length photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City Police Department No. 17902, and Lawrence DeValt, Kansas City Police Department No. 17901, it being requested that copies be made of these photographs and forwarded to the St. Louis Division Office with the originals thereof, in order that the latter may be returned to Roland A. Zeigel, former State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri.

These photographs are being submitted to the Division in order that the same may be incorporated in the Division files.

Very truly yours,

F. F. Yearsley
F. F. Yearsley, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

There are returned herewith the full length and half length photographs of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department #17902, and Lawrence DeValt alias Leonard E. Carson alias Leonard O'Keffe, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department #17901, to be returned to Roland A. Zeigel, former State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri, from whom the photographs were borrowed.

Several copies of each of these photographs are being furnished to each of the offices indicated below, with a copy of this letter.

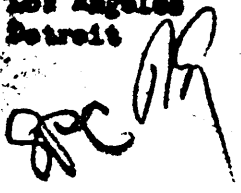
There is also enclosed with each copy of this letter a photographic chart of the signatures of the five principal members of the Barker-Karpis gang, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. SC Inspector Rorer (St. Paul)
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Kansas City
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El Paso
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RE: cw

New Orleans
April 24,

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
I. O. 1218, et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping.

It is desired, in the future, that copies of all communications in the above entitled case be furnished to the Chicago Office of the Division.

Rev
R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 1934

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

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:

In connection with the above entitled case you recently obtained photographs of Paula Harmon and furnished copies of a composite photostat arrangement of these photographs to all Division offices.

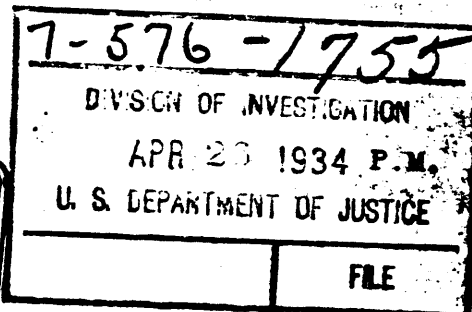
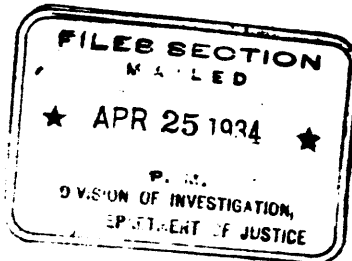
You are requested to obtain the originals of these photographs and furnish them to the Division so that photographic copies of same can be prepared and likewise furnished all Division offices. It is possible that in this way a clear photograph can be obtained of Paula Harmon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

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April 25, 1934

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

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:

In view of the contacts which Louis Cernocky, owner and operator of the Crystal Ballroom at Fox River Grove, Illinois, has with prominent members of the criminal underworld, and in view of the information already furnished by Kucera, of the Fox River Grove Motor Sales Company, it is suggested that in developing the contact which the Division now has with Kucera he be paid an appropriate sum of money, as a confidential informant, and that he be further requested to promptly report to the Division, in a manner so as not to arouse the suspicions of residents at Fox River Grove, all activities observed by him at Louis Cernocky's place, and especially to report the return of those individuals who have apparently been identified as the subjects under investigation in connection with this case.

You are instructed to give this matter your personal consideration.

Very truly yours,

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April 25, 1934

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

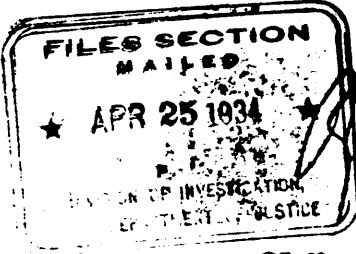
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Identification Order 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 23, 1934, wherein it is noted that Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Marlon State Prison Farm, Richmond, Texas, a former associate of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, stated that Jack Glynn is a contact for this gang and is the one who was instrumental in obtaining paroles for Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. Glynn's name has been frequently mentioned by other sources for the past several years and, therefore, every effort should be made to obtain as much detailed information concerning the activities of Glynn as is possible.

It is suggested that there be developed at Leavenworth, Kansas a confidential source of information concerning the activities of Glynn, so that the Division may be kept advised at all times concerning his activities. The officials at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas have in the past furnished some information concerning the activities of Glynn and it may be that they are in a position to furnish additional information at this time.

Very truly yours,



CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

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April 25, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Clegg:

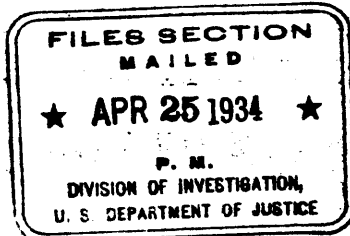
Reference is made to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated April 16, 1934, transmitting statements rendered by Special Agents O. C. Hall and E. H. Notestein, with reference to certain investigations made in connection with lock boxes 254 and 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, which investigations resulted in Post Office Inspector John Strich reporting certain irregularities on the part of the Agents aforementioned in that the contents of both lock boxes were ordered forwarded to General Delivery, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. William Stanley, The Assistant to the Attorney General, has been advised that Special Agents of this Division did, in fact, make the request on the Postmaster at White Bear Lake to forward the contents of the lock boxes to General Delivery, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that the Agents attached to the St. Paul Office of the Division have been cautioned against doing anything in connection with their investigations which will result in a violation of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

It is requested, therefore, that you call this matter to the attention of the Agents attached to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

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



ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. of
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

04/11/34

Referring to letter from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office dated April 4, 1934, wherein it was requested that the San Antonio Office obtain from Mrs. Margaret Mikael, Houston, Texas, a description of Madelyn Snyder.

Your attention is invited to report of Special Agent S. E. Davis of this office for March 24, 1934, in the instant case, wherein there was transmitted to your office and the Chicago office photograph of Madelyn Snyder, who is the wife of Jack Snyder.

It is not recalled whether a physical description was noted on this photograph or not, and I am quoting herewith her physical description as noted in the file of the San Antonio Police Department:

S.A. Police #5130
Age: 30
Height: 5 feet 1 3/4 inches
Weight: 97 lbs. (1929)
Hair: Red
Complexion: Fair
Build: Small
Occupation: Musician
Native: Virginia

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Jack Snyder, San Antonio Police No. 5114

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Very truly yours,

Gas T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 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, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with alias, Identification Order 1219; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of the San Antonio office dated April 7, 1934, addressed to you, wherein the physical description of Madelyn Snyder, wife of Jack Snyder, is set forth. There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record of this individual, and inasmuch as the files of the Identification Unit do not contain a photograph of her, the San Antonio office and the Kansas City office are also being furnished with a copy of the abstract of criminal record with the request that photographs of this individual be obtained and forwarded to the Division in order to complete its files.

The Kansas City office should also ascertain at the Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, the circumstances surrounding the arrest of this individual as Madeline Snyder, #17073, on August 18, 1932, on a charge of investigation, and furnish the disposition of this arrest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc San Antonio
Kansas City

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_____ Unit Five
_____ Identification Unit
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_____ Mr. Baughman
_____ Mr. Cowley
_____ Mr. Little
_____ Mr. Newby
_____ Mr. Stapleton
_____ Mr. Stein
_____ Miss Gandy
_____ Miss Finnell
_____ Washington Field Office
_____ Stenographic Pool
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copies of original record*
H. H. Clegg

H. H. CLEGG

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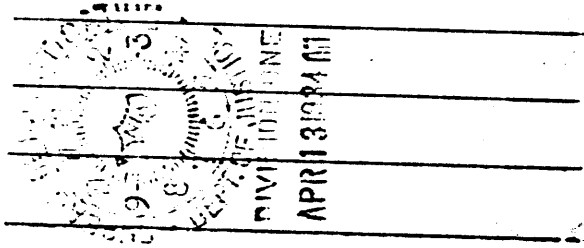
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_____ Miss Gandy
_____ Chief, Unit *L Ren*
_____ Chief Clerk
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_____ Files
_____ Mr. _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

April 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
CHIEF CLERK	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Billings called from Chicago and advised that information had been received to the effect that some of the Bremer ransom money had been exchanged in Chicago; that \$1,000 was exchanged last week at the Uptown State Bank in fives, tens and twenties; that \$900 was exchanged at the same bank this morning and \$400 at another bank this morning; that the officials at the Uptown State Bank advised he had inquired there relative to opening an account; that they have not aroused the suspicions of the man passing this money and are of the belief that he will return. Agent Billings advised that the description of the man is weight 190 pounds, 40 years of age, 5'10" in height, very fair complexion, wears dark tortoise shell glasses, medium shade brown felt hat with rim turned down all around, light tan camel's hair coat, neat appearing, apparently an American, stocky build. Agent Billings advised that Agent Murphy has checked the money and that it has checked with the numbers of the Bremer ransom. Agent Billings advised that they have communicated with all of the banks putting them on their guard and inquired as to whether he should contact the police in an effort to have officers stationed in the banks. He was instructed not to contact the police but to have an Agent stationed at the Uptown State Bank for the time being. He will call the Division in the event any more of the Bremer money is exchanged.

