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It should be borne in mind by all offices  
that the person who used these goggles were eyeglasses under the  
same.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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GUILTY AND HEARING SET FOR MAY SEVENTH. BONDS SET AT ONE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH

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DIRECTOR

BREKID WARRANT FOR MCLAUGHLIN XXX MCLAUGHLIN ISSUED FIVE FORTY FIVE THIS AFTERNOON SIX HOURS AND FORTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER ORIGINAL REQUEST THIS MORNING. IN DISCUSSION U. S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE HERE CLAIMS DELAY WAS DUE TO STPAULS FAILURE TO GIVE THEM COPY OF THEIR WARRANT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCLOCK. HAVE KNOWN OTHER CASES WHERE WARRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITHOUT FULL COPY OF ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND WARRANT. SOME DELAY ENSUED STPAUL BUT BELIEVE CHICAGO ALTOGETHER TOO TECHNICAL PARTICULARLY IN EMERGENCY SUCH AS THIS.

7-5 XXX NATHAN

ADDITIONAL MESSAGE

MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
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April 27, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. ROEB

*Handwritten initials and signature*  
MS Stapleton

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago and asked whether he had received further information from William Edward Vidler in connection with the Bremer ransom money passed by him. Mr. Purvis advised that the only information he has given is that he received the money from John McLaughlin, a so-called political leader of the West Side. I inquired as to how much of this money had been identified as Bremer ransom money and he advised that \$2665 had been so identified. Mr. Purvis advised that they are secretly getting warrants out now; that the place was searched yesterday but nothing was found; that the Associated Press has inquired as to whether the Division has this man, stating that their information came from St. Paul, but that no information has been released.

I inquired of Mr. Purvis as to whether he had received any further information as to the location of Dillinger and he stated that an informant told him last night that the underworld reports are that Dillinger is dead; that he had a wound in his back.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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PURVIS

DILLINGER THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINT NOW BEING FILED BEFORE U S COMMISSIONER  
FURNISH COPY TO U S ATTORNEY GREEN AT HIS REQUEST

QUOTE BEFORE ME, 28<sup>33</sup>48-. XXX WILLIAM T GODDARD A UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA PERSONALLY COMES AS COMPLAINANT & E HALL  
JUSTICE FOR SAID DISTRICT WHO BEING DULY SWORN ON HIS OATH SAYS THAT  
HERETOFORE TO WIT

ON AND PRIOR TO JANUARY 17, 1923, ONE JOHN DONXXXDOE WHOSE TRUE NAME IS

UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT BUT WHOM COMPLAINANT DESCRIBES AS BEING  
APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OF AGE, TXXS FEET 6 INCHES TALL, 165 POUNDS IN  
WEIGHT WITH MEDIUM CHESTNUT HAIR AND BLUE EYES, AND ONE RICHARD BOE  
WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT BUT WHOM COMPLAINANT  
DESCRIBES AS BEING APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS OF AGE 5 FEET 7 INCHES TALL  
160 POUNDS IN WEIGHT AND ITXXX WITH DARK COMPLEXION, AND ONE JOHN

\*MCLAUGHLIN AND ONE WILLIAM E VIDLER, THEN AND THERE BEING HEREINAFTER  
REFERRED TO AS "DEFENDANTS" AT A PLACE UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT,

KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY DID CONSPIRE TOGETHER TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE  
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, THAT IS TO SAY, TO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE ACT KXX OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, APPROVED JUNE  
22, 1921///// 1932 "FORBIDDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANY PERSON IN  
INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN COMMERCE, KIDNAPPED OR OTHERWISE UNLAWFULLY  
DETAINED" IN THIS, TO- WIT THAT AT THE TIME AFORESAID DEFENDANTS

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KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY DID CONSPIRE AND AGREE TOGETHER

THAT ON THE 17 TH DAY OF JANUARY 1934 AT TXXX THE INTERSECTION OF  
LEXINGTON AND GOODRICH AVENUES IN THE CITY OF STPAUL IN IN COUNTY  
OF RAMSEY IN THE STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA THEY WOULD INTERCEPT

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THAT AFTER HAVING ... AND CONFINED VICTIM  
CUSTODY AT THE TIME AND PLACE AFORESAID THEY, THE DEFENDANTS AFORESAID  
THEREAFTER WOULD HOLD VICTIM FOR, AND DEMAND FOR HIS SAFE RELEASE FROM  
THEIR CUSTODY, RANSOM IN THE SUM OF \$200,000.00  
THAT THEY, THE DEFENDANTS AFORESAID IN EFFECTING THE UNLAWFUL SEIZURE  
AND CONFINEMENT OF VICTIM AS AFORESAID, WOULD HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE UNDER  
THEIR CONTROL AT THE TIME AND PLACE AFORESAID TO CONVOY SAID VICTIM  
AFTER SEIZURE, FROM THE PLACE OF SEIZURE, TO A PLACE UNKNOWN TO  
COMPLAINANT IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF STPAUL AFORESAID FROM WHENCE THE  
DEFENDANTS AFORESAID KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY WOULD ABDUCT, CARRY  
AWAY AND TRANSPORT VICTIM IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.  
AND TO EFFECT THE OBJECT OF THE UNLAWFUL CONSPIRACY AFORESAID THE  
DEFENDANTS DID AND PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING OVERT ACT, TO-WIT:  
OVERT ACT NO. 1

ON JANUARY 17, 1934, AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEXINGTON AND GOODRICH  
AVENUES IN THE CITY OF STPAUL IN THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY IN THE STATE  
AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA THE DEFENDANTS JOHN DOE AND RICHARD  
ROE THEN AND THERE DID INTERCEPT AND SEIZE EDWARD BREMER, THE VICTIM A  
FORESAID.

WHICH IS AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONTRA-  
TO THE FORM OF THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED,  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 27 TH DAY OF APRIL A. D. 1934

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JOHN V ANDERSON IS THE AGENT SWEARING TO COMPLAINT  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 26, 1934.

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MR. CLEGG	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the individual arrested at Chicago in possession of some of the Bremer kidnaping ransom money, Mr. Edwards has advised that the records of the Division indicate that one William E. Vidler was received at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois on March 3, 1920 on a charge of "larceny, etc" to serve a sentence of from one to ten years, his penitentiary number being 6729-D. This information was conveyed to Mr. Purvis, who advised it was undoubtedly the record of the man that they had in custody as he admitted serving a sentence at Joliet on a charge of larceny at about that time.

*Edwards*

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. ROBE	.....

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*newby*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking with Mr. Waters at Chicago this morning he advised that though they had been unable to get any information from McLaughlin in connection with the Bremer case they had obtained considerable and valuable information from Vidler.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*Edward J. Brennan*  
*John McLaughlin*  
*Wm. Edward Vidler*

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cincinnati, Ohio.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-29-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-24-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. C. Russell</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>C.E.</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

There appears to be no postoffice or town in Kentucky by the name of Bortan. There is no Mary Hart known to be residing at Barton, Ky.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office addressed to the Division under date of February 20, 1934, copy of which was furnished to the Cincinnati Office.



**DETAILS:**

The Postal Guide does not reflect that there is any such postoffice in Kentucky as "Bortan." However, it does show that there is a Barton, Ky., which is located in Whitley County.

AT BARTON, KY.

Agent interviewed Mr. Green R. Harp, Postmaster, who advised that there was no such person residing here as Mary Hart. However, he advised that twelve or fifteen years ago a person by the name of Mary Hart lived here but that she married a man by the name of John Davis and had been living at Grove, Ky. for about fifteen years. It does not appear that this could be the person referred to in the letter of Reference as she has been away from Barton for such a long period of time.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Bliss Norton, Acty</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-1789</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 1 - 1934</b>
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P. O. Box 513,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 22, 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 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-32.

There are being forwarded herewith certified copies  
of United States Commissioner's complaint versus Phil Delaney,  
Jack McLaughlin, et al., in the above entitled case, with  
the United States Marshal's non est return thereon.

The certified papers are being forwarded to your  
office at the request of the United States Attorney here.  
Please give same the appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

HENRY HUNT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On April 23, 1934 information was received by the Chicago Office of this Division to the effect that an individual had appeared at the Uptown State Bank of Chicago, Illinois and presented \$900, consisting of five dollar bills and \$100, consisting of ten and twenty dollar bills to be exchanged for ten \$100 bills. The suspicion of the Assistant Cashier who handled this transaction was aroused because he recalled the same individual having made a similar request about a week before. He thereupon compared the numbers of the five dollar bills with those of the numbers of the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case, which had previously been submitted to this and all other banks in Chicago by the Division, and found part of the money exchanged to be identical with that of the Bremer ransom money. As a result of this information, a circular, confidential letter was directed to all banks in the Chicago district, advising that the Bremer ransom money was being exchanged in Chicago.

On April 26, 1934 an individual, later identified as William E. Vidler, called at the First National Bank and exchanged some money. The tellers of the bank having recalled the circular letter sent out by the Chicago Office immediately reported same and stated that the individual exchanging the money might be located at a certain address. Thereupon, Agents of this Division immediately proceeded to the address in question and succeeded in locating Vidler who was taken into custody. He had in his possession at that time \$3,185, \$2,265 of which was identified as part of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping case. A comparison of the fingerprints of Vidler with those in the Division's Identification Unit disclosed that he was received on March 3, 1920 on a charge of larceny to serve a sentence of from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Vidler, after being questioned considerably, disclosed that he had obtained this money from John J. McLaughlin alias "Boss" McLaughlin, a political leader on the West Side of Chicago. McLaughlin was also taken into custody and later his son, Jack McLaughlin, was arrested at the Board of Trade in Chicago and \$300 was found concealed in his hat, \$85 of which was identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, young McLaughlin stated that his father had given him \$260 of this money at the time of the Bank Moratorium in March of 1933. This, of course, was obviously incorrect in that the Bremer ransom money was not passed until February of 1934. He later made a signed statement admitting that his first

*Edward J. Bremer*

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statement was false, and stated that about \$200 of the \$300 found in his hat was given to him by his father on April 25 and April 26, 1934 with instructions to keep same in his safety deposit box until he received further instructions from his father.

William E. Vidler in a signed statement admits exchanging over \$30,000 for McLaughlin.

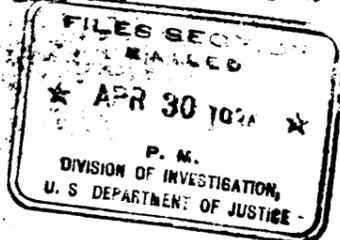
Philip Delaney, an associate of Vidler, has also been taken into custody and admits in a signed statement driving an automobile transporting Vidler and McLaughlin to various banks where Vidler exchanged money, and that he, Delaney, personally exchanged \$24,000 in bills given to him by McLaughlin.

The Senior McLaughlin refused to make any statement until informed that his son had been taken into custody. Whereupon he advised that he met one Frank Wright, a Chicago confidence man and underworld character, in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel at Chicago and that Wright had suggested to him that he exchange this kidnaping money; that he again met Wright in the Sherman Hotel about three weeks ago and that Wright introduced to him two men, known as Jones and Smith, at the Irving Hotel; that these men told McLaughlin they recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for powerful Mid-West gangsters and that they had \$100,000 to be exchanged, and that he, McLaughlin, agreed to exchange this money on a five per cent commission basis, and that he began to exchange this money on April 17th through Chicago banks, assisted by his friends Vidler and Delaney who did the actual exchanging.