Handwritten note: Ransom money

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. Atty. Gen, Cummings;

Ever since you classed Minneapolis and St/ Paul as crime centers there has been a lot of adverse comments here and when you refused to give facts to the Minneapolis grand jury everyone is saying you are talking through your hat. but here is some facts to prove you are right.

Every schoolkid in St/Paul knows the Glickmans and Gleemans have bossed liquor, gambling, night clubs and politics in St. Paul over ten years! and many St. Paul police and politicians are partners with hem in nightclubs and joints and have taken so much graft from this Jew gang that they dont dare arrest and prosecute any criminal that stands in with the gang. This has brought in a lot of hard boiled thugs and racketteers and bank robbers and killers, but some big St. Paul business men say its good for business to have the town wide open, and when fellows like Hamm and Bremmer and Boehn who help to keep gangsters in town get kidnapped for a payoff it is only what they can expect.

In the last ten years the following murders have been committed by St. Paul gangsters in St/Paul or just outside where the police wont get the heat. 1923, Bart Stevens murdered in downtown St. Paul by Gleemans who worked with Glickman even when Sam Glickman was in Levinworth. 1925 Babq LeVeau and Kitty Valencourt Greenway murdered in their booze joint at 436 University Av. for talking too much about the gang and politicians/ 1826 policeman Schmitt and Fallon murdered near Lexington and Oxford when Schmitt was called there to meet booze runners and Fallon didnt even know of his plans. Schmitt had a book list of booze and gambling joints and was getting his money from the crooks because he knew all about the gang that was to be tried in Cleveland for conspiracy.

1927 Billy Barrets' wife and Mrs/ Kooser murdered in a house on Mound Curve, and Barrett killed afterwards on a county road just outside St. Paul for hijacking and cutting in on the liquor mob. Wickie Hansen was arrested for these killings but was allowed to take a burglary rap and he is now trying to get a parole from Billwater prison.

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1927 Ex-con Jim McManus and his two women slaughtered in a boozejoint on Tilton and Central and St/Peter street for hijack- in the liquor ring booze. 1928 Fred Morris murdered just south of St Paul because he was a pal of Barrett and knew too much about the gang connected with killing him and his wife.

1929 Sammy Heckelstein and Joe Hagen and Eddie Higgins murdered on a country road just outside St/ Paul for hijacking liquor of the St/Paul gang.

1930 Max Schafer alias Winkler killed on a county road just outside St Paul because he was cutting on the liquor and dope peddlers in St Paul. 1931 Harry Gordon murdered on Snelling and University av by New Jersey killers brought in by the St Paul gang because Gordon was going to be indicted for Schafers death/ 1932 Pete LeVay or LeFay murdered on a country road just outside St. Paul because he worked with kidnapers of Leon Glickman. Besides there are half adosen other killins that St Paul police said were due to grudges and fights, but were ordered by the Glickman when they wanted to get rivals out of the way like they did when they New up Danny Hogan in his auto and killed him.

Minneapolis is just as bad with Mose/Barnet and Kid/Cann and Tom/Banks in control of booze, gambling and rackets and joints. That bunch and inspector/Brunskill paid all expenses for mayor/Bainbridges campaign, and when he wanted to appoint a chief they made him take Lehmayr who worked well with the gang, because the business men wouldnt stand for Brunskill on account of his past record and connection with Barnett. Just the same Brunskill has been the boss behind the throne all the time and Lehmayr got kicked out because they couldnt agree even if Lehmayr was willing to do what the gang wanted. It looked so good for the gang that Barnett came right out hiding and faced his rap for assult in the dry cleaner racket because they throught their political power would make it easy to get the charge dismissed. But an honest judge stepped that and Barnet was convicted and is ready to jump his bond is his appeal is turned down.

When Brunskill was chief in 1927 Barnett jumped out on the dry cleaner racket charges, and it made such a stink that Brig. Genl. Leach who is now in Washington fired Brunskill and would never let him back on the force as long as he was mayor. Then Barnett got picked up in Tacoma for burglary and jumped his bond there and now when he gets back to Mpls they cant even find a fingerprint or mug of him in the mug galler Brunskill bessed? Of

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Banks because Banks was already in good with Brunskill and Bainbridge and willing to pay the campaign costs.

Along with Barnett and Kid Cann came the Urshal ranson and Cann laid out seven hundred of it at a hotel, but the hotel help mixed it with other money so they couldnt swear it was Cann's and thats how he beat the rap.

Under Barnett and Cann the following murders and attempts took place in Mpls. 1923 Sam Goodman shot and killed in a Mpls care in a row with Kid Cann and his friends, and nobody prosecuted, 1924 Pete Winkler killed in a speakeasy by Barnett's friend Jack Davenport in a bambler row, and nobody prosecuted, 1925 Sam Duberstein shot and killed by Patt Joyce in front of Barnett's gambling headquarters in a row over dope earnings and nobody prosecuted/ 1926 Barnett shot and almost killed Roy Rogers in downtown Mpls, but claimed Rogers was looking for him and there wasnt any prosecution because Brunskill was chief yet? 1927 Barnett men shot and almost killed Howard Gilford the editor of a scandal sheet who was exposing the Barnett and Brunskill and Kid Cann gambling and liquor connections. 1928 Max Goldman was shot and killed at a Minneapolis hospital by Kid Cann and Barnett gangsters that said he was the one informing the feds on them. 1929 Sam Doe Morrison was shot and killed near his north Mpls/ home by gangsters hired by the Kid Cann and Hlickman gangs who get working together after Mose Barnett blew town in 1927? They said Dee Morrison was stooling for feds. 1930 Marty Robin shot and killed in a nightclub just outside Mpls by Mike Ritter brought here from New York by the gang to get Tobin because he was defying the gang and giving information to police/ After this killing Kid Cann went to New Orleans and was linked up there with Barnett and other gangsters until Brunskill and Laymeyer get in power. Then they came back and hooked up with Tommy Banks and Brunskill's collector ~~and~~ gobetween Tom Russell and planned to open up wide and clean up in a big way in Mpls.

Charles F. Brunskill

They was so determined to win the election that Banks tool Harry Goldie held up two handbill passers at the point of a gun and took away a newspaper attacking Bainbridge and the gang. Goldie was identified by his victims and four witnesses, but when Bainbridge got elected the deal was hushed up by a complete cleanout of people in the police department that wouldn't work with the gang.

Old honest officers were run out of the department or stuck away in corners where they couldnt interfere with the gang having things their own way and in their place they put grafters that anybody could buy up. When business men outside kicked about it, they even stated rumors that most of these fellows were taken off their jobs on account of religious questions and differences. Even clerks were thrown out in the house-clean and fellows were put in their places that are gamblers and even have had criminal convictions on record against them. Thats the kind of administration they are giving Npls and that the kind of administration that was predicted by Mayor Anderson in the enclosed clipping taken from the Npls Journal of June 13th, 1933.

If you will read the Minncapolis papers for about two weeks after the June 13th electich you will see how the gangsters started out to gt everybody out of the way in the police department so they would have no interference. Even if Lehmayer wasnt able to hang on without blunders and qurrrels with Brunskill, you can see Brunskill is now running things, and the gang is getting along just swell with Barnet and Cann and banks and Russell shaking down the easy money and even startng liquor stores of their own.

For your own good reputation, you ought to give the public some of these cases to read over, Mr/ Cummings, because most people up here are so dumb they think you have been talking through your hat/

Excuse my poor writing. I aint much of a typist.

Yours truly,

M. C. A.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted herewith, for your information,
copies of an undated letter, postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota,
March 23, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Room 1403
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April 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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With reference to the investigation in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, it is requested that you furnish the following with the criminal record of Edward Hudick, New York City Police Department #B107316:

Inspector Rorer
Jacksonville office
Chicago office
Kansas City office
New York City office

Very truly yours,

J. X. Fay

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

For your information in connection with the case en-
titled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING, there are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum
dated April 23, 1934, prepared by Special Agent J. A. Murphy. It
will be noted that a certain individual has been exchanging notes
which were paid as ransom in this case at various banks in Chicago.
Under date of April 24, 1934, a circular letter was forwarded to
all banks lying within the territory covered by the Chicago Division
Office. There are forwarded herewith three copies of this circular
letter.

*Ransom Money

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis.
M. H. PURVIS, *per J.A.M.*
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. H. PURVIS:

About 10:15 A.M. today, James W. Morton, Assistant Cashier of the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, advised Special Agent T. E. Billings by telephone that a man had just called at the bank and presented \$900.00, composed of \$5.00 bills and \$100 in \$10.00 bills and \$20.00 bills and requested ten One Hundred Dollar bills therefor. He further advised that the teller, one John Geskewich, who waited on this man, noticed that most of the \$5.00 bills, if not all of them, were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., and from a hasty check with the list of Bremer Ransom Bills, it appeared that several of those presented at the window were identical.

This Agent immediately called upon Mr. E. G. Dose, Cashier of the Uptown State Bank, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System, and James W. Morton, the Assistant Cashier, both of whom expressed a willingness to cooperate with this office. John Geskewich, a teller at this bank, who resides at 3186 North Linder Avenue, Chicago, stated that about 10:00 o'clock this morning, a man, who appeared, as follows, called at his window:

Age: 40 Years
Height: 5 feet 10 inches
Weight: 190 lbs.
Hair: Not known
Complexion: Very fair
Build: Plump
Face: Small
Glasses: Wore dark rimmed tortoise shell glasses.

Had on a brown felt hat with the rim turned down on around. He wore a sporty tan-colored topcoat and made a neat appearance; spoke in a soft voice and appeared to be an American.

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This man asked the teller for ten One Hundred Dollar bills, stating at the time that he had \$1,000.00 in small bills. The teller asked him if he had an account with the bank and he replied that he had not but that he would open up a checking account.

This man appeared to be anxious to get out of the bank as quickly as possible, but otherwise did not exhibit any nervousness.

Mr. Geskewich stated that upon counting out the bills he found that there was \$900.00 in \$5.00 bills and \$100.00 in Tens and Twenties. He further noted that practically all, if not all of the \$5.00 bills, were either Federal Reserve Notes or National currency and were all drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He made a hasty reference to the list of ransom bills furnished by the Division in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping and observed that the numbers on the bills he examined were identical with those on the list. He stated that he did not cause any suspicion to be aroused in this individual and took no steps to question him concerning the money. He did not notice in which direction he went after leaving the bank and knows nothing further concerning this man's identity.

Mr. Geskewich recalls distinctly that this same individual, dressed in the same clothes as described hereinbefore, called at the bank about one week ago and requested bills of large denomination for \$1,000.00 in smaller bills which he presented at his window. He recalls that these bills were in Fives, Tens and Twenties but does not remember the proportion of each. He has a rather hazy recollection of this man visiting the bank on one or two other occasions and requesting like exchanges of currency. The \$900.00 in Five Dollar Bills which were turned over to Mr. Geskewich today, have been set aside by the bank and will be kept for safe-keeping and future assistance of this office, if it is desired in the future that such money be examined.

Agent noted the serial numbers on each of these Five Dollar Bills, which numbers are being placed in a jacket in this file. The first eight bills examined proved to be contained in the list of ransom notes delivered in the Bremer case. A check was not made of the others, due to the limited time, but this is being done and the result of the comparison reported subsequently. It was noted by Agent that all of the Five Dollar bills were drawn upon the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, with the exception of one, a Federal Reserve Note No. L-2490735A, which was drawn upon the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California.

Special Agent H. L. Scott endeavored throughout the day to contact as many banks as possible to ascertain whether this individual or any others had appeared to exchange Bremer ransom money. At the time of the dictation of this memorandum, it has been ascertained by Agent Scott that a man, answering the description of the individual who appeared at the Uptown State Bank, also called at the Howard Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, at 9:15 this morning and presented \$1,350.00 in Five Dollar Bills, requesting a One Thousand Dollar bill, three One Hundred bills and a Fifty Dollar bill, which were given to him.

A Mr. H--- President of this bank has advised that he has kept this money segregated and will be glad to permit an Agent to examine the money and note the serial numbers. He further stated that employees at his bank had made a superficial check of the serial numbers on these bills with those contained on the Bremer ransom notes and had found at least one hundred of these Five Dollar bills were identical. Mr. H -- as well as the teller who made this exchange, will be personally contacted and all possible information will be obtained as to this individual and the number of times that he has visited this bank.

During the afternoon, Special Agent Billings communicated by telephone with Mr. Cowley of the Division and it is understood that Mr. Cowley suggested an Agent cover each of the banks where the Bremer money has been exchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MURPHY,
Special Agent.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 24, 1934.

TO THE BANK ADDRESSED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Kindly refer to communication dated February 8, 1934, from J. E. Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, with which were forwarded to you lists showing numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

For your information, which you are requested to hold in strict confidence, a considerable amount of this ransom money has been received by several banks in Chicago during the past few days. I desire to solicit your cooperation in this matter and request that you carefully scrutinize all notes received by your bank, for the purpose of determining whether same may be kidnaping ransom notes. In the event an attempt is made to exchange ransom notes at your bank, it is requested that you detain the individual attempting to pass same and immediately communicate by telephone collect with the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Andover 2411.

For your further information, there is provided below a description of an individual who has passed several ransom notes to banks in Chicago:

Age: 40 years
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 120 lbs.
Hair: Not known
Complexion: Very fair
Build: Plump
Face: Smooth
Glasses: Wore dark rimmed tortoise shell glasses
Had on a brown felt hat with the brim turned down all around. He wore a sporty tan-colored topcoat and made a neat appearance; spoke in a soft voice and appeared to be an American.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1408,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 27, 1934, regarding
EDWARD BREMER, there is transmitted herewith the criminal
record of one Edward Radick, who is probably identical with the
person concerning whom you inquire, as reflected by the finger-
print files of the Division of Investigation.

In compliance with your request two copies of the
criminal record, and in addition a photograph of this individual,
are being forwarded to Inspector Rorer and to the Division offices
at Jacksonville, Chicago and Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

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Director

Enclosure
cc - Mr. E. A. Tamm,
Division Office,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Division Office,
Jacksonville, Florida.
Division Office,
Chicago, Illinois.
Division Office,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Memo to
Mr. Cowley

I cautioned Mr. Clegg that no one should be allowed to talk to Evelyn Frechette except, of course her lawyers.

Agent Fortenberry is at Reno., He is stopping under the name of F. T. Berry at the hotel El Cortez, He will contact with the Division through Mr. Clegg.

The total bill for which claims have been filed in connection with the damages at the Lexington Avenue apartment is now \$175.71. The two automobiles would be worth considerably more than that. I authorized Mr. Clegg to see that this bill is paid and to keep the automobiles.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Nicholson called from St. Paul and advised that the three men who were picked up by the Police in Minnesota were Big Hally, who is supposed to be a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, bank robber; Sam Stone, supposed to be wanted for murder in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Clarence Walker; that they have not been able to ascertain as yet what Clarence Walker is wanted for or what his connections are; that they were picked up by the police on suspicion, they having a blanket in the back of the car; that they have not been able as yet to establish any connection between these men and the Dillinger case or the Barker-Karpis gang. Agent Nicholson advised that they have not as yet questioned these individuals but will do so as soon as possible; that the Minneapolis Police Department will hold them as long as the Division desires.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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Alvin Karpis

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

FILE NO. **7-12**

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/25/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/26 4/21-23/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I. O. #1219, ETAL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Hines Motor Supply Co., Billings, Mont., accounts for all "Cesco" M and L goggles shipped to them, three in stock and balance to reputable persons. No record found in Idaho or Montana of automobiles known to have been in possession of Subjects and suspects. P

Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, Mont., 4/17/34; letter from St. Paul Office to Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934; letter from Director, April 5, 1934.

Details:

At Billings, Montana

Agent interviewed T. S. Hines of the Hines Motor Supply Company, Billings, on April 21, 1934, and he advised that they had three of the "Cesco" M and L goggles in stock and had sold the remainder, mostly to the American Beet Sugar Company, Billings, for use in the sugar factory at Billings. He promised to check the matter up and see if he could get any additional information, and on April 23, 1934, advised that in all this company has received about fifteen pairs of these goggles, and that all have been sold, but the three above mentioned, but they were cash sales and cannot tell on what dates. All sales of these were cash sales. Two of them were sold to a sugar beet outfit at Hardin, Montana, and all have gone into the hands of known and reputable people. Mr. Hines was very much interested in looking this up and would have supplied information had he been able to secure any as to the sale to an unknown or irresponsible person. He questioned the entire personnel of his company.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. H. Dickason</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	1-576-1766 APR 28 1934 A M	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 28 1934 CHECKED OFF: APR 30 1934 JACKETED:
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This completes the check-up of the "Cesco" M and L goggles in the Butte Office territory.

No record was found in Idaho or Montana of automobiles known to have been in possession of Subjects and suspects, listed in letter from Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, to Salt Lake City Office, 3/23/34. Stop cards have been placed against all these cars and persons by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Montana and Idaho.

The Immigration Officers on the Canadian border of Montana and Idaho have been furnished with photographs and information and asked to be on the lookout for persons named in Director's letter of April 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, JR., Victim.
KIDNAPING AND MURDER.
St. Paul File No. 62-652.