McLaughlin states that the money was sometimes delivered to his home and that he sometimes obtained it from the Irving Hotel from Smith and Jones. He agreed to exchange \$100,000 and was later advised that there were \$200,000 more available, and was advised that the first \$100,000 was that of the Hann kidnaping ransom, and that he understood the other \$200,000 was that of the Bremer kidnaping money.

Complaints have been filed against John McLaughlin, his son, William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney at Chicago, Illinois and it is expected that they will be indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota the forepart of this week.

Efforts, of course, are being made to identify and locate the individuals known as Wright, Jones and Smith referred to by McLaughlin.



Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

April 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated April 19, 1934, relative to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING, St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In connection with the request in the concluding paragraph of your letter for information as to whether Phoenix Donald alias Bill Weaver should be located, you are advised that from information received, it is likely that this individual is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, who participated in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. There is no current evidence to point to this conclusion; however, one object in locating him would be to determine whether he possesses any of the ransom money; and it is believed that this is of sufficient importance to warrant a search for Bill Weaver. In the event he is at the time accompanied by Mrs. Myrtle Eaton, it is considered likely that she will eventually talk, probably furnishing incriminating evidence against Weaver and the rest of the Barker-Karpis gang. This is based upon information received to the effect that Myrtle Eaton is not fond of Bill Weaver but is his mistress at intervals by force rather than by choice.

Very truly yours,

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Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 27, 1934

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In connection with the above titled case, an investigation was conducted by this office at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, upon instructions of Inspector H. H. Clegg, to ascertain criminal record and other data concerning Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Scott, alias William Weaver, and other aliases. In connection therewith there is attached hereto a copy of a letter from this office to Inspector Clegg, dated April 19, 1934, which letter it is requested that you return to this office upon the completion of your investigation. It will be noted from that communication that Phoenix Donald, at the time he was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, carried on certain correspondence with relatives and others, in the course of which the name of Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister, Salem, Arkansas, appears.

This is to advise that Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office telephonically advised me today from Mammoth Spring, Arkansas that his investigation disclosed that Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister of Phoenix Donald, received a letter from him addressed in his own handwriting and mailed at Fort Worth, Texas. This is the only information I have, nothing being known as to local address or hotel stationery upon which the letter may have been written. However, it is thought advisable to conduct an investigation relative thereto in view of the fact that Inspector Clegg advised this office under date of April 20th that "information received by this office indicates that he (Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver) is very probably one of the kidnapers (above titled case) as he is known to have been a very close associate of the Barker-Karpis gang for some time."

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Inspector Clegg directs that "Phoenix Donald be discreetly located in order that he may be questioned in this case."

I know of no process issued against Phoenix Donald, however, it is reasonably safe to assume that in the event he is located that proper steps should be taken to detain him until instructions can be received from Inspector Clegg at St. Paul.

It is thought that you might be able through your contacts with the Fort Worth Police Department and others to discreetly ascertain if Phoenix Donald is now at Fort Worth, Texas.

Photograph of Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, is attached hereto and it is requested that this photo be returned to the Oklahoma City office when it has served its purpose.

The St. Paul office is requested to ascertain from the Police Department at St. Paul and furnish to the Dallas office a complete description of Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, St. Paul Police No. 23452.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.  
cc- Division ✓  
Chicago  
Mr. Clegg (St. Paul)

READY WITH YOUR CONFERENCE GO AHEAD PLEASE

ST PAUL MINN 4-30-34

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*Admiral 67 Bremer*

DIRECTOR WASHINGTON AND PURVIS CGO

BREKID U S ATTY HERE IS RECALLING GRAND JURY THURSDAY MORNING THIS WEEK FOR CONSIDERATION THIS CASE AND SUBJECTS HELD AT CHICAGO HE RECOMMENDS \$200,000 BOND FOR DELANEY AND MCLAUGHLIN JR DESIRES THAT REPORT SHOWING EVIDENCE EXPECTED FROM EACH WITNESS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

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April 27, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto, for your information,  
a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed  
to the Attorney General, advising of the arrest  
in Chicago yesterday of W. E. Fiedler, who had in  
his possession \$2,660 of the Bremer money.

Respectfully,

Director.

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April 27, 1934.

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 H. 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,

Director.

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DIRECTOR AND ST PAUL

BREMER CASE SUMMARY

JACK MCLAUGHLIN SON OF JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN ALIAS BOSS MCLAUGHLIN ARRESTED TODAY BOARD OF TRADE CHICAGO. WHEN ARRESTED CALIMED HE DID NOT HAVE A HAT. HAT LATER LOCATED AND \$300. IN BILLS FOUND CONCEALED THEREIN OF WHICH AMOUNT \$85. WAS DETERMINED TO BE RANSOM MONEY. WHEN FIRST QUESTIONED YOUNG MCLAUGHLIN CALIMED HIS FATHER GAVE HIM \$260. OF THE MONEY AT TIME OF BANK MORATORIUM MARCH 1933. LATER MADE SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITTING FALSITY OF ORIGINAL STATEMENT ADMITTED THAT \$200. OR \$215. OF THE MONEY FOUND IN HIS HAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER BOSS MCLAUGHLIN APRIL 25 AND 28, 1934 WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP SAME IN HIS SAFETY DEPOSIT UNTIL HE RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FATHER. WILLIAM E. VIDLER IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITS HAVING EXCHANGED OVER \$30,000. IN BILLS FOR MCLAUGHLIN. PHILIP DELANEY IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITS DRIVING CAR TRANSPORTING VIDLER AND MCLAUGHLIN TO VICINITY OF VARIOUS BANKS WHERE VIDLER EXCHANGED MONEY. DELANEY ALSO ADMITS PERSONALLY EXCHANGING \$24,000. IN BILLS FOR MCLAUGHLIN. ST. PAUL OF FICE ADVISES THAT COMPLAINT AND WARRANTS ISSUED TODAY CHARGING WILLIAM E VIDLER JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN, JACK MCLAUGHLIN, PHIL DELANEY, JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE WITH CONSPIRACY VIOLATE FEDERAL KIDNAPING LAW. WILLIAM E VIDLER AND JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN ARRAIGNED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER WALKER CHICAGO TODAY AND BONDS \$100,000. EACH. NEITHER ABLE TO MAKE BOND.

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March 28, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

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

On March 24th, Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed [redacted] giving him \$10 to meet living expenses.

[redacted] had no information to offer of any value to this case. He stated he is greatly handicapped because "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is not in town.

He was instructed to ascertain the name of "Dutch Louie" who has been mentioned in previous letters concerning [redacted] and also the name of Stanley who has likewise been mentioned. On March 27th, he telephoned Agent Hall and stated that "Dutch Louie", who is now residing at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis, is Louie Schonenberg and is a former associate of Waxy Gordon of New York City. He stated that Stanley's last name is Schultz.

[redacted] is to be interviewed by Agent Hall on the morning of March 28, 1934. Were it not for the fact that the cost of maintaining this informer is unusually small, I would hesitate to retain his services in view of the little information he can secure. However, in my opinion, it would be advisable to continue his services for a short period of time in the hopes that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt may return to Minneapolis. At the present time, "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is in Milwaukee, the exact whereabouts unknown.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,  
Inspector  
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April 30, 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 Sirs

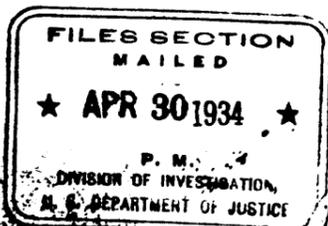
As of possible assistance in conducting the investigation in the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith five sets of enlarged photographs of Subjects Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #554702

CC - Inspector Rorer (St. Paul)



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DIRECTOR

JOHN BOXS MCLAUGHLIN WHEN INFORMED OF SONS DETENTION ORALLY ADVISED HE MET FRANKIE WRIGHT CHICAGO CONFIDENCE MAN AND HOODLUM CONNECTION DESCRIBED AGE FORTY BLACK HAIR TURNING GRAY BLUE EYES HEIGHT 5 FEET 9 OR 10 INCHES WEIGHT 160 LBS IN LOBBY SHERMAN HOTEL HERE AND SUGGESTED MCLAUGHLIN HANDLE HOT MONEY DUE IN CHICAGO. MCLAUGHLIN MET WRIGHT THREE WEEKS AGO SAME PLACE AND INFORMED MONEY IN CHICAGO AND WRIGHT INTRODUCED TWO MEN LOCATED ROOM 209 IRVING HOTEL, 4845 WEST IRVING PARK BLVD AS JONES AND SMITH LATER REFERRED TO AS IZZY AND SLIM. SLIM DESCRIBED 28 OR 38 YEARS 150 LBS SLIM BUILD SANDY HAIR 5 FEET 11 1-2 INCHES FIERY BROWN EYES THIN FACE SALL LOW COMPLEXION WEARING LIGHT FELT HAT LIGHT BROWN TOPCOAT SLIGHTLY STIFF LEFT ARM. IZZY DESCRIBED 45 TO 50 YEARS 5 FEET 9 INCHES WEIGHT 165 OR 170 LBS HEAVY BUILD BROAD SHOULDERS SLIGHTLY CORPULENT BLACK HAIR TURNING GRAY NOSE GLASSES WHEN READING POCK MARKS ON CHEEKS LARGE NOSE JEWISH ORIGIN. SLIM AND IZZY TOLD MCLAUGHLIN THEY RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM TOLEDO OHIO AND HANDLED HOT MONEY FOR POWERFUL MIDWEST MOB. INFORMED \$100,000 TO BE CHANGED AND MCLAUGHLIN AGREED ON FIVE PER CENT CUT BASIS AND ON OR ABOUT APRIL 17 STARTED CHANGING MONEY THROUGH CHICAGO BANKS ASSISTED BY OLD FRIENDS WILLIAM EVIDLEY AND PHILIP DELANEY WHO MADE ACTUAL CHANGE. MCLAUGHLIN SAYS HOT MONEY SOMETIMES DELIVERED HIS HOME AND OTHER TIMES PICKED UP FROM IRVING HOTEL FROM SLIM AND IZZY AND CHANGED MONEY DELIVERED IRVING HOTEL

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UNIVERSITY EACH NIGHT. MCLAUGHLIN AGREED TO CHANGE \$100,000 AND  
TOLD \$200,000 MORE AVAILABLE AND INFORMED FIRST \$100,000 HAD  
ING MONEY AND UNDERSTOOD NEXT AVAILABLE \$200,000 TO BE BREMER  
NAPING MONEY. MCLAUGHLIN SAYS CONVERSATIONS WITH SLIM AND IZZY  
INDICATED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF GANG IN CHICAGO AND NEAR IRVING HOTEL  
DURING PERIOD MONEY BEING CHANGED. MCLAUGHLIN OVERHEARD DISCUSSION  
BETWEEN IZZY AND SLIM RELATIVE TO CRIMINALITY OF GANG MEMBERS AT  
WHICH TIME IZZY AND SLIM AGREED "PRETTY BOY, Z" XXX896 XXX

"PRETTY BOY" WAS TOUGHEST. CLAIMS HE OBTAINED NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONCERNING IDENTITY GANG MEMBERS BUT BELIEVES SINCE GANG FROM TOLEDO  
THEY HAVE RETURNED THERE AS RESULT CHICAGO NEWSPAPER STORIES AND  
BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT TOLEDO IS FAMOUS GANG HIDEOUT DUE TO  
POLICE PROTECTION. UNABLE SUGGEST LOCATE HIDEOUT IN TOLEDO.  
UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS SUSPECTS THIS CASE. INFORMATION FURNISH  
LARXXXX ED LARSON IN DETROIT VIA TELEPHONE

INVESTIGATION IRVING

HOTEL SATURDAY NIGHT INDICATES THIS HOTEL VERY HOT AND EMPLOYEES  
UNTRUSTWORTHY. NO LIGHTS IN OR NOISES FROM ROOM 209. UNDERCOVER  
AGENT CHECKED IN IRVING HOTEL. MCLAUGHLIN BEING INTERVIEWED DAILY IN  
COOK COUNTY JAIL. ATTEMPT BEING MADE THROUGH INFORMANT AS TO  
IDENTITY AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS FRANKIE WRIGHT WHO IS APPARENTLY  
GANGS CHICAGO CONTACT.