A man giving the name of JOHN CONNELL, address, 1419 East 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois, called at the St. Paul Division Office and gave the following information in this case:

He stated that about five years ago he was in an automobile accident in Northwest Chicago, which resulted in a broken leg, and that he convalesced in Brookfield, Illinois, where he resided at 3615 Vernon Avenue, at the home of GEORGE GLADCH; that, after remaining there for about eight months, he lived at the home of a daughter of GEORGE GLADCH, whose name is MRS. LESLIE MOODY. He stated that during the spring of 1932 he met a man named LEN CURTIS, who had become acquainted with a sister of MRS. LESLIE MOODY, and who visited MRS. MOODY with his wife. CONNELL stated that when CURTIS arrived at the MOODY'S he left and began living in a room over the real estate offices of MARLIN and GEMOTO (JANOTA), La Grange, Illinois, which offices are directly across the street from the Stone Avenue Depot; that while living over these offices, he customarily loitered around the depot with LEN CURTIS and in the early part of 1932 LEN CURTIS had several conversations in the vicinity of the depot at La Grange, Illinois, with men described to CONNELL as being "RED ED" from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and "BLACK JACK" from St. Paul, Minnesota; that "RED ED" and "BLACK JACK" arrived in La Grange in a Dodge Sedan bearing Illinois tags and claimed that they were lodging at 214 North Wells Street, Chicago, which, according to CONNELL, is a "flop" house. He stated that CURTIS, "RED ED" and "BLACK JACK" discussed, in the presence of CONNELL, the kidnaping of CHARLES LINDBERGH, EDWARD BREMER, and CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, JR.; that CURTIS stated that he had a brother who owned a shipyard on the East Coast of the United States who would

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assist and arrange for a truck and ladder in the kidnaping of the LINDBERGHs. He stated that he heard one of the men suggest that BREMER be kidnaped at that time, whereupon, CURTIS retorted that BREMER could be kidnaped any time, whereas, COLONEL LINDBERGH expected to go to Europe soon and, therefore, it would be necessary to kidnap one of the LINDBERGHs first. He stated that he heard them state that they would kidnap CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, JR., first, after which they would kill him and obtain \$100,000.00 ransom and later kidnap COLONEL LINDBERGH, whom they would hold for \$1,000,000.00 ransom.

CONNELL stated that on February 2, 1932, which was "ground hog day", CURTIS had a bandaged hand and torn legs of trousers which he informed "RED ED" and "BLACK JACK" had been caused as the result of his sitting in a tree outside of the LINDBERGH home and watching the nurse, at which time, two dogs kept him "tired" for a considerable time and that he tore his trousers and injured his hand getting away from the dogs.

CURTIS, "RED ED", and "BLACK JACK" are described by Mr. Connell, as follows:

Name:	LEN CURTIS
Age:	32 years
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	218 pounds
Hair:	Gray, bald on top
Build:	Powerful
Features:	Long nose
Occupation:	Cabinet maker. (Brother has a shipyard)

Name:	"RED ED" from Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Age:	38-40 years
Height:	5'9 1/2"
Weight:	160 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Red
Features:	Freckled face; bushy eyebrows.

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Name:	"BLACK JACK", from St. Paul, Minnesota.
Age:	32 years
Height:	5'4"
Weight:	133 pounds
Hair:	Black
Teeth:	Good
Build:	Slender (small).

Further questioning of CONNELL disclosed that he, previously, went to MR. SWANSON of the prosecuting attorney's office at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and told his story to the "SECRET SIX", at which time, according to CONNELL, he was told that he was insane and was confined in jail for some time. CONNELL further admitted that since the kidnaping of BREMER he had written to BREMER offering to solve the case for him. He further stated that some time ago he addressed a letter to this Division at Washington, D.C., which letter was mailed at Chicago, Illinois, about ten weeks ago, in which he requested that the Division insert an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune newspaper identifying the advertisement by using the numbers "555-555" and that he would answer any questions which the Division desired.

Mr. Connell impressed me as being mentally unbalanced. He stated that he can be reached at 1419 East 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois, which is his only address.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER, INSPECTOR.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 25, 1934.

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. Nathan telephoned from Chicago at approximately 10:00 P.M. this evening with regard to the prisoner named McLaughlin whom they wished to question in regard to the Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan stated that they are encountering considerable difficulty in obtaining release of the prisoner from the U. S. Marshal who has stated to Mr. Furvis that he will not release the prisoner to the custody of the Division.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he believes that political influence is entering in, and he desires to have the necessary instructions issued from Washington in order that the Division might have the custody of the prisoner all night for the purpose of questioning him.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf

P.S. Mr. Stanley telephoned about 20 minutes later and stated that he had contacted Mr. Stewart with regard to the above and that Mr. Stewart had promised to telephone the Marshal at Chicago immediately.

Subsequent to Mr. Stanley's call, Mr. Stewart telephoned and inquired if we would be able to furnish the location of the Marshal. I suggested that he contact the Chicago office and furnished him the number.

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BREMER CASE SUMMARY COMPLAINT AND WARRANT ISSUED TODAY CHARGING JOHN

MCLAUGHLIN AND JOHN DOE WITH CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE FEDERAL KIDNAPING

LAW. WILLIMA E. VIDLER ADMITS HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FROM MCLAUGHLIN

AND ADMITS EXCHANGIN RANSOM NOTES AT VARIOUS BANKS. MCLAUGHLIN MAKES

NO ADMISSIONS

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H. W. CLEGG

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

C. G. P. 30

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April 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Stanley telephoned at 7:40 AM desiring to be advised as to whether or not the matter in Chicago had been straightened out regarding the questioning of McLaughlin in the Bremer case. I informed Mr. Stanley that I would obtain this information and advise him immediately as he desired to get on it early this morning if it had not been settled.

I communicated with Mr. Metcalfe of the Chicago Office who informed me that McLaughlin had been brought to the Chicago Office and ~~was~~ had been questioned all night and that he was still there. The foregoing information was transmitted to Mr. Stanley at Laurel.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik G. Peterson
Erik G. Peterson.

Mr. McLaughlin

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April 26, 1954.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith blue slip in the amount of \$47.00, signed by Special Agent B. E. Sackett.

You are advised that this blue slip must be submitted with an expense voucher in order to secure reimbursement. If it is desired, a supplemental voucher, containing only this item, may be prepared and submitted for payment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Los Angeles, California
April 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING
L. A. File 7-42

I am transmitting herewith a blue slip submitted by Special Agent B. E. Sackett, covering actual money spent in connection with covering all of the gambling places in Reno, Nevada and vicinity from March 12, 1934 to April 10, 1934, in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of subjects at Reno.

Very truly yours,

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

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 24, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE

DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219,
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of even date between Special Agent H. E. Andersen of this office and Special Agent E. M. Black at Oklahoma City regarding information as to the whereabouts of Jim Clark, Fred and Arthur Barker.

On April 23, 1934, Mr. A. J. Graham, Assistant to the Deputy Warden at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, telephoned this office requesting that an Agent call at the penitentiary to interview an inmate.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen conferred with Mr. Graham at the Kansas State Penitentiary and was advised that one Oren A. Kitching, Register No. 4065 at the prison was formerly an inmate of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma and was a friend of Jim Clark, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker. Mr. Graham informed that Kitching was received at the institution during February, 1934, from Wichita, Kansas, under sentence of 10-21 years for robbery with firearms. Mr. Graham observed that shortly after Kitching's arrival at the prison, many of the convicts, who had formerly been in Oklahoma, got in touch with Kitching and apparently took him into their confidence. Mr. Graham said that Kitching had been especially friendly with one Clarence (Whitey) Eno, who is serving two long sentences for robbery with firearms. Mr. Graham advised that Eno was formerly very close to the Barkers and other outlaws of Oklahoma.

Oren A. Kitching was interviewed in the presence of Mr. Graham and at first attempted to negotiate for his release, promising that he

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could and would "put Jim Clark and the Barkers on the spot within a week." He was informed that no promises could be made to him, but Mr. Graham advised him that if any information he might furnish should prove of value, the State would naturally give him some consideration.

Kitching then stated that on arriving at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, he had been very friendly with Whitey Kno, a former prison-mate of his at the State Penitentiary at Mc Alester, Oklahoma. He said that Kno told him that he expected certain Oklahoma outlaws, including Fred Barker, Arthur Barker and Jim Clark, to stage a delivery at the penitentiary in the near future.

The plans concerning the delivery at the penitentiary, according to Kitching, include the kidnaping of the Warden; when the Warden is kidnaped, they contemplate compelling him to telephone the Deputy Warden ordering that certain convicts (including Kno) be taken out of the penitentiary. The outlaws then plan to kidnap the Deputy Warden and proceed with the Warden and the Deputy Warden to Kansas City in a roundabout way, and the prison officials are to be released, according to the present plan, somewhere near Kansas City, when the outlaws will proceed to Joplin, Missouri, where they have a contact.

Kitching was questioned regarding the whereabouts of the Barkers and Clark and stated that the Barkers returned last week from Houston, Texas, and are now in hiding in Oklahoma. He related that they have a hide-away in the Osage County in Oklahoma, where they are harbored by an individual known to the informant as "George." Kitching stated that this hide-away may be located by driving from Burbank south on the Pawhuska Highway; near the Fairfax cut-off on the road in question is situated a dance hall and road house; near this point, an old oil field road leads off to the right into what is known as the "Title Osage Lease." This road should be followed until about three miles from the Title Osage Lease towards Burbank; at this point, a side road leads off to the right, which passes the Gyroy Oil Company. The George mentioned by the informant looks after the wells at that point.

On the location mentioned above are two one-story houses, and a tool-house. George resides there with his wife and a small child. According to the informant, the hide-out is in a very isolated country. George, he related, enjoys the confidence of the Barkers and Clark and is very close to them. As a matter of fact, he said, Arthur (Doc) Barker bought George a Chevrolet coupe last year.

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Kitching said that according to the information he received, the Barkers have plenty of money and with Jim Clark have two cars; that Doc Barker drives a new Chevrolet car, model unknown, while either Jim Clark or Fred Barker has a Plymouth Sedan. These men, according to Kitching, are hiding out in the Osage County because of "the general heat caused by Clyde Barrow and others of his ilk."

Kitching said that the Barkers and Clark can always be located through one Merlin Miller, an Indian who resides at Okotah, Oklahoma, which is situated about fifteen miles south of Muskogee. Miller lives in a white house, which is enclosed with a white picket fence. Miller's mother resides at Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and sometimes harbors criminals for her son. According to Kitching, he could get into communication with the Barkers at any time through Miller, who always knows of their whereabouts.

The Barkers also have a contact at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, with an Italian woman, whose maiden name is Antone; she is the sister of Tom Antone, who is now serving time in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. According to the informant, Boyd Patton an ex-convict at Joplin, Missouri, who now resides at Joplin, Missouri, is also a contact man for the Barkers. Another contact is Felt Emery, a convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who is now in Kansas City, Missouri, on leave for one year. E. B. Thompson, who runs a garage in Arkansas City, Kansas, is also a contact man for the Barkers.

Kitching in conclusion remarked that he felt certain the information set forth above is correct and that if proper investigation is made without the assistance of local officers of Oklahoma, it will be possible to apprehend the Barkers and Jim Clark.

Mr. Graham informed Agent Andersen that he has kept his eye on Kitching and is inclined to believe that the latter really has access to information regarding the Barkers and is attempting to "shoot square."

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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April 24, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 536,
Los Angeles, California

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Please be advised that ~~mail cover on the mail~~
~~delivered to the post office at Washington Avenue, Chicago, Ill.,~~
in the name of BERNARD PHILLIPS,
the subject of Identification Order #1196 and who is mentioned
prominently in the KANMO file, ~~discloses that two letters~~
~~were directed to Mrs. M. Lee on April 3, 1934 from Glendale,~~
Arizona, which letters bore no return address.

In view of the fact that Bernard Phillips was a
close associate of the late VERNE MILLER and in view of the
further fact it is known the KARPIS-BARKER Gang were closely
associated with Verne Miller, it is desired that discreet
investigation be made at Glendale, Arizona for such informa-
tion as may be obtained with regard to Phillips or members of
the Karpis-Barker Gang.

For the assistance of the Los Angeles Office, the
mail tracings are being forwarded herewith with the request
they be returned to this office when they have served their
purpose.

Very truly yours,

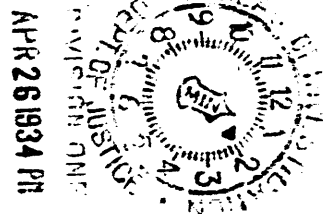
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 709,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:-

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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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. P. Geraghty, San Francisco, March 27, 1934, in which it is noted that Thomas S. Flanders, former husband of Pauline Bentz, Seattle Police Department No. 17111; Robert E. Dunn, Seattle Police Department No. 17108; and Charles LeRoy Kelse, Dallas Police Department No. 10564, are members of Edward Bentz' former gang.

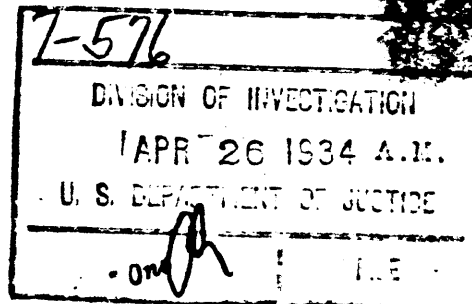
It is deemed advisable that the Portland and Dallas Offices secure two copies of these photographs for the Division, the Saint Paul and Chicago Offices.

It is believed photographs of these individuals and further investigation of these persons will assist in the location of Edward and Theodore Bentz.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul,
Dallas.
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Room 1403
370 Lexington Ave.
New York, New York

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April 23, 1934

Mr. William T. Binks
Postmaster
Rome, New York

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer-Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In May, 1933 one C. E. Moore, who gave as his address 700 West Thomas Street, Rome, New York, registered his Oldsmobile sedan in Lansing, Michigan.

This Division is desirous of securing such information as you may possess with respect to this individual. Will you kindly inform whether prior to May, 1933 Moore resided at the above address and also whether he has resided there since that time. Will you also inform as to his occupation, marital status and such other data as you may possess concerning this individual.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.** L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: Lo C. Taylor RS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

There is no Michel Terrace Street in Santa Barbara, California, and the current post office, city, and telephone directories do not list J. C. Hunter.

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REFERENCE:

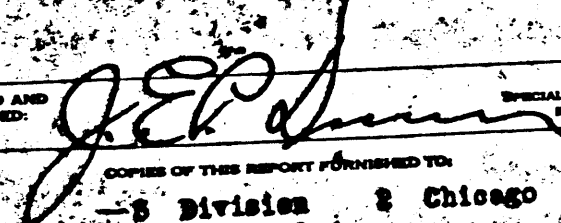
Letter from the San Francisco office, dated March 31, 1934.

DETAILS:

F. B. Long, Superintendent of Mails, Santa Barbara, California, Post Office, informed there is no street in Santa Barbara named Michel Terrace, and that the post office directory did not list a J. C. Hunter.

The name J. C. Hunter is not listed in the current Santa Barbara city and telephone directories.

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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-16-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. WHITE AB
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Edward G. Bremer, Victim	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1934 California License 6C 189 issued to MRS. L. B. DECKER of Felton, California, for 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor #1203064, is presently on described car in possession of MABEL MUNFORD at Winton, California.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from San Francisco Division Office dated 4-16-34

DETAILS:

Reference wire received by the Los Angeles Division Office reflects that telegraphic communication had been received from Inspector Clegg of the St. Paul Division Office advising that FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS were said to be identified at Topeka, Kansas, proceeding east in a Green Sedan, bearing 1934 California License 6C 189. The wire further reflects that the license in question was registered to MRS. L. B. DECKER of Felton, California for 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor #1203064, and that that individual, in February, 1934, had given the car to her son

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WILLIAM MUNFORT, Winton, California.

The writer telephonically contacted Sheriff J. WHITE at Merced, California, fifteen miles from Winton, who immediately dispatched two deputies to Winton, and subsequently advised that the car in question was located at that place in possession of MABEL MUNFORT, the daughter of MRS. L. B. DECKER, MABEL MUNFORT having received the car in question from her mother in February of 1934, and same having remained constantly in her possession since that time. The car presently bears the above described 1934 California license plates.

Sheriff WHITE further advised that MABEL MUNFORT stated that the car had not at any time been in possession of her brother DONALD who is described as being 20 years of age, height 5' 7", weight 155, complexion medium, color of hair and eyes not obtained by the deputy sheriffs. The present whereabouts of DONALD is not known.

The above information was telegraphically forwarded to Inspector Clegg on April 16, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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I talked to Mr. Clegg last night. He advised that Mr. Rorer had just called and stated that there had been no petition filed at Rhinelander, Wisconsin; that the petition filed at Mercer, Wisconsin, had on it between 30 and 40 names; that Mr. Rorer, when he first called and advised that there were seven names on the petition, had only been shown the first page containing the seven names; that Mr. Rorer had contacted the Sheriff and County Attorney at Rhinelander and they were both displeased because they had not been advised and taken into the confidence of the Division before the raid, but that after discussing the matter with them for about two hours they were both left in good spirits. Mr. Clegg stated that Mr. Rorer had pointed out to them that they were not in the county in which the raid was conducted and consequently had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Clegg stated also that the Police Department at Minneapolis had arrested a girl friend of Alvin Karpis and that they were questioning her then but that up to date she had not given any information and had denied acquaintance with this gang; that the indications were she was also a close associate of Dr. May.

Mr. Clegg stated that there was a rumor to the effect that Volney Davis, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, was in the city and that the Division had a man working under cover at a hotel where it was reported Davis would likely be.

Mr. Clegg stated, further, that he was proceeding to Mercer, Wisconsin, tonight at seven o'clock for the purpose of attending the Coroner's inquest and requested advice as to the nature of the testimony to be given by him, asking whether he should prepare a statement to read at the inquest or whether the testimony should be oral. He stated that he was inclined at the present time, though he had not had time to give the matter enough consideration, to believe that the testimony should be oral and frank. I see no reason why the Division should not disclose the facts as known to Mr. Clegg. Mr. Clegg also suggested the advisability of requesting that the inquest be held in private chambers and not made public. I am of the opinion that this is not possible; that it must necessarily be an open hearing. However, I will have this matter taken up with Mr. Parrish.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/28/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/18, 19/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Iva and Ida Pitt, Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, LeRoy Shaw, Wisconsin State Prison and Francis Shaw, Wisconsin State Reformatory, re-interviewed, without disclosing additional information as to the unidentified parties seen in the vicinity of Whitewater, Wisconsin during February and March, 1934. Investigation conducted at Waupun, Wisconsin in search of the hideout in which Bremer was held.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 20, 1934.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on April 18 and 19, 1934.