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

Mr. NATHAN  
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Mr. CLEGG  
Mr. COWLEY  
Mr. EDWARDS  
Mr. EGAN  
Mr. QUINN  
Mr. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
Mr. MURPHY  
REAR

March 29, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

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

[REDACTED] was again interviewed by Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 28, at which time he was given \$10 to meet living expenses.

He stated that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is returning to the Twin Cities within the next two or three days and that "Frisco Dutch" has promised him employment of some kind.

He stated that he has discussed with many underworld characters, mostly minor, the story appearing in the press regarding the identification of the Karpis and Barker gang, and it appears that none of the local characters know Karpis and the Barkers. All of them were of the opinion, however, that Karpis and Barker had done the kidnaping inasmuch as they had been named by this Division. He believes that the story in the papers will keep the Karpis and Barker gang out of the Twin Cities. There is also some talk among the underworld characters that there must be at least two or three local men involved in the kidnaping because of the familiarity with the habits of the Bremer family.

Concerning "Dutch Louie", who was living at the Nicollet Hotel until two days ago, the informer said that Dutch Louie is Louie Schonenberg and he described him as being 240 pounds, light hair, Jewish, 48 years of age. He stated that Dutch Louie was visited by Jack Pfeiffer and Mose Barnett.

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Concerning the Kansas City massacre, he advised that Frankie Barton has talked about the case but appeared to have no further information regarding same.

"Chic" Berman, brother of Dave Berman, an inmate of Sing Sing in New York State, is at the present time in the Twin Cities operating a baseball pool. He advised that Stanley Schultz, who lives at the Elgin Hotel, Minneapolis, Frankie Barton, and Sam Gordon are planning on sticking up a payroll, as he understands it, in St. Paul sometime this week. b7d

██████████ was instructed to telephone this office immediately upon the return of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

APRIL 30 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

PLEASE FORWARD BY SPECIAL DELIVERY A FULL AND DETAILED STATEMENT CONCERNING  
DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND UNITED STATES  
MARSHAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH McLAUGHLIN CASE AS I AM DESIROUS OF  
PRESENTING THIS MATTER TO DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS

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*Edward J. Bremer  
John X. Laughlin*

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APRIL 30 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH CHARLES J. FITZGERALD KANSAS STATE  
PENITENTIARY NUMBER SIX SIX TWO ONE FURNISHED TO YOUR OFFICE  
WITH COPY OF DIVISION LETTER DATED APRIL 9 1934 ADDRESSED TO  
INSPECTOR MORRIS IN KANNO CASE TO SUBJECTS McLAUGHLIN ET AL  
AMONG FITZGERALDS ALIASES ARE CHI SLIM SLIM WILLIAMS AND SIG  
FITZ HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED TOLEDO DETROIT AND OTHER PLACES  
DURING INCARCERATION AT KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY FOLLOWING  
1919 HE CORRESPONDED WITH NUMBER OF PERSONS IN TOLEDO  
DETROIT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK THE ADDRESSES

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION:

Sent 7:50 P by [Signature]

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

April 27, 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.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-20.

There is being forwarded herewith certified copies  
of United States Commissioner's complaint versus John Doe,  
Richard Roe, John McLaughlin, and William E. Vidler in the  
above entitled case, with the United States Marshal's most  
recent return thereon.

The certified papers are being forwarded to your  
office at the request of the United States Attorney here.  
Please give same the appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

B. L. NICHOLSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 26, 1934.

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MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
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MR. ROHR	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,

Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago advised that they had just picked up a man there who had \$3185 on him; that this money has been checked and has been found to be the Bremer money; that he stated that he is fourth removed from the gang; that he went to the First National Bank this morning and exchanged some money; that two of the tellers came to the Chicago office and advised that they knew where his "Bookie" joint was; that they went with the Agents when he was picked up; that he at first stated that somebody rode by him in his car and threw the money into his car; that his name is William Edward Vidler; that he has been at the Joliet Penitentiary; that the first two digits of his number there are 67; that he has scars on both of his thumbs and on his left middle finger; that his fingerprint classification is  $25 \frac{9}{1} \frac{R}{R} \frac{I}{O} \frac{2}{0}$ ; that he is 34 years of age; that he served time for auto theft in Joliet, said time ending in 1923; that he married after he served time in Joliet; that he has 2 children, a boy  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of age and a girl  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years of age; that he lives at 5001 N. Ashland Avenue, second floor, east apartment, with his wife's mother, Mrs. Mabel Seele; that he moved to that address from 6430 North Mozart Avenue, where he lived for six months; that he stated that he met a man named William Burns at the McVickers Theater in Chicago last Tuesday and this man passed him the package of money and told him to change it; that Burns was in the prison at Joliet with him on a stick-up charge. Mr. Purvis stated that Vidler was to meet Burns today at noon at Irving and Crawford Avenue in Chicago and that they are going to proceed to that point in an endeavor to pick up Burns. Arrangements are being made to search the home of Vidler.

*Edward J. Bremer*

Mr. Purvis advised that this is the same individual who was passing the Bremer money at the uptown bank the first part of the week.

Respectfully, 7-576-1804

*S.P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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

For your information, I am transmitting here-  
with a copy of a memorandum directed to the Attorney  
General concerning the apprehension of John J. McLaughlin,  
et al, of Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the Bremer  
kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Enclosure #554433.

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April 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
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*Edward J. Bremer*

Upon my arrival at the Chicago Office on the morning of April 14, 1934, Special Agents V. W. Peterson and K. R. McIntire were assigned to accompany me on the survey of towns to be made with reference to locating the hide-out where Bremer was held. Special Agent McIntire is assigned to the Bremer Case at the Chicago Office and has developed an index of the case and has arranged his files according to subject matter. Agent McIntire advised me that no work had been done on the Bremer Case at the Chicago Office since the first of April, inasmuch as instructions had been received from the Division to concentrate all Agents on Dillinger leads.

When information was obtained at Whitewater, Wisconsin, on April 16, 1934, indicating that the Pitt sisters, who were serving a sentence at the Reformatory at Milwaukee, and the Shay brothers, who were serving a sentence at Green Bay, Wisconsin, possibly had information concerning the subjects involved in the Bremer Case, Agent Peterson was sent to Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wisconsin for the purpose of interviewing these individuals, and it was later learned that these individuals had previously been interviewed by Special Agent R. B. Brown, prior to April 1, and no report covering the interviews had been submitted, and therefore Special Agent McIntire was not aware of the fact that these individuals had been interviewed. Special Agent Brown apparently having been put on the emergency Dillinger leads, had not had an opportunity to submit a report covering these interviews.

When this matter was brought to the attention of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, he instructed Brown to promptly submit the report, and it was suggested to Mr. Purvis that Special Agent McIntire devote his time to the Bremer Case, in order to become thoroughly acquainted with the investigation conducted to date, so

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as to be in a position to proceed with the Bremer investigation as soon as Agents become available again. When I departed from the Chicago Office, Mr. Purvis had assigned a clerk to assist Agent McIntire in bringing his index and files up to date, in order that investigations would not be duplicated as was done in the above instance.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

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DIRECTOR  
WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JACK MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR AND PHILIP DELANEY  
AT ARRAIGNMENT THE BOND WAS SET AT \$30,000 FOR YOUNG MCLAUGHLIN AND  
\$75,000 FOR DELANEY THE HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY SEVENTH 1934  
WHICH IS THE SAME DATE AS THE OTHER HEARINGS IN THIS CASE

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- MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_
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FOR DELANEY. THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SET FOR MAY 7 1934 WHICH IS  
THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER HEARINGS IN THIS CASE

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into Director's office.) RCV

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DIRECTOR

BREKID JAMES FRANKLIN COLORED BELLHOP IRVING HOTEL REPORTS SLIN AND COMPANION BELIEVED TO BE IZZY HAVE BEEN IN ASSOCIATION WITH DOCTORS JOE MORAN AND JIM WILSON AT ABOVE HOTEL SINCE CHRISTMAS THOUGH FORMER HAVE NO ROOMS THERE. ABOVE PARTIES NOT SEEN SINCE LAST FRIDAY. IZZY NOT SEEN SINCE LAST THURSDAY. DOCTOR L. J. MACKAY, DENTIST HAS OFFICES WITH MORAN. MACKAY NOT SEEN SINCE LAST SUNDAY. SLIN DESCRIBED AS AGE 30 HEIGHT 6 FEET THREE INCHES LAST SEEN WEARING LIGHT GRAY T, GRAY TOPCOAT, GRAY SUIT AND BLACK SHOES. IZZY DESCRIBED AS AGE 50, HAIR GRAY AT TEMPLES AND MIXED ON TOP, HEIGHT 5 FEET 6 INCHES, FACE ROUGH, BUILD HEAVY, POTBELLY  
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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Leota Graham has left Crestview, Florida,  
now resides Omaha, Nebraska.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Kansas City Division office dated March 27, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At Crestview, Florida

At the Vogel Tourist Camp, just outside of Crestview, Florida, this Agent was advised by Cleve Jones that he had purchased the place from Leota Graham two months ago and that she had gone to Omaha, Nebraska, with her parents. Claude Vogel had left there three months prior to the time Leota Graham did, they having "split up". Mr. Jones showed the writer a letter addressed to him from Leota Graham pertaining to a payment he owed her on the camp. This letter bore a return address of 124 S. 24th St., and was postmarked Omaha, Nebraska.

Photostatic copies of fingerprints and photographs furnished the Jacksonville office for use in this investigation are herewith returned to the Kansas City office, as requested.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE will interview Leota Graham, 124 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, along the lines requested in letter of reference.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 30, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

For your information there are transmitted, herewith,  
copies of telegrams dated April 29, 1934 and April 30, 1934, which  
were directed to me by Mrs. McLaughlin. Mrs. McLaughlin is the  
wife of John J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss" McLaughlin, and the  
Mother of Jack McLaughlin, who were recently arrested in  
connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
for U. S. D.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TELEGRAM - DATED APRIL 29, 1934

MELVIN PURVIS

WONT YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE MY SON IS? WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT ARE YOU AND YOUR MEN GIVING HIM? WHAT KIND OF A MAN ARE YOU THAT YOU WONT LET HIM TELEPHONE HIS MOTHER? YOUR UNPRINCIPLED METHODS MAKE ME WORRIED OVER HIS SAFETY. I APPEAL TO YOU TO RETURN HIM AT ONCE

MRS MCLAUGHLIN

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TELEGRAM - DATED APRIL 30, 1934

MR. MELVIN PURVIS

I READ YOU ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THE UNDESIRABLE ASSOCIATES OF MY HUSBAND INVESTIGATE SEVEN MEN YOU WENT TO WAIT ALL AFTERNOON WITH HIM AND FAMILY SATURDAY THEY ARE THE ONLY MEN OF THAT CHARACTER HE KNOWS OR EVER ASSOCIATED WITH BETTER INVESTIGATE HOPE THIS WILL HELP YOU

MRS MCLAUGHLIN

7-576-1810

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 30, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am attaching, hereto, a newspaper clipping taken from the Chicago Daily Tribune of April 30, 1934, relating to the alleged implication of William Elmer Mead in the above entitled case. The facts set forth in the newspaper clipping compare favorably with those developed by Special Agents of the Division in this case.

It will be noted in the report of Inspector W. A. Rorer, under date of February 20, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, the Victim in this case, was interviewed concerning his transaction with Martin Wunderlich, who it is alleged borrowed a large sum of money from Bremer as a result of the fraudulent scheme of William Elmer Mead.

Your attention is also respectfully invited to my letter dated January 27, 1934, wherein information is set forth as provided by Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Confidence Men Detail, Chicago Police Department. It will be noted from this letter that Mr. Kelly interviewed Martin Wunderlich on January 26, 1934, at which time Mr. Wunderlich explained the details of the confidence game and identified the picture of one, William E. Mead, Chicago Police Department group picture number 5647. This individual is known to Lieutenant Kelly and was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road on August 10, 1933 as a Fugitive from Lima, Ohio and was returned to Lima where he remained, forfeiting a \$30,000.00 bond.

Although the information contained in the newspaper account corresponds favorably with the information developed by Special Agents of the Division, please be advised that no information whatever concerning same was furnished to the press by the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
per U.W.C.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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T.P.R. Chicago  
H. Rorer

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# HUNT CREW

## RED MOR STONES 3 Ohio Felons Disarm Guard, Break Prison

(Picture on Back Page.)

Columbus, O., April 29.—(AP)—Three convicts escaped today over the walls of the Ohio penitentiary despite the strong guard that has been installed to prevent any attempt to deliver three Dillinger mobsters.

The convicts terrorized 18 men, forcing prison officials and guards to submit to a smuggled automatic pistol, and collected a shotgun, a gas gun and a rifle in their scramble over the wall.

### Auto Waiting for Them.

They went up the wall on a ladder, helpless guards standing by, on the pretense they were to fix a searchlight, disarmed the wall guard, slipped to the street with a cable, and drove away in a small car with three men who had been waiting for them. Not a shot was fired.

Theodore G. Roszmann, a federal officer working as a field representative and now will inspector for the

## \$50,000 FRAUD LINKS FUGITIVES WITH KIDNAPING

### New Evidence Points to Dillinger Crew.

Chicago operatives of the department of justice ordered the arrest yesterday of William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, as they followed a thread in the tangled skein which involves the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for Desperado Dillinger's gang.

Mead is wanted because federal agents believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer as a likely ransom prospect. The order for his arrest followed the seizure of John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and four others late last week as a result of the tracing of some of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom here.

### Contractor is Swindled.

The Bremer investigation revealed yesterday that, a short time before the kidnaping, Martin Wunderlich, a St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, was swindled out of at least \$50,000, according to the operatives of Mead and his gang.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation here, who was being assisted by Harold Nathan, second in command of the government bureau at Washington, refused to discuss the link between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer ransom. He also declined to name two prisoners he is holding incommunicado along with "Boss" McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin Jr., his 17 year old son, and William Vidler, in whose hands some of the Bremer ransom money was supposed to have been found.

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"We are looking for Dillinger every minute of the day, but have received no reports even hinting at his whereabouts," Purvis said. "No one has reported seeing him and no reports of progress have been made by the agents on the case. We are in touch with all phases of the search."

**On a Live Trail.**

According to the investigators, Vidler, a gambler and ex-convict, said he obtained the \$2,000 in ransom money which he carried from "Boss" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's past record of obtaining the release of many criminals from penitentiaries when he was a political power on the west side and a member of the legislature, and his indictment last fall on a charge of possessing bonds taken in a loop mail robbery on Dec. 6, 1932, have convinced the federal men they were on a live trail. They were seeking information connecting McLaughlin with Mead.

Also the federal agents have asked police of all cities to report any known relations between Mead and Barker and Karpis. Mead is 50 years old and has served prison sentences in California, Colorado, and Florida. He is known as the "Christian Kid" and is married to a woman known as "California Kate."

**Headquarters in Chicago.**

In his youth he was a shoplifter, but for many years he has been known as the head of the slickest gang of confidence men ever to operate in this country, according to the agents. They said he now owns two buildings in Chicago and has been making his headquarters here for some time.

His entry into the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping came when Wunderlich, the contractor, called at Purvis' office here and told his story of the \$50,000 fraud. The connection between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer kidnaping was immediately suspected by the federal operatives.

In St. Paul yesterday friends recalled that Wunderlich had sustained a loss in a swindle last year, but they said he was secretive about it and mentioned only losing \$5,000. He was reached by telephone in Jefferson City, Mo., last night and admitted having put federal agents on the trail of Mead.

"I didn't lose any large amount," Mr. Wunderlich said. "I picked up Mead's picture in connection with..."

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# HUNTED IN BREMER KIDNAP



WILLIAM E. MEAD. ALVIN KARPIS. ARTHUR BARKER.  
 William Mead, Alvin Karpis, and Arthur (Doc) Barker for whom warrants have been issued in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case and the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and friend of Bremer.

...about it...  
 ...was lured to South Bend...  
 ...the setting was arranged for his...  
 ...Wunderlich heads a large contracting firm that has offices in St. Paul, Jefferson City, and St. Joseph, Mo.

What happened later was outlined as follows:  
 The confidence men had interested Wunderlich by the statement of one that his father-in-law was state engineer of Indiana and had charge of the letting of all contracts, including those made possible by federal easy money funds. It was suggested that it might be worth Wunderlich's while to meet this engineer.

**Meets Mead in South Bend.**  
 An arrangement was made for a meeting in a South Bend hotel where Wunderlich made his appearance and was greeted warmly by the supposed son-in-law and a few friends, including Mead, who was introduced as a Chicago sportsman, interesting in racing. They said that the state engineer had been called suddenly to Washington but would return to South Bend as soon as possible.

While Wunderlich and the others waited they met a man who introduced himself as a Kentucky colonel. He appeared wise in the ways of making money through horse racing. The colonel finally confided to his new friends that he had a scheme for tapping telegraph wires and getting race results which could then be withheld from the gamblers long enough for him to place bets.

A few days of moderate winnings were reported by the swindlers, after which the "Kentucky colonel" arranged for a "big killing." After a feverish session the conspirators announced to Wunderlich that they had won \$900,000. But there was a hitch, they told him. The gamblers would not pay off until they were assured Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

**Induce Wunderlich to Raise Cash.**  
 Wunderlich was induced to raise sufficient cash to convince the gamblers of their integrity. With one of the men, probably Mead, accompanying him, Wunderlich went to St. Paul and called on his friend, Edward Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Wunderlich, according to the federal agents, had no difficulty getting the money from Bremer. He carried it to South Bend, and that was the last he saw of it and of his erstwhile friends.

The government men declared that Wunderlich's call upon Bremer for the money was the act that marked Bremer for a ransom victim. It called attention to the funds at his command and to the fact that the banker's father, Adolph Bremer, was wealthy and could pay a large ransom.

**Ransom Money Turns Up.**  
 The swindlers are believed to have passed the information to the kidnapers, and last Jan. 17 Bremer was abducted. His father paid \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills for his release, the money being handed over in Faribault, Minn., and Bremer was released Feb. 8. The serial numbers of all the ransom money had been taken and given to federal men. Last week some of the bills turned up and were traced to Vidler, who was seized in a loop gambling house.

That was on Thursday. After questioning Vidler, United States Attorney Dwight F. Green swore out a warrant on Friday night, charging McLaughlin with being an accessory to the St. Paul kidnaping. Later, McLaughlin's son was arrested in the Board of Trade building after it became known he had a safety deposit box.

On Saturday McLaughlin was arraigned and held to the federal grand

**AUTOMOBILE THEFTS.**  
 Automobiles stolen, 25; recovered, 46; stripped, 4. [From police records for the 24 hours ending at midnight, Saturday.]

jury under \$100,000 bond. The son was also locked up. Attorney Joseph R. Roach, representing McLaughlin, denied that the government had traced any of the Bremer money to his client.

McLaughlin has admitted he knows Vidler but denies having had any dealing with him. He also denies having handled any of the ransom money.

It was while government agents were waiting for some of the ransom money to turn up that they learned of the swindling of Wunderlich. The contractor had not made any formal complaint to police and it was not until after the Bremer kidnaping that his experience appeared significant. Whether he and Bremer ever discussed the possibility of Mead being responsible for the kidnaping was not learned.

A postal inspector from New York, identified only as a Mr. Graham, was here recently seeking to arrest Mead, and later planned to seize him in Florida, where Mead was scheduled to appear for trial last month. Mead, however, forfeited his bonds there and has since been in hiding. Mead's two buildings in Chicago were being watched by federal agents last night.

A STAR  
 ESTABLISHED  
**MONTH**  
 Men

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- To:  Director  
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 Mr. Edwards  
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 Mr. Little  
 Mr. Lowdon  
 Mr. Newby  
 Mr. Smith  
 Mr. Stapleton  
 Miss Gandy  
 Miss Finnell  
 Washington Field Office  
 Stenographic Pool  
 Secretary  
 Correct  
 Re-write  
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 See Me  
 Send file.

*Miss A. Carthy*  
*H. H. CLEGG*  
H. H. CLEGG

April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the conditions in the Oklahoma City office, as outlined by Mr. Nathan in his telephone call with you on April 20, 1934, I discussed these matters with Mr. Brantley, who advised that in his opinion two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Calatas case and of the personnel now assigned to his office recommended Agents Flack and Marshall for this assignment; that two Agents should be assigned exclusively on the Floyd case territory to work on the Barrow case and recommended Agents Denderick and Smith; that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Floyd and Richetti case and recommended Agents Chipman and Hartin; that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Bremer case, primarily looking toward the apprehension of the Barker and Karpis gang, and recommended Agents Hansen and Franklin. Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that the Dillinger case does not require special assignment in the Oklahoma City territory at this time, there being no indication that Dillinger has ever been in that district or that his hide-outs or contacts are in that section but that the leads which have been coming into Oklahoma City in connection with this case could well be handled as general assignments; they, of course, to be given preference over other matters.

There are at the present time thirteen Agents assigned to the Oklahoma City office and Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that in order to give the above named cases the attention they deserve they should be made specials, as above indicated, and that to take care of the general assignments in the Oklahoma City territory eight additional Agents should be transferred to Oklahoma City, some of whom at least should be experienced.

In connection with Mr. Nathan's comments on the personnel in the Oklahoma City office, Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Birch is a willing hard worker; that he is inexperienced and is not an average Agent but that with careful and close supervision he may eventually develop into an average Agent, but not into a better than average Agent.

With respect to Agent Flack, Mr. Brantley advises that he is energetic and forceful and a very efficient Agent.

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Mr. Brantley advised that Agent Butterworth is capable of handling most any kind of assignment well but he does not believe him to be as well adapted to work involving raids in the pursuit of hardened criminals as to other classes of work.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Chipman is qualified for any type of work, as is Agent Deaderick.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Franklin is a bit slow, but his work is fair.