Mrs. LeRoy Shaw, Whitewater, Wisconsin provided information to the effect that Iva Pitt and Ida Pitt, who are now confined in the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were seen in the company of two men who were driving large automobiles. She stated that one of the men in question resembled the photograph of Arthur Barker. Ethel Shaw was also interviewed by Special Agents K. R. McIntire, R. E. Newby and V. W. Peterson.

Ethel Shaw resides at 20 Franklin Street, Janesville, Wisconsin. She likewise advised that she saw the two men referred to on one occasion when they called for the Pitt girls at the Shaw home

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in Whitewater, Wisconsin and that the photographs of Fred Barker and [redacted] Barker somewhat resembled these men. Ethel Shaw referred to her diary and ascertained that the two men called for the Pitt girls at the Shaw home in Whitewater, Wisconsin on February 15 and 17, 1934. Ethel Shaw and Mrs. LeRoy Shaw advised that the two men gave a certain amount of money to the Pitt girls and that they purchased dresses with same at the White-water Department Store.

Iva Pitt and Ida Pitt were interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson at the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, 2385 North Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The first interview occurred in the presence of Miss Mable McConnell, Parole Officer. Ida Pitt was interviewed a second time in the presence of Alice Stenholm, Superintendent. Ida Pitt and Iva Pitt are twins (date of birth - March 13, 1918). Miss Stenholm stated that they [redacted]

[redacted] Ida Pitt and Iva Pitt denied that they were ever in the company of two strange men [redacted]

Photographs of the following individuals were shown to Ida and Iva Pitt: Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz, Ted Bentz, Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz. They were unable to identify any of said photographs. They were questioned at considerable length but no information of value to this inquiry could be developed. [redacted]

Ida and Iva Pitt denied having met two men in a large car at the Shaw home as contended by Ethel Shaw. They admitted, however, that one morning they were met at the Shaw home by Prestol Odell and Philo Olson and that Ethel Shaw rode with them to the business district of Whitewater, Wisconsin on that occasion. Ida and Iva Pitt further stated that Martin Garner and Arthur Hamilton called for them in a large dark colored sedan, believed to have been a Buick. They do not recall having noticed any foreign license plates on the various cars driven by the men with whom they kept company.

At Waupun, Wisconsin.

LeRoy Shaw, number 21632, Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin, was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. LeRoy Shaw is serving sentences of one to four years and one to two years, concurrently, as a result of his relations with the Pitt girls. LeRoy Shaw is twenty-six years of age. LeRoy Shaw stated that approximately in February, 1934, two men drove to the home of his mother in Whitewater, Wisconsin in a large Buick sedan; that they requested his sister, Ethel Shaw, to accompany them and the Pitt girls; that his sister, Ethel Shaw, refused because the men were unknown to her; [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] LeRoy Shaw advised that he saw this Buick car drive past his home on Wisconsin Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin on several occasions; that the car usually proceeded on Wisconsin Street in the direction of Green Lake and that it is possible that they were residing in a cottage near Green Lake. LeRoy Shaw further stated that about the second or third week in January he observed a large Lincoln sedan containing five men pass his place. The Lincoln sedan was followed by a large Buick in which there were five men and the Buick was followed by a green Ford in which there were three people. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to LeRoy Shaw: Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Mrs. Kate Barker, Mrs. Ed Bentz, Ted Bentz, and Ed Bentz. LeRoy Shaw stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis resembled a man who was seen in the Lincoln sedan. This individual wore a black derby hat and a dark suit. LeRoy Shaw further stated that he saw the individual who resembles Alvin Karpis driving the Lincoln sedan on the day following the newspaper account of the hold up of the Mason City, Iowa Bank.

At Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Francis Shaw, number 9232, Wisconsin State Reformatory, Green Bay, Wisconsin, was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. Francis Shaw is eighteen years of age and is serving a sentence of one to three years for statutory rape. He stated that Ida and Iva Pitt came to the Shaw home in Whitewater, Wisconsin about one o'clock in the morning approximately two months ago. On this occasion they were accompanied by two men in a large Buick sedan, 1933 model. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] The Pitt girls requested Ethel Shaw to accompany them but Ethel refused. Francis Shaw stated that he saw the two men referred to; that one man wore a black derby hat and that the other man was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to Francis Shaw: Arthur Barker, Mrs. Ed Bentz, Mrs. Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz and Ted Bentz. Francis Shaw stated that the man who wore the chauffeur's uniform resembled the photograph of Volney Davis and that the man wearing the black derby resembled the photograph of Fred Barker. He stated that he is quite positive that the men he saw in the car were identical with Volney Davis and Fred Barker.

Henry Wudtke, age 26, number 9231, Wisconsin State Reformatory, Waupun, Wisconsin, was also interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. He is serving a sentence of one to three years under a charge of statutory rape. Henry Wudtke was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry. He did not observe the men driving the large cars referred to above. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to Henry Wudtke with negative results: Ted Bentz, Ed Bentz, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz.

On April 18, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson interviewed LeRoy Shaw, number 21632, Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin in connection with the instant case. Upon completion of the interview with LeRoy Shaw, no transportation was available for a period of approximately three hours and during this time Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation in Waupun, Wisconsin.

W. L. Tezlaff, Chief of Police and E. H. Franklin, Police Officer, provided the following information concerning Waupun. It has a population of about 3,800 inhabitants in addition to 2,100 inmates of the Wisconsin State Prison and hospital. There is a stationary siren located in Waupun, Wisconsin but it is sounded only in case of fire. Sirens of other towns are not audible. There is a whistle on the Wisconsin State Prison which has a sound similar to a factory whistle. It is sounded at the following times each day: 5:50 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. There are five factories in Waupun and the whistles of said factories are sounded at the following hours: 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. Eight churches are situated in Waupun, Wisconsin but only one Catholic church and two Lutheran churches have bells. The church bells of said churches are rung only on Sunday mornings and are not rung on Saturdays or on week days except in the event of funerals or other unusual services. The Chicago Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Waupun, Wisconsin. Following is a schedule of the passenger trains which pass through Waupun:

7:50 A.M.	South bound
9:25 A.M.	North bound
4:50 P.M.	South Bound
8:00 P.M.	North bound

A freight train arrives in Waupun about three or four A.M. each day. A considerable amount of switching takes place in Waupun each day and a local switch engine remains in Waupun constantly. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes about three miles east of Waupun. This line uses a peculiar air whistle which may be heard in Waupun if the wind is favorable. Two trains pass over the Chicago and Northwestern line daily. The south bound train passes near Waupun at 8:00 A.M. and the north bound train passes at 3:00 P.M.

Harry Landall, water meter reader, Waupun, Wisconsin, residence address, 108 East Jefferson, Waupun, was interviewed. He stated that he visits all homes in Waupun, Wisconsin in connection with his duties of water meter reader. A description of the hideout in this case was provided to Harry Landall and he stated that a place of said description does not exist in Waupun, Wisconsin. A home located at 390 Fond du Lac Street has a kitchen in the basement. Mr. Landall advised that there are only two rooms in the basement of this home. One room is used as a kitchen and

the other room is unfurnished. It is used as a furnace room. Max Winkel is the owner of the home located at the given address and it is occupied by Frank Wittenburg, his mother and two sons. Frank Wittenburg is employed as a guard at the Wisconsin State Prison. Agent was unable to examine this house personally prior to leaving Waupun on other official business, but from the description furnished by Harry Landall it would not answer the description of the hideout in the Bremer case.

C. Nummerdon, Lineman, Waupun Water and Light Company, Waupun, Wisconsin, was also interviewed. He stated that the home located at 390 Fond du Lac, has a basement which has only two rooms. One room is used as a kitchen and the remaining room is the furnace room. Mr. Nummerdon and Mr. Landall advised that there are no other homes in Waupun which have basements that are suitable for living quarters.

The following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson at which time photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz, Arthur Barker, Ted Bentz, Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz were exhibited to them.

A. H. McCarty, attendant, Standard Oil Service Station, Forest and East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.
E. A. Burmeister, Proprietor, Waupun Auto Sales, Waupun, Wisconsin.
E. H. Franklin, Police Officer, Waupun, Wisconsin.
W. H. Albrecht, attendant, Shell Service Station, 25 East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.
W. L. Tezlaff, Chief of Police, Waupun, Wisconsin.
D. C. Newcomb, Proprietor, S & N Motor Sales, 510 East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.
E. A. Jaques, Shop Foreman, Brooks and Plum Garage, 514 East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.
C. M. Powers, Van Hengel's Drug Store, 324 East Main, Waupun.
Arved Eck, Pharmacist, Ulve's Drug Store, 310 East Main, Waupun.
Mrs. A. Damsteegt, Kastein and Damsteegt Drug Store, 313 East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.
Harry Landall, Water meter reader, Waupun, Wisconsin.
C. Nummerdon, Lineman, Waupun Water and Light Company, Waupun.
Arvis Evensen, Western Union Company, 16 South Madison, Waupun.
Ethel Irwin, Western Union Company, 16 South Madison, Waupun.