He reports that Agent Hansen is an efficient Agent and is well qualified to handle any type of case.

Agent Hartin is an average Agent.

Agent Marshall is comparatively new in the service. He does good work and will, in Mr. Brantley's judgment, develop into an average Agent.

Agent Owens has been in the service since June, 1935. It is Mr. Brantley's opinion at this time that it is doubtful that with close supervision he will ever develop into an average Agent.

Agent Perkins has been in the service several years, is a hard worker and handles a large volume of work, but it is not believed that he is adapted to handling those investigations involving hardened criminals.

Agent Smith is a seasoned Agent. He handles a great deal of work and is especially valuable for his contacts with peace officers and enforcement agencies. He is qualified to handle investigations involving hardened criminals.

With the exception of Agents Birch and Owens Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that all of the Agents now assigned to the Oklahoma City office are doing at least average work and that the following Agents are above the average; Black, Chipman, Deaderick and Hansen, in the order named.

Respectfully

S. P. Cowley.

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May 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1500 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

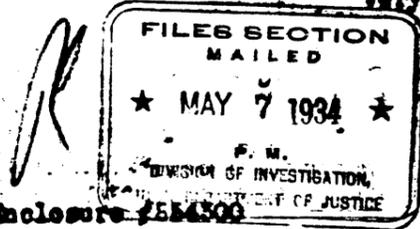
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
Identification Order #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
Identification Order #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 30,  
1934 to which was attached newspaper clippings taken from  
the Chicago Daily Tribune of April 30, 1934, containing in-  
formation as to the alleged implication of one William Elmer  
Head, in the above entitled case.

There are attached hereto copies of an abstract  
of the criminal record of this individual. The Division does  
not possess a very good photograph of this individual. There-  
fore, you should obtain from the Chicago Police Department the  
group photograph #5647, which includes a photograph of Head,  
and forward same to the Division to complete its files.

Very truly yours,



Director.

cc Mr. E. E. Clegg  
St. Paul Office

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DIRECTOR

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W. J. [Handwritten initials]

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BREKID ON APRIL 26 WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER EXCHANGED TEN TEN DOLLAR  
 BILLS IDENTIFIED AS BREMER RANSOM MONEY AT THE CITY NATIONAL BANK  
 AND TRUST COMPANY, 208 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET FOR ONE HUNDRED ONE DOLLAR  
 BILLS. VIDLER PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY WILLIAM ZOCH WHO HANDLED  
 TRANSACTION. VIDLER ADMITTED TO AGENTS NICHOLS AND RICE HERE THAT HE  
 MADE THE EXCHANGE THRU ZOCH. ZOCH HAS THIS MONEY NOW. AT CHICAGO DI-  
 VISION OFFICE AGENTS BILLINGS AND NICHOLS FOUND \$3,185.00 ON PERSON  
 OF VIDLER OF WHICH \$2,625.00 PROVED TO BE BREMER RANSOM  
 MONEY. AGENT CROWL COMPARED THIS MONEY WITH BREMER RANSOM MONEY.  
 WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, ASSISTANT CASHIER, LAKEVIEW TRUST AND SAVINGS  
 BANK, 3201 ASHLAND AVENUE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL 23, VIDLER EXCHANGED  
 THRU HIM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TEN DOLLAR BILLS AND ONE THOUSAND  
 IN FIVE DOLLAR BILLS. BLESCHKE HAS 31 FIVE DOLLAR BILLS IN HIS POSSESSION  
 HE HAS CHECKED THEM AGAINST LIST OF BREMER MONEY AND FOUN IDENTICAL.  
 ADVISE IF YOU WISH TO BRING SUCH BILLS WITH HIM TO GRAND JURY. SIGNED  
 STATEMENT OF VIDLER CAN BE INTRODUCED BY AGENT NICHOLS. AGENT M. C.  
 FALKNER ADVISES HE FOUND BREMER MONEY IN THE HAT BAND OF JOHN JOSEPH  
 MC LAUGHLIN AT BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, CHICAGO. AGENT CROWL CHECKED  
 THIS MONEY AGAINST LIST OF BREMER MONEY AND FOUND \$85.00 MAY BE RANSOM  
 MONEY. THIS MONEY IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE. FALKNER CAN INTRODUCE

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SIGNED STATEMENT OF MCLAUGHLIN JR. J. MC LAUGHLIN ALIAS BOSS INFORMED AGENT R D BROWN THAT ONE FRANKIE WRIGHT INDUCED HIM TO HANDLE HOT MONEY. THAT HE BOSS, GOT HIS MONEY THRU ONE SLIM AND ONE RIZZY, THAT HE, BOSS, KNEW THE MONEY WAS HOT, AND WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS HANDLING HAMM KIDNAP MONEY, AND THAT HE SHOULD HURRIEDLEY DISPOSE OF SAME AS THERE WERE \$200,000 MORE IN BREMER KIDNAP MONEY TO DISPOSED OF. BOSS ADMITTED SECURING VIDLER AND DELANEY TO EXCHANGE HOT MONEY. AGENT BROWN CAN INTRODUCE A SIGNED STATEMENT OF PHILIP DELANEY WHICH ADMITS THAT HE EXCHANGED HOT MONEY FOR BOSS MC LAUGHLIN, AND FURTHER THAT DELANEY WAS OF BELIEF THE MONEY WAS BREMER MONEY.

SUMMARY REPORT BEING SENT YOU TONIGHT. BLESCKE STATES HE WILL PROCEED TO ST PAUL WITHOUT ~~BEING~~ BEING SERVED ~~HERE~~. PERHAPS ADVISABLE TO HAVE U S ATTORNEY ADVISE BLESCKE BY WIRE TO BE IN ST PAUL.

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MIN PL

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

MAY 3 7 02 PM

May 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Chicago File No. 7-82.

Pursuant to your request of today, there is enclosed here-  
with two lists, in duplicate, of Federal Reserve Notes found in the  
possession of Subjects in the aforesaid case, together with a list  
of Bremer kidnaping ransom money which has been identified at three  
of the Chicago banks. One of the lists represents \$2,625.00 Federal  
Reserve Notes found in the possession of William E. Vidler on April  
26, 1934. The other list represents \$85.00 of the Bremer kidnaping  
money found in the possession of Jack McLaughlin, together with \$285.00  
of National Currency and Federal Reserve Notes which do not check with  
the list of ransom money of the Bremer kidnaping case. The Bremer  
kidnaping money will be found on the first page.

Mr. Fred J. Bauer of the City National Bank & Trust Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois, advised this office that the following Federal  
Reserve Notes, all of ten dollar denominations, came into  
the possession of the bank, of which notes it was found that all  
numbers on the list, with the exception of the last numbered note,  
represents Bremer kidnaping ransom money. William Edward Vidler was  
identified as the man who had passed the above Federal Reserve Notes.

105153932A  
104945262A  
104983380A  
104763728A  
104687765A  
104164610A  
104740698A  
104317244A  
104852061A  
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Following is a list of 131 Federal Reserve Notes drawn on the Minneapolis Branch, all of five dollar denominations, which were passed by Vidler at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, where the aforesaid notes now are:

100035560A  
100043101A  
100051340A  
100054999A  
100070272A  
100084040A  
100084079A  
100129019A  
100137586A  
100147242A  
100220049A  
100225176A  
100234628A  
100252578A  
100256499A  
100279312A  
100282400A  
100292791A  
100314228A  
100338092A  
100362599A  
100371176A  
100396786A  
100460878A  
100479271A  
100484631A  
100529940A  
100561914A  
100591353A  
100604968A  
100624635A

The following Federal Reserve Notes and National Currency were issued by the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Branch, all in denominations of five dollars and were exchanged for larger bills at the Uptown State Bank, Chicago, Illinois, apparently by William E. Vidler.

NATIONAL CURRICY:

I00380467A  
I00193872A  
I00119238A  
I00285254A  
I00187500A  
I00311804A  
I00644461A  
I00161134A  
I00254819A  
I00252175A  
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I00134009A  
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I00380399A  
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I00489719A  
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I00326991A  
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The following note is a note of the Federal Reserve Bank  
of San Francisco, California:

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With reference to the above list, it should be noted  
that the following notes apparently do not represent ransom money  
in the above entitled case:

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AHC:GVT

CC: Division

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INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED THAT FRISCO DUTCH IS NOW IN MILWAUKEE WISC AND THAT HARRY SAWYER CONTACT MAN FOR TWIN CITY HOODLUMS IS LIKELY WITH HIM BELIEVED THAT SINCE CGO ANGLE HAS DEVELOPED IN BREKID CASE THAT FRISCO DUTCH MAY BE FINGER MAN AND THAT MONEY MAY HAVE REACHED CGO ALSO ALSO THRU SAWYER WHO IS BOSS OF PAT REILLY AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LOCATES NY

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
April 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WA  
ET AL - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 21, 1934, the photograph of Mrs. C. P. Harmon mentioned was exhibited to Mrs. Nora Mauher, Houston, Texas, sister of Charley Harmon, and she states it is a very good likeness of Paula Harmon, particularly the side view resembling Paula when she is angry.

Mrs. Mauher states Paula's face was a little out of shape due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. However, she had, no doubt, had that remedied. Mrs. Mauher is cooperating with this office but there is little likelihood of her hearing from Paula.

Yours very truly,

Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

cc- St. Paul  
Chicago

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 30, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of a letter dated February 16, 1934, directed by the Kansas City Office to St. Paul, a copy of same being forwarded to Detroit.

Special Agent Newby of the Division telephonically communicated with this office today calling our attention to the contents of this letter in connection with our present investigation at Toledo in an attempt to identify one Slim and one Izzy who were mentioned by Subject McLaughlin in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MFV  
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cc - Division ✓  
Kansas City  
St. Paul

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

April 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am in receipt of a letter from R.J. Lake, Game Warden, Conservation Department, State of Wisconsin, to the effect that during the latter part of January, and in February, 1934, two aeroplanes were at Pike Lake, near Hartford, Wisconsin, which planes are owned by residents of Hartford. Mr. Lake further advised that there is a stationary siren which blows each week day morning at Hartford.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made in that vicinity with a view toward determining if the hideout is there.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC  
CC Division ✓

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803A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 24, 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 H. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated April 17th, 1934, in which I made known to you the inquiry instituted through this office concerning Cesco M & L-524 goggles, said to have been shipped by the Chicago Eye Shield Co., into this territory.

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I now have to inform you that a communication has been received from Mr. L.F.J. Wilking, Superintendent, The Texas Company, Casper, Wyoming, in which he expresses his regret that he is unable to inform me what disposition was made of a pair of Cesco M & L-524 goggles, said to have been shipped by the Chicago Eye Shield Company to the Texaco Company, Denver, Colorado. Mr. Wilking stated that his company furnishes goggles for its employees use when their work requires them, and at the present time his company has twelve pair of goggles, and that during recent years they have had as many as 100 pairs of Cesco goggles which have been worn out or lost.

Along the same lines Mr. L.A. Wilson of the Ohio Oil Co., Grass Creek, Wyoming, informs that one pair of Cesco M & L-524 goggles is presently in use by one of the welders of that company. The records of the Ohio Oil Company, according to Mr. Wilson, show that this pair of goggles were purchased through the Wyoming Automotive Company, Casper, Wyoming, and not through the Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing & Supply Co., Denver, Colorado. Mr. Wilson expresses the possibility that the Wyoming Automotive Company were unable to supply the goggles, and the order was passed on to Hendrie & Bolthoff, who in turn placed the order with the Chicago Eye Shield Company. Mr. Wilson states that the file order number 192293, as mentioned in my letter to him under date of April 17th, 1934, conforms exactly to the goggles he received.

Very truly yours,

JAD:J  
cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul.

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

April 23, 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.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge R.E. Vetterli, dated April 11, 1934, at Salt Lake City, Utah, page 4 of which indicates that FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, at Reno, Nevada, were identified as having been accompanied by women.

This office is informed by MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, consort of EDIE GREEN, that FRED BARKER cohabits with PAUL HARMON.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC  
CC Division. ✓

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370 Lexington Ave.  
New York, New York

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation involving Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping, this office has to inform as follows.

It has been determined that Bernard Phillips, I.O. #1196, was in New York City stopping at the Hotel Belvedere from August 24 to September 24, 1932, with his paramour Winnie Williams, who is at present residing in Chicago. A check of the telephone calls disclosed that on September 2nd, 4th, and 6th, 1932, Phillips telephoned Rhineland 4-9362, which is listed in the name of the Nilebrook Apartments, 61 E. 66th Street, New York City. This apartment house contains thirteen apartments and is located in one of the better sections of Manhattan. Inquiry was made to determine just when Phillips might have called and through the process of elimination, it is believed the person called has been identified.

One Edward Rudick resided on the fifth floor of this apartment house with his alleged wife. He came there about July 1, 1932 and was requested to leave, which he did on or about September 15, 1932. He was a weekly tenant and paid in cash. He had a car with Minnesota plates. His alleged wife may be described as 30 years of age, 5' 6", 125 pounds, slender build, blonde, tough looking. Mrs. Edward Rudick left the apartment house about three days before Rudick did. The day Rudick moved out a man assisted him in packing and moving and the superintendent believes this man to have been Phillips.

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The Edward Rudick referred to was arrested at New York City on September 18, 1932 charged with extortion. His identification number here is B197316. He was discharged September 26, 1932. The files of the New York City Police Department reveal that this same individual was arrested at Miami, Florida on March 7, 1934 for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act and turned over to the United States Narcotic Service. It is requested that immediate inquiry be made of the Narcotic Service to determine the present status of the case against Rudick. His place of residence prior to March, 1934 at Miami should be checked to determine whether Phillips or any of the fugitives in this or the allied cases have visited him and the arresting officers should be interviewed to determine what they know concerning his associates while in Miami. Also, it is believed desirable that upon completion of this investigation Rudick be personally interviewed to determine just when and under what circumstances he met Phillips, his activities with Phillips, the last time he saw Phillips, and so forth. The identity of the woman with whom he was living in New York should likewise be ascertained.

For your further information be advised that Winnie Williams was recently interviewed by the Chicago office. She said that she came to New York City in August 1932 with Phillips but after they were here about two weeks or so Phillips left the hotel to play golf one day and never returned and she has not seen him since and that the car he went away in was a small sedan bearing New Jersey license plates. Upon a later interview Winnie Williams contradicted herself and said that sometime in December, 1932, while living in Kansas City with Phillips the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke to Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1818, but did not introduce her to Karpis. Our investigation at the Hotel Belvidere disclosed the possibility that Phillips did leave Winnie Williams and her child at the hotel alone inasmuch as on September 7, 1932 it would appear from the records that Winnie Williams and her daughter moved from the suite into another room in the hotel. It is observed that Rudick was in New York City on September 18, 1932. If Phillips did actually disappear, Rudick would be in a position to furnish information as to statements made by Phillips just prior to his departure from New York City as it is noted Phillips spoke to him last on September 6, 1932.

Will you kindly give this phase of the investigation immediate attention.

CC:Division  
Inspector Rorer (2)  
Chicago  
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

P. O. Box 1888

Butte, Montana, April 28, 1934.

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

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

Referring to letter from the Chicago Office, dated March 21, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Division Office, copy of which was sent the Butte Office with a pair of "Coco" N & L Goggles, and the request made on page 6 that when this office has completed its investigation the sample goggles be returned to the Chicago Office, the investigation having been completed in the Butte Office district the goggles are returned herewith, registered.

Very truly yours,

D. H. BUCKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul

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

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

This is to advise that Special Agent Paul Hansen, who has been conducting investigation in the above titled case at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, advised this office today that he has developed considerable information in connection therewith, none of which, however, is "real hot."

Special Agent Hansen in his communication referred to a letter from Inspector Clegg to the Director dated April 16, 1934 wherein the Kansas City office is requested to locate "one Dodo" at Westplains, Missouri. Agent Hansen advised that it will not now be necessary for Kansas City to cover this lead as he, Hansen, has located "Dodo" in Missouri just across the line from Mammoth Spring and he will conduct the necessary investigation.

This also will serve to advise you that I authorized Special Agent Hansen to proceed into Missouri in view of the obvious economy which will be effected.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago  
Mr. Clegg (St. Paul)

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
April 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, wa  
ET AL - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant I am attaching here-  
to the original photographs from which the composit picture was prepared  
and produced with the photostat machine here.

Yours very truly,  
*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

cc- St. Paul  
Chicago

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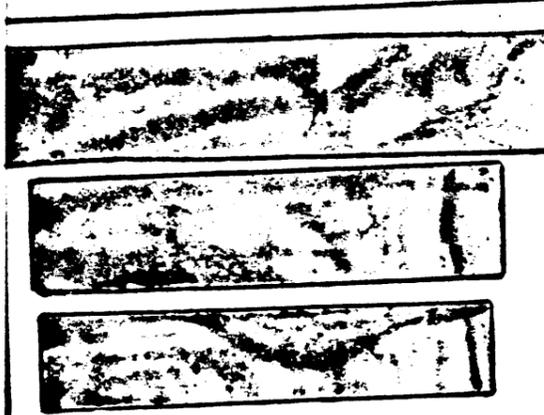
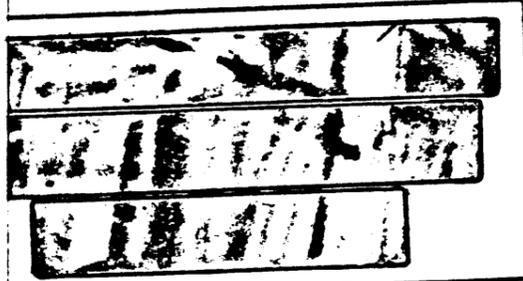
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From: UNIT #1 Room 420  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Two  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Listerman  
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H. H. CLEGG



Signature

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/1/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/25-30/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>ALVIN KARPIS - aliases - Alvin Karpis, Alvin Korpis, A. Korpis, Ray Karpis, Alvin Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, R. E. Nelson, William B. Lohman, William Lohman, Earl Lyman Burns, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, E. L. Burnes</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS: <b>ARTHUR R. BARKER - aliases - "Doc" Barker, "Dock" Barker, Bob Barker, Claud Dale, Claude Dale, E. L. Murray, H. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter</b>			I. O. #1218:
<b>J. J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN:</b> <b>JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., aliases - Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin:</b> <b>PHILIP J. DELANEY:</b> <b>WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER:</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ----- VICTIM</b>			I. O. #1219:

Recovery  
\$2,700.00

**Synopsis of Facts:**

J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., J. J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, taken into custody recently in Chicago, Ill. for having in their possession, having passed, or having conspired to pass and exchange BREMER ransom money. Signed statements secured from McLAUGHLIN, JR., VIDLER and DELANEY. Oral information furnished by McLAUGHLIN, SR., implicating himself in the securing and the passing of BREMER ransom money. Information set out herein is brief summary for assistance of the U. S. Attorney, Saint Paul, Minnesota, in presenting matter to Grand Jury in near future. Complete report will follow:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAY 8 - 1934</b>
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Teletype message from Inspector H. H. Clegg,  
at Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 30, 1934.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

The title of this case is being carried as changed, due to the inclusion of the new Subjects - J. J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP J. DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, who were recently arrested in Chicago, Illinois for having in their possession, having passed, or having attempted to pass and conspired to pass and exchange certain portions of the BREMER ransom money.

Information was secured through the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 320 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, that a party, later identified as Subject VIDLER, had exchanged certain portions of the Bremer ransom money at said bank for good currency. Later investigation disclosed the following summary of information.

Following is a brief summarization of the evidence in the possession of this office, against the parties now detained, by virtue of having in their possession, or having passed at banks, or having conspired to pass at various banks, quantities of the BREMER ransom money:

WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER

On April 26, 1934, Mr. Fred J. Bauer, in company with Mr. L. W. Calkins, both of the City National Bank & Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent H. L. Scott, of this office, that a person, now believed to be VIDLER, on the same morning presented ten Ten Dollar bills and requested to be given in exchange for them, one hundred one Dollar bills. This man has not as yet been positively identified as VIDLER, but it appears, through Vidler's own admissions, that he is the man who attempted to make this exchange of money. The bills presented by VIDLER on this occasion for exchange, are serialized as follows:-

I05153932A  
I04983380A  
I04687765A  
I04740698A  
I04852061A

I04945262A  
I04763728A  
I04164610A  
I04317244A  
I03779126A or I03778126A

This money is in the possession of the City National Bank and Trust Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and if it is desired for Grand Jury purposes, subpoena duces tecum should be issued

upon WILLIAM ZOCH, a teller, care of said bank.

Investigation disclosed that the above referred to money is identical with a portion of the Bremer ransom money.

It was ascertained that the party believed to be VIDLER, had attempted to exchange this money through WILLIAM ZOCH, a teller at the City National Bank & Trust Company. Arrangements were then made by Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. H. Rice, of the Chicago Division Office, to accompany Mr. Zoch to a "bookie" joint at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which place, the party believed to be VIDLER, informed Zoch he could be found.

Mr. Zoch partially identified VIDLER. The latter was brought to the Chicago Division Office by Agents Nichols and Rice and admitted that he was WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, who had made the exchange of money at the City National Bank & Trust Company, through Teller Zoch.

Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. H. Rice, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to testify to the above admissions on the part of VIDLER.

At the Chicago Division Office, Vidler was examined and money in the amount of \$3,185.00 was found on his person, of which amount, \$2,625.00 was identified as Bremer ransom money. Following is a list of the Federal Reserve notes found on Vidler's person, which were identified as Bremer ransom money:

\$5.00 Denominations - Total \$75.00

I03587467A  
I04731242A  
I05520674A  
I06299979A  
I05960045A

I0411958A  
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Special Agents L. D. Nichols and T. E. Billings, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to testify to the finding of this ransom money on the person of William Edward Vidler.

Special Agents (A) R. A. Knittle and A. H. Crowl, of the Chicago Division Office, can testify as to having compared this money, found in the possession of VIDLER, with the list of Bremer ransom notes, and this money was found to be identical with the money paid by BREMER. This money is now in the possession of the Chicago Division Office and can be presented by either Agent Knittle or Agent Crowl, if desired.

Mr. William H. Bleschke, teller and assistant cashier of the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill., will be able to testify that on April 23, 1934, VIDLER exchanged \$1,000.00 in Ten Dollar bills and \$1,000.00 in Five Dollar bills, for other money, at Bleschke's cage. Mr. Bleschke has positively identified VIDLER, by virtue of having seen him in the Chicago Division Office.

Bleschke will testify that on Monday, April 23, 1934, when VIDLER asked for an exchange of bills, he (VIDLER) told Bleschke that he (Vidler) formerly delivered alcohol up in Wisconsin and that was the way they pay up there, using small bills.