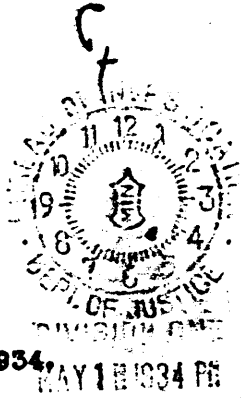
The above individuals were unable to identify any of the photographs which were exhibited to them.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



April 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,
FUGITIVE, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Mr. H. O. Summerfield of the Summerfield Furniture Company, 411 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that Charles W. Lucas opened an account with the Summerfield Furniture Company on February 20, 1932, in the amount of \$202.98. The furniture purchased was purchased under the name of Charles W. Lucas and was placed in an apartment at the LaSalle Apartment Building, 5th Avenue and Second Street, South St. Paul. Subsequently, the furniture company moved this furniture to 178 Avon Street, St. Paul, and later to 241 Brimhall Street, Apartment 207, St. Paul. When the furniture was moved to the Brimhall Street address, he furnished the name of Charles W. Bolling instead of Charles W. Lucas, and this alias was interpreted by the Summerfield Furniture Company as indicating that probably all was not well with his reputation.

Mr. Summerfield described Lucas as slightly southern in his enunciation and pronunciation. He would judge, he stated, that Lucas probably came from Kansas City. Mr. Summerfield further stated that Lucas was nice appearing and very quiet, said very little concerning himself, and appeared to have some refinement.

The most recent payment was made by this individual personally on March 12, 1934, when there was a total balance due of \$46.48. The furniture in question is now being held in the basement of the Summerfield Furniture Company, and they stated that they will notify the St. Paul office in the event this individual subsequently gives an order for placing this furniture elsewhere.

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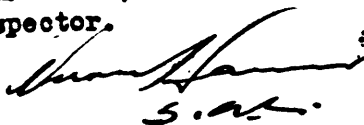
On the occasion of opening the account, this individual, who has been identified by Lucy Jackson, Leonia Goodman, and Bessie Green as identical with Bill Weaver, indicated that he was at that time working for the Concord Novelty Company, 259 North Concord Street. The Summerfield Furniture Company called Mr. McCormick, the Manager of the novelty company, and verified the fact that Lucas was known there. Lucas stated that he formerly worked with the St. Louis Novelty Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and sold punch boards and slot machines for them. He gave Mrs. Nellie Frazier, 1072 Fifteenth Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, as the name and address of a sister, and he stated his wife's first name was Myrtle, and that he knew Mrs. Ruby Richard Jackson of Des Moines, Iowa. On that occasion, he listed Tom Filben, St. Paul automobile finance company official (who has been questioned by the Division) as a reference.

Weaver has been known by the drivers for the Summerfield Furniture Company to have possessed a 1933 Chevrolet automobile and at other times a Buick and a Ford.

Attached to the Division's copies of this letter is a furniture receipt form which bears the penciled signature of Weaver as "C. W. Lucas".

Very truly yours,

H. H. GLEGG,
Inspector.



H. H. Glegg
S.H.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218,
Fugitive, et al; Unknown Subjects.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Number: 7-576-1775

Specimens: One furniture receipt of the Summerfield Furniture Company,
St. Paul, Minnesota, and signed by C. W. Lucas.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: May 1, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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Believe Volney Davis did not write.
" Don Barker " "
" Alvin Karpis " "
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April 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

I telephoned the Chicago Office shortly after noon today and talked with Mr. Waters. He stated that they questioned John McLaughlin in connection with the Bremer case all last night, but were unable to obtain any information. He advised that a man by the name of Delaney has also been taken into custody. He is a bartender who has known McLaughlin for about 25 years, and has made a statement that McLaughlin, through Videler and Delaney, has passed \$50,000 of the Bremer money. So far, no previous record has been obtained on Delaney. No information of value, except possibly some addresses and telephone numbers, was found in McLaughlin's house.

I talked to Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago later in the afternoon. He advised that Agent Lockerman this morning went to the Board of Trade Safe Deposit Vault Company, and the Manager would furnish no information without a court order stating that no one but our Division should be given the information. He refused to advise whether any one had appeared there wanting to gain entry to the box. Mr. Lockerman went to see the lawyers, at their suggestion. While he was gone, the son of McLaughlin was admitted to the box. Division Agents then took the McLaughlin boy into custody and found some of the Bremer money on his person. A warrant is being sworn out for him. Mr. Purvis stated that the senior McLaughlin had made a statement that he was "third-degree." Mr. Purvis suggested giving the above information with reference to the Board of Trade Safe Deposit Vault Company's action to the newspapers. Mr. Nathan, however, did not share this view. I agreed with Mr. Purvis that the press is entitled to this information. Mr. Nathan made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that the President of the Board of Trade Deposit Company be called in first and informed as to our intended action.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the investigation which this Division is conducting into the Bremer kidnaping, I wanted to advise you that yesterday Agents of this Division in Chicago took into custody W. E. Videler. Videler had upon his person \$2,660 of the Bremer money. Videler was convicted in 1920 in Illinois for larceny and sentenced to from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary. In examining Videler, he made a statement that he had received this money from one John McLaughlin, reported to be a West Side politician in Chicago. Warrants have been obtained for the arrest of McLaughlin, as well as Videler.

In connection with this matter, I wanted to advise you of a development at Chicago which has been characteristic of some of the past developments incident to cases upon which we have worked. In some manner, possibly through employees of the bank which advised us of the efforts of Videler to exchange the bills which he had for larger bills, the newspapers learned that there was some investigative activity. They made inquiry of Mr. Purvis, the Agent in Charge of this Division at Chicago, and in accordance with the instructions which have always governed in these matters, Mr. Purvis stated at the time he could not make any comment. At that particular time Agents of our Division were endeavoring to locate McLaughlin, and to have made any public statement concerning the matter would possibly have resulted in failure to locate McLaughlin. Some of the representatives of the press at Chicago became highly indignant because Mr. Purvis would not give them all the details concerning the matter and I understand that one of these representatives called Washington and talked with Mr. Carusi in your office relative to the same. It has been quite difficult at Chicago to impress upon the representatives of the press that we cannot conduct our investigations in the newspapers and that we cannot disclose the details of our work. Because of Mr. Purvis' action in following the policy of not talking for publication in such matters he has incurred certain enmities, and I wanted you to know of this particular situation, because I believe that he has merely done the intelligent and sensible thing. If we were to disclose to the press the various investigative steps which have been and are to be taken, naturally we could not make very much headway.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I contacted Mr. Clegg at St. Paul in connection with the reports to the effect that members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been identified by fingerprints at Little Bohemia. Mr. Clegg advised that there was nothing to this story and that he did not know the source of it.

Mr. Clegg stated that he had seen an article in a newspaper at St. Paul indicating that part of the Bremer ransom money had been found in Dillinger's baggage located at Little Bohemia. He stated that, of course, this was not true.

Mr. Clegg advised further that in connection with Dr. May, who had been arrested for treating Dillinger, newspaper articles in local papers carried the story that Dr. May had stated he had been forced to treat Dillinger at the point of a gun.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

John Dillinger

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

April 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of April 15th to Inspector Rorer in reference to the case involving Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al. In that letter, mention was made of Bernard Phillips, I. O. #1196.

Attached hereto you will find the original of the registration card covering the registration of Phillips and Winnie Williams at the Hotel Belvedere, New York City, on August 24, 1932 under the name of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Patton. The remaining details with respect to their stay at this hotel are covered in my letter of April 13th. Jack Welsh, the room clerk who took the registration, was interviewed and advised that the registration is not in his handwriting, although the other writing on the card is his. It is requested that you submit this card to Winnie Williams, and it be ascertained from her whether it is her handwriting. If not, and if it is the handwriting of Phillips, it is suggested that you have a number of photostatic copies made for distribution with a sufficient number of copies being furnished the immediately interested offices. The original registration card should be returned to this office.

With reference to the phone calls put through by Phillips on September 4, 1932 to St. Paul and on September 5, 1932 to Chicago, this is to inform that inquiry at the New York Telephone Company revealed that records pertaining to long distance calls are not kept over six months.

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With further reference to my letter of April 15th to Inspector Rorer, you will note that I advised certain calls made by Phillips or Winnie Williams while in New York City would be run out.

On September 20, 1932 a call was put through to the telephone listed in the name of Louis J. Robertson, 2 Park Avenue, New York City. This individual was interviewed, and he was found to be reliable. He is an influential citizen of this city, is engaged in the importing of leather for shoes, was connected with the Department of Justice during the war, and is a Captain in the New York Police Reserve. He advised he does not know any Bernard Phillips or Winnie Williams and that his two office employees have been with him for over ten years. He could not account for the call, but did say that the shoe and leather companies put on a show in New York City each fall. Upon searching his records, he learned that for 1932 the show was held on September 19th and 20th. He said that many buyers and manufacturers from Chicago attend these shows. The only explanation, therefore, for this call would appear to be based on the guess that some friend of Winnie Williams visited her at the hotel on September 20, 1932 and called Robertson who is practically in charge of the shows, and high in the shoe and leather business.