Mr. Bleschke furnished Agent John R. Welles, of the Chicago Division Office, with thirty-one Federal Reserve notes, drawn on the Minneapolis Branch, and being of Five Dollar denomination, for purpose of examination. It is understood these are the only bills which were set aside by Mr. Bleschke. Examination disclosed that each of these bills was a part of the Bremer ransom money and are listed as follows:-

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If these bills are desired for Grand Jury purposes, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued upon WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, of the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to produce same.

Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. D. Nichols, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to introduce the following signed statement secured from WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER:

Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1934.

I, WILLIAM E. VIDLER, do hereby make this statement to Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. D. Nichols, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will voluntarily and without any force or duress, and without any promise of immunity or reward. I make this statement freely and voluntarily of my own free will because it is true.

My name is William E. Vidler. I am 34 years of age, having been born in Chicago, August 22, 1900.

I have known McLAUGHLIN several years. He came to me Tuesday, April 17, 1934, and said he had some money he wanted changed in large bills. He did not want to go to the bank himself. I said to let me know whenever he was ready. He came to my house at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Thursday morning April 19, 1934 and rang my bell and called me downstairs. I came down to the car and he showed me a package of money. McLaughlin had a Ford sedan. A man by the name of Phil was driving the car. Phil is an associate of McLaughlin.

I asked McLaughlin what the money was, and asked him if it was counterfeit money and he said 'No, it is good money'. So we drove downtown and went to several banks, as follows:

Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, where I presented \$2,500.00 worth of the bills given to me by McLaughlin and secured \$2,500.00 worth of larger bills in denominations of \$100.00. The teller at the bank objected to changing this money, stating that it cost the bank money to transact that kind of business.

From there, I went to the First National Bank and cashed \$2,000.00. The teller gave me the same story there, so I went to the City National Bank and cashed \$500.00. I also cashed \$500.00 of these bills at the Builders National Bank.

I do not recall the exact denominations of the bills I secured at the last three mentioned banks; however, to the best of my knowledge at this time, it was in \$50.00 and \$100.00 denominations.

I went to another bank, the name of which I do not remember, and cashed \$500.00. From there, I was driven home and given about \$110.00 by McLaughlin. I wish to state here that all of the money cashed by me at the banks mentioned above, was turned over to McLaughlin by me.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, McLaughlin appeared at the same time at my house and told me he had \$6,000.00 more. McLaughlin was again accompanied by Phil, who was driving the car. We drove first to the Hamilton State Bank and changed \$1,000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$3,000.00 and there I was given \$60.00 by McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, McLaughlin came again with \$6,000.00 and we went to the Uptown Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Main State Bank with the other \$2,000.00. McLaughlin gave me approximately \$60.00 for cashing the \$6,000.00 on April 21st.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, McLaughlin again came to my house and at this time he had \$11,000.00 in bills, which he desired to have changed. I went to the Howard Trust and Savings Bank and cashed \$1,500.00; went to the Uptown Bank and cashed \$1,500.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$3,000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$3,000.00; went to the Pioneer Trust & Savings Bank and cashed \$2,000.00. McLaughlin gave me somewhere in the neighborhood of \$70.00 for cashing the above mentioned \$11,000.00 on April 23, 1934.

On Tuesday morning, April 24, 1934, McLaughlin's car was laid up, so I drove over to his house. McLaughlin told me the day before, that is April 23rd, that he was putting his car in the garage and, therefore, I went to his house at 3523 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. I went in to McLaughlin's house but he was not ready. I then went and had a tire repaired and returned to the above address, at which time McLaughlin was ready. He came out to the car and we then drove to the Main State Bank and the teller refused to change money for me. However, he did not give me any reason for his refusal, but said he could not do it today. No more money was given to me until Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 1934, when I was given \$3,000.00, with the understanding that I was to take it to Louisville, Kentucky to change, and return to McLaughlin Friday morning, April 26, 1934. When I arrived downtown Thursday morning, I was apprehended.

On April 19, 1934, when McLaughlin called for me at my home and when I came down to the car to talk to him, Phil was in the car and he heard our conversation about changing the money. I wish to state further that nearly every day while I was with McLaughlin and Phil on the above mentioned occasions, Phil drove to the South side and parked near 79th and Emerald Avenue, where Phil would get out of the car and walk in the direction of 79th and Halsted

and after approximately one half hour, Phil would return with an envelope and hand it to McLaughlin. I wish to state further that every day after the money had been cashed at the banks, we would drive to Irving and Cicero Avenues, in Chicago, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and walk west on Irving, returning to the car in about 20 minutes. No statement was ever made to me by Phil or McLaughlin as to who was contacted at these places.

In the beginning of this statement, I said that I asked McLaughlin whether the money was counterfeit money. I wish to elaborate on this statement in that McLaughlin told me that it was good money, but that it was 'hot' money, but that I need not be afraid of it. All of the money given to me by McLaughlin to be changed into larger bills was in \$5. and \$10. denominations. The arrangement between McLaughlin and myself was that I was to receive 1% commission on the money changed. The first knowledge I had of the nature of this money was information given to me by Mr. Purvis.

At one time during the days I was changing the money for McLaughlin, I asked him how much of this he had and McLaughlin stated it was about \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 more.

(SIGNED) WILLIAM E. VIDLER

Witnesses:

H. E. Hollis (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

L. D. Nichols, (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill."

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The original of the above statement is being forwarded, with a copy of this report, to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota. Carbon copies are being retained in the file on this case at the Chicago Division Office.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will testify he secured Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company receipt No. 7868, issued to JACK McLAUGHLIN on April 24, 1934, to cover Box No. C-521, from Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, same having been secured from Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who conducted an investigation at the home of J. J. McLAUGHLIN, Sr., 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Lockerman will advise that on April 27, 1934, he went to the Safe Deposit Box Section of the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company, 141 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, to make pertinent investigation, where he observed a young man enter the vaults, whom he later identified as JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

He will further testify that he, together with Special Agent M. C. Falkner, interviewed McLAUGHLIN, JR. at the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, where McLaughlin, Jr. admitted he is identical with JACK McLAUGHLIN, to whom safe deposit box C-521 was issued by the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company on April 24, 1934.

Lockerman will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. admitted he had gone to the Safe Deposit Box that morning, April 27, 1934, at about 8:45 o'clock; that McLaughlin, Jr. stated he had obtained \$55.00 from his safe deposit box, which money he took out of his pockets and showed to Agents Lockerman and Falkner, stating he was scheduled to go on his vacation the following Monday, April 30, 1934, and that he had obtained the money from the vault for that reason on said morning, because the vaults closed at 1:00 P.M. that day and he would have no opportunity to return there.

Agent Lockerman or Agent M. C. Falkner, will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. admitted his father is "Boss" McLaughlin. The said Agents will testify they searched McLaughlin, Jr. and that the only money found on his person was the money he had shown Agents. They will testify that at that time, McLaughlin, Jr. was wearing a uniform, worn by all messengers of the Chicago Board of Trade; that McLaughlin was requested to obtain his coat and other suit from the locker room and accompany the said Agents; that McLaughlin, Jr. proceeded to that point, where he called for the contents of Rack No. 17, which held his overcoat and the suit of clothes he had taken off that morning.

The said Agents can testify that the overcoat and suit of clothes belonging to McLaughlin, Jr., were thoroughly searched, but no money was found therein. The said agents will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. willingly accompanied them to the Chicago Division Office and at the time of departure from the Chicago Board of Trade Building, the Agents inquired of McLaughlin, Jr., if he was not going to wear a hat; that he stated he did not have a hat, whereupon Agent Lockerman, who had observed McLaughlin, Jr. entering the Safe Deposit Vault during the morning, told McLaughlin, Jr. that at that time he, the latter, was wearing a flat brimmed hat.

Agents Lockerman and Falkner will state that McLaughlin, Jr. denied this statement and told Agents they must be mistaken, as he had not worn a hat to the city that morning. The Agents then insisted that McLaughlin had worn a hat and told him to go back to the hat rack and point out his hat. McLaughlin, Jr., who immediately became extremely nervous, pointed out a rolled brimmed grey felt hat, which was not placed in Rack No. 17, stating this was his hat. Agent Lockerman will state he did not recognize that hat as being the one he had seen McLaughlin wearing in the morning at the Safe Deposit Vault and that he told McLaughlin, Jr., positively, that was not the hat he (McLaughlin) was wearing when he entered the Safe Deposit Vault and instructed McLaughlin to try the hat on. At this point, the hat proved to be about one and a half sizes too large for McLaughlin, Jr. The latter continued to insist, however, this was his hat, although it was too large for him. He was again told that it was known he wore a brown flat brim hat when he entered the vaults that morning. McLaughlin, Jr. then pointed out a brown flat brim hat on the rack and stated that was his hat. This hat was removed by Agents Falkner and Lockerman and after examining same, it was found to contain two envelopes that were sealed, which proved to contain sums of money. These envelopes were tucked under the sweatband of McLaughlin's hat.

McLaughlin, Jr. was then questioned as to whether he had put the money in his hat and he stated he had. He also admitted he had obtained that money from his Safe Deposit Box that morning and said it was money that had been given him by his father; that the \$55.00 he had in his pocket, which he had shown to Agents previously, was not all the money he had secured from the Safe Deposit Box.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan, will testify that when McLaughlin, Jr. was brought to the Chicago Division Office, the money was taken from his hat band and counted in the presence of McLaughlin. It was found one envelope contained \$300.00 in bills of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations. The other envelope contained only three five dollar bills, making a total of \$315.00 found in the hat

belonging to McLaughlin, Jr., which he admitted taking from the Safe Deposit Box.

Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will testify that he compared the money found in the hat band of McLaughlin, Jr., with the list of ransom money paid in the Bremer Kidnap Case and found that \$85.00 of this money was identical with the Bremer ransom money.

The ransom money found in the possession of McLaughlin, Jr. has been placed in a cellophane envelope and is now in the custody of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago Division Office, and can be introduced by Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl.

Special Agent M. C. Falkner, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will be able to introduce the following signed statement secured from John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr.:

"Chicago, Illinois  
April 28, 1934.

I, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., make the following statements voluntarily to M. C. Falkner, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises of any nature whatever were made to me in connection with this statement.

I am 17 years of age and reside with my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., at 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. In the same house, there resides my sister, Helen McLaughlin, 11 years of age, and another sister, Mrs. Sherwood Frazer and her husband.

I attended St. Patrick's Grammar School in Chicago, Illinois through the eighth grade, where I completed studies in about 1929. I began work as a messenger for the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation, members of the Chicago Board of Trade, in August, 1932 and have continued in this employment to the present date. My salary has been \$16.00 a week. I have never been in any sort of difficulty; previous to this time.

I have a bank account at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. and I formerly had a safety deposit box at this institution. On or about April 24, 1934, I rented a safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Company of the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois. My lease on the safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. expired a day or so before April 24, 1934, at which time I withdrew \$100.00, which I had at this safety deposit box and deposited this sum to my account at this same bank.

When I rented the safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, on or about April 24, 1934, I withdrew the sum of \$100.00, which I had deposited at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., which money had been in my safety deposit box at that institution and took this money to the safety deposit box, which I had secured at the Safety Deposit Co. of the Chicago Board of Trade. In addition to this \$100.00 which I put in this safety deposit box, I also placed in this same box the sum of \$100.00 in cash which my father, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr. had given me the day before and asked that I place this money in my safety deposit box and hold it until he gave me further instructions. This money consisted of \$100.00 in fives and tens, and possibly one twenty dollar bill.