You will note that on September 2, 1932 at the time Phillips was with Winnie Williams, a call was put through to the Nilebrook Apartments at 61 East 66th Street, New York City, and again on September 4th and September 6th. Harry Hamilton, superintendent of this apartment house, advised that he assumed the duties of superintendent on August 16, 1932. This is a high grade apartment house in one of the most exclusive sections of Manhattan. It holds thirteen apartments. The names of the tenants residing there in September, 1932 were gone over and all appeared absolutely legitimate except one, and it would appear that this one had a connection with Phillips. Hamilton said that a man by the name of RUDICK occupied the fifth floor. He was living there with his wife. He was a weekly tenant and paid in cash. He was desirous of ridding the house of this weekly tenant who held back on his rent, and caused him to leave the apartment or about September 15, 1932. He could not recall the first name of this man, Rudick, but stated he was about 35; 5'11" tall;

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weighed about 180 pounds; sandy hair; blue eyes; large stomach; rather prominent nose, and that he had a Ford 4 door sedan, black in color, with Minnesota plates. He said that this man Rudick used to talk over the phone in code, and that was another reason why he was suspicious of him. He said that Mrs. Rudick was about 28 years old; 5'8" tall; weight, about 125 pounds; slender build; blonde; tough looking, and that she left the apartment about three days before Rudick did, and the day that Rudick left someone came up to help him pack and move out, and he feels that this helpmate was Phillips although he is not sure of it. He said that a short time after the Rudicks moved out, possibly ten days or two weeks, he learned from the postal carrier and detectives that Rudick had been arrested.

At Police Headquarters it was learned that this individual is identical with Edward Rudick, New York City #B-107316, and was arrested on September 18, 1932, together with four others, charged with extortion, and was discharged on September 26, 1932. The following four persons were arrested with Rudick:

EDWARD BURNS, #B-107316
JOHN BOYD, #B-107317
FRANK O'HARA, #B-62510
ARTHUR FORDRUNG, #B-98447.

All were discharged except Fordrung, who is still awaiting trial. Detective Bill Wallace, of the Main Office detail, who made the arrests, advised that Rudick had a Ford car with 1932 Minnesota plates #B327,213 and that three of the persons arrested with him were from New York City and one was also from St. Paul or Minneapolis, but he does not recall which one. The five may be found in stand-up photograph #15245. The records further indicate that Rudick was arrested at Miami, Florida on March 7, 1934 on a narcotic charge and turned over to the U. S. Narcotic Service. In this connection, the Jacksonville office is being requested to make suitable investigation and to interview Rudick to determine what he knows with respect to Phillips.

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Inspector Rorer should advise the Jacksonville office if Edward Rudiek has figured in this or allied investigations. The New York City office has no additional information with respect to him.

You will also note from my letter of April 13th that while in New York City in August and September, 1932, either Phillips or Winnie Williams telephoned Regent 4-1906. This telephone is for five medical doctors grouped in one office at 121 East 60th Street, Manhattan. They were interviewed and it has been determined that Winnie Williams was the one who made the calls. Dr. Max Trubek, one of the doctors, advised as follows:

In the latter part of August, 1932, a patient came in to him by the name of Mrs. Mary Jackson, President Hotel [this hotel is opposite the Hotel Belvedere). She was referred to him by a Dr. Doherty, an eye doctor on East 55th Street. She said that she had been walking up and down East 55th Street and dropped in to see Dr. Doherty, who referred her to him, Dr. Trubek. The doctor said that this patient was suffering from a severe case of syphilis and in her then condition was a menace to public health and should not have been on her feet. He said he treated her and gained her confidence and it was not until the fourth visit that he did gain her confidence to the extent that she gave him certain information with respect to herself. He said that he rarely has patients from the west side and never from any west side hotels and when she first came in she had such a hunted and hangdog look he determined to treat her just as he would any other patient and did so with the result that he gained her confidence.

The doctor was very loath to furnish this office with the information Winnie Williams furnished him, advising that it was secured in the strictest confidence. He said that she told him she had been married to her present husband a year; that she had previously been married and had a girl aged eleven. She said her present husband was a traveling salesman and that they travel over the country a great deal and that they have very little money. She said it was in St. Louis in February, 1932 that she learned for the first time she was suffering from this disease and shortly thereafter learned that her present husband had the disease for some time previous to the marriage and had been receiving treatment.

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For it for years before her marriage and that he had concealed the fact from her at the time of marriage. The doctor said he feels quite sure she knew that her husband had syphilis of the brain but she did not mention the name of any of the doctors who had treated him. The doctor said she advised she despised her present husband. He said that he treated her a few times up to September 18, 1932 and she went away and returned for one treatment on November 16, 1932 and he has not seen her since but he did give her a course of treatments for two years. He said that on one occasion she brought her little girl in and wanted a blood test taken but she later did not care to go through with it. The doctor said that he never saw Bernard Phillips nor did he ever hear of him.

It will be observed from the above that Winna Williams did not tell the whole truth when she was interviewed recently. When Phillips left her, if she did not have knowledge of the fact that he would not return, it would not appear that she would change her room as she did. Further, it is noted that she checked out of the Hotel Belvedere on September 24, 1932 and was in New York on November 16, 1932. It is suggested, when she is interviewed again, there be secured from her the names of the doctors in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, etc., who treated Phillips for syphilis. She should also be questioned, of course, concerning Edward Rudick and whether he is a close friend of Phillips.

Very truly yours,

VAL C. ZIMMER,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There has been brought to my attention the fact that Special Agent K. E. McIntire, attached to your office, is personally acquainted with Dr. Vernon Smith, son-in-law of Dr. E. T. Hippert, who is considered very close to the Bremer family and who, perhaps, is in a position to obtain more information from members of the Bremer family than any one else outside of the family.

In an effort to ascertain whether the information furnished by victim Bremer, with respect to his experiences with the kidnapers, the description of the hide-out and the sounds heard by him, has been truthfully related to agents of this Division, it is suggested that Special Agent McIntire contact Dr. Vernon Smith and through this contact obtain the information desired. It is my understanding that you made the suggestion to Inspector Rorer sometime ago, but that no action has been taken on this suggestion to date and, unless there is some objection to this procedure on the part of Inspector Rorer or Inspector Clegg, I desire that Special Agent McIntire be sent to St. Paul at the earliest practicable date, for the purposes outlined above.

Very truly yours,

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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April 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Billings dated March 13, 1934, in the matter of Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, which has to do with the goggles used in this kidnaping.

It is noted these goggles were manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, 2300 Warren Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and that they are known as style #524 M & L type and a welder's model. It is also observed that such goggles would be worn only by a person wearing eyeglasses. It is further noted that these goggles were manufactured and put on the market sometime between September 1, 1932 and December 31, 1932. From the report referred to it is further observed that the Chicago Eye Shield Company advised the goggles contain Essential Lite lenses and such lenses have been in the cups since the original sale.

The White Head Metal Products Company, 304 Hudson Street, New York City, is the exclusive agent for the Chicago Eye Shield Company for New England, New York State, the eastern part of Pennsylvania and as far south as the entire State of Virginia. Mr. Fink of that company was interviewed. He advised that the #524 M & L model is supplied only with essecoweld lenses which are of a dark greenish shade. He said that so far as he knows, the Chicago Eye Shield Company has never distributed the #524 M & L type with Essential Lite lenses. He said that welders and workers have their own ideas about colors and on rare occasions such a type goggle will be ordered with Essential Lite

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lenses but in such cases the agent and not the manufacturer makes the change. It is believed desirable therefore to determine from the manufacturer whether such type goggles has ever been manufactured within the period with Essential Lite lenses. Mr. Fink said that if anyone should order merely a pair of #524 M & L without specifying the type of lens, the agents assume they are ordering from the catalog, which sets forth that the welder's model of this type contains cescoveld lenses which are more expensive than the Essential Lites.

Mr. Fink also advised that the Chicago Eye Shield Company has exclusive agents throughout the country, probably not more than eight in number. He believes these agents maintain the same system that his company does, that is, a perpetual inventory is maintained and each exclusive agent can determine who ordered #524 M & L goggles with Essential lenses, unventilated type and if an order came through specifying Essential Lite lenses, on an unventilated frame, this fact would be noted on the invoice.

Mr. Fink also said that Essential Lite lenses alone are ordered on very rare occasions and that it would not be difficult for these exclusive agents to determine who purchased such lenses within the period. He also said that the lenses are interchangeable, that is, Essential Lite lenses are put into 507R type and these lenses may be taken out and fitted into the 524 M & L model.

Mr. Fink also advised that the Chicago Eye Shield Company to his knowledge, does not sell direct to any manufacturer or jobber without the knowledge of the exclusive agent. For example, if the Dupont Company ordered goggles direct, his company would receive the purchase order and fill the order. In this connection it is suggested that inquiry be made to determine who is the exclusive agent in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Reference is also made to my letter of March 1954 to your office concerning these goggles. If it has not already been done, it is suggested that the particles on the glass and the frame be analyzed by a chemist to determine the nature of the work on which the user was employed and if possible, to determine what acid has eaten away the glass.