On or about April 25 or 26, 1934, my father gave me \$100.00 or \$115.00 in cash, requesting that I place this money in my safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Company, Chicago Board of Trade. This sum was likewise in bills of five and ten dollar denominations. As before, my father told me to hold this money in this safety deposit box until I received further instructions from him.

On April 27, 1934, a number of men whom I took to be officers, appeared at my home and when I arrived there from work in the afternoon, I was detained for about two hours.

The safety deposit box which I have at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, was taken out under the name 'Jack McLaughlin'. Jack is my nickname and I took out this box under the name Jack McLaughlin of my own accord, but I had talked the matter over with my mother and she had suggested that this name be used.

On the morning of April 28, 1934, I drove to my place of work in my automobile and decided that it would be best for me to withdraw my money from the safety deposit box which I had at the Safety Deposit Company, Chicago Board of Trade. I felt this was the thing

to do because I was suspicious of the actions that had taken place at my home the day before. I proceeded to the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, and while there I obtained access to my safe deposit box and took from it the sum of approximately \$515.00. I noticed at the time that a strange man was observing me while I was in the vault. I further noticed that this strange man followed me when I went out in the building to take the elevator to the seventh floor, where I keep my coat and hat. On my way up I decided that I would not keep this money on my person and I then placed this money in my hat. The cloakroom for employees at the Chicago Board of Trade contains spaces which are numbered, where each employee leaves such wearing apparel as he desires to leave. My number in the cloakroom is 17, which is the same number as on my identification badge of the Chicago Board of Trade. Upon arrival at the cloakroom, I changed my suit of clothes to another which I had there and left the suit which I was wearing upon arrival at the office and also left my overcoat and hat.

At about 10:00 A.M., on April 28, 1934, I was informed that I was wanted in the office of the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation on the fourth floor of the Chicago Board of Trade Building. I proceeded on my way to that office but before reaching it, I was detained by two men who stated they were with the United States Department of Justice. Accompanied by these men, I proceeded to the cloakroom to obtain my hat and coat. Upon arrival at the cloakroom, I secured my coat and stated that I did not have a hat. A few minutes later, I saw my hat, which was not in its usual place, and I pointed it out to the above mentioned men and stated this was my hat. In this hat was found the money which I had taken from the safety deposit box on the morning of April 28, 1934, which was all of the money which had been in this safety deposit box on April 28, 1934, the amount being \$315.00 in bills.

The money which was found in the hat, as above set out, consisted of the \$100.00 which was in my safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., plus either \$200.00 or \$215.00, which had been given to me by my father between the dates of April 24 and April 28, 1934. I have carefully read the statements appearing above and they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witnesses:

(Signed) JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

W. S. Falkner (Signed), Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois."

J. J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS"

Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed J. J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss" McLaughlin, at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on the afternoon of Saturday, April 28, 1934, the day after he had been placed in that institution. At this time, McLaughlin was informed that his son, John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., had been picked up and a quantity of the Bremer five and ten dollar bills found in his hat-band on that morning, Saturday, April 28, 1934. McLaughlin was then advised that his son was being held. McLaughlin advised that he would do anything to assist his son; that he knew the Government "had the goods on him" and if it would help his boy in any way, he would tell all he knew concerning his handling of the Bremer ransom money. He then stated that he has known a man by the name of FRANKIE WRIGHT, a Chicago confidence man and racketeer connection for the last twenty-five years; that he does not know where Frankie Wright resides but often met him in the lobby of the Sherman House Hotel, in Chicago; that approximately three months ago, he met Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, at which time Frankie Wright informed him he expected to have some "hot" money and bonds in the near future and suggested that McLaughlin handle some of it.

McLAUGHLIN stated that about three weeks later, he again met Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, at which time Wright told him that his connection was in town and after that they drove to a certain hotel in the northwestern section of Chicago, where he met two men, who were introduced to him as "Smith and Jones"; that one of the men was tall and slender and was later referred to by the other man as "Slim". McLaughlin described "SLIM", as follows:-

Name:	"SLIM"
Age:	28-30 years
Height:	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Sandy
Eyes:	Firey brown
Complexion:	Sallow
Face:	Thin
Marks:	Left arm slightly stiff
Clothing:	Was wearing light felt hat; light brown topcoat.

McLaughlin described "Slim's" companion, whom he thought was referred to as "IZZY", as follows:-

Name: "IZZY"  
Age: 45-50 years  
Height: 5 feet 9 inches  
Weight: 165-170 lbs.  
Build: Heavy, slightly corpulent  
Shoulders: Broad  
Hair: Black, turning gray at temples.  
Glasses: Wears nose glasses when reading.  
Marks: Pock marks on cheeks; large nose, indicating Jewish origin.

McLaughlin informed that Slim and Izzy asked him if he wanted to handle some "hot" money, to which he agreed, but that nothing was said at that time relative to the origin of the money. He stated Glim and Izzy told him they recently arrived in Chicago from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for a powerful midwest mob, and that \$100,000.00 was available to be changed into good money; that he, McLaughlin, agreed to handle the money on a 5% basis. He advised that nothing more was said at this time relative to the origin of the money and arrangements were made whereby the "hot" money would be delivered to his home each night and if delivery could not be made, he, McLaughlin, was to call at this certain hotel and pick it up each morning and that the changed money was to be delivered each night to Slim and Izzy at this hotel or vicinity.

McLaughlin stated he first started changing this money on or about April 17, 1934, and he obtained the assistance of PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER, old friends; that Delaney had an automobile and drove VIDLER and himself to various Chicago banks. He advised he is unable to recall the names and locations of the various banks that handled the money, but that he, McLaughlin, never entered the banks personally; that he sat in the car while Delaney and Vidler entered the banks and secured good money for the "hot" money. He stated this procedure was followed for two or three days and finally about three or four days later, he called at this certain hotel, where he met Glim and Izzy, for the purpose of delivering to them a quantity of money which had been exchanged. At this time, McLaughlin informed he asked Glim and Izzy directly if the money were "Bremer Money" or "Hamm Money"; that Glim and Izzy replied to the effect that Hamm money was being handled by McLaughlin at that time and that they wanted him to expedite the changing of this \$100,000.00 in Hamm money because \$200,000.00 more money would be available.

McLaughlin stated he then asked them if the \$200,000.00 was Bremer money, but they did not directly reply; however, they indicated it was and he, McLaughlin, understood that he was to handle \$200,000.00 in Bremer money after he had disposed of \$100,000.00 of the Hamm money.

McLaughlin went on to state that he has never seen any of the members of the Kidnap Gang with which Izzy and Slim are connected, during the time he was exchanging the ransom money, but that he believed they must have been in Chicago during that time. No conversation was had indicating the identity of the members of the gang, except that he overheard a conversation between Slim and Izzy to the effect that "PRETTY BOY" was the most dangerous member of the gang. He claimed not to have associated CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD with the name "Pretty Boy" referred to by Slim and Izzy. He stated, in his opinion, the gang had been in Toledo, Ohio and would probably return there after learning of the arrest of VIDLER, DELANEY and himself, as this town is a good hiding place.

JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. was either unwilling or unable to furnish any further information concerning Izzy and Slim, or Frankie Wright, the man who introduced these men to him.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, McLaughlin was again interviewed at the Cook County Jail, at which time Agent M. C. Falkner was present. McLaughlin requested to know whether his son, John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., had been released. He was informed he had not been released as he was being held for further questioning. McLaughlin then stated "I absolutely refuse to talk to you and you can expect no further information from me until my son is released." However, McLaughlin was further interviewed and although he failed to furnish any further information of any value, he orally stated, in the presence of Special Agent R. D. Brown and Agent Falkner, that he was changing five and ten dollar bills, which had been paid for the release of either William Hamm, Jr. or Edward George Bremer, Victims in Saint Paul kidnap cases; that he thought he was handling money obtained by the gang as a result of kidnaping William Hamm, Jr., but expected to handle money obtained by the gang in the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

Special Agent M. C. Falkner, as well as Special Agent R. D. BROWN, can testify as to the guilty knowledge of J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. with reference to his part in the changing of the ransom money.

McLaughlin emphatically stated that PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM VIDLER did not know and were never told by him, that the money being changed by them was money obtained in a kidnaping; that he informed them

the money was "hot" and he believes, since there was such a large quantity of the money, that they must have guessed that the money came from a kidnap gang.

McLAUGHLIN emphatically refused to reduce his admissions to writing. He is being interviewed daily and it is expected he will furnish further valuable information with reference to the connections between the kidnap mob and the money changers.

PHILIP J. DELANEY

Special Agent R. D. Brown, of the Chicago Division Office will be able to introduce the signed statement secured from PHILIP DELANEY showing his participation in this matter. The statement reads as follows:

Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1934

I, PHILIP DELANEY, make the following signed statement to R. D. Brown, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I am making this statement of my own free will and volition at the office of the Division of Investigation, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, and fully realize that same may be used against me.

I have known JOHN McLAUGHLIN, commonly known as 'Boss' McLaughlin, for about twenty-five years. During that period of time, he has been of great assistance to me in obtaining various positions for me and has assisted me financially on many occasions. I have always considered him a very close and intimate friend.

Until the fall of 1933, I have always been able to take care of myself and family financially, but reverses about that time, and due to lack of employment, I was forced to accept public relief. From time to time during this period, John McLaughlin has assisted me financially, for which I have been very appreciative. Although I have been aware that John McLaughlin has been considered a political boss, I do not know in what manner he has made a living.

Previous to April 17, 1934, for approximately two months, I would call at John McLaughlin's house in the 3400 block on West Jackson Boulevard, and drive him downtown to whatever places he desired to visit, especially the City Hall and the Sherman House Hotel. On or about April 17, 1934, I called for him and we drove to approximately Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where a man, who McLaughlin called Bill got into the car. I do not know his last name and have never been introduced to him. McLaughlin then instructed me to drive back on the north side of Chicago, the exact address of which I do not know, which was near a bank, the name of which I do not know, at which time and place, John McLaughlin gave Bill a package of money. The conversation with reference to this money did not take place at this time and I assumed that McLaughlin had made prior arrangements with Bill. Bill got out of the car and proceeded to the bank near the point where we had parked the car, while McLaughlin and myself sat in the car. Bill returned in a few minutes and said, 'The money is all right'. I believe he took in a package of five and ten dollar bills in the approximate amount of \$1,000.00. We then proceeded to the Loop. I drove the car and Bill stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall just how many banks were visited. I do not know exactly how much money was changed, but he had no difficulty in exchanging the money on that date.

About noon of that date, John McLaughlin gave me a package containing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills and I took this money to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, where I was successful in changing this amount of money into larger denominations, and I then turned this amount of money in the large denominations over to McLaughlin. We then drove Bill back to the approximate point where we had picked him up.

On or about April 19, 1934, I again called at McLaughlin's house and picked him up and we proceeded to a point located in the vicinity of Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where we again picked up Bill and we then visited two or three banks on the North Side of Chicago. The exact names and location of these I am unable to recall, where we would park the car and Bill would enter the banks and change a quantity of the five and ten dollar bills into larger denominations. On this date, I drove to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on Ashland Avenue and again was successful in changing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, which were given me by McLaughlin into bills of larger denominations and I then turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin and we again picked up Bill at the same place, as above stated, and Bill again called at several banks and changed more of the 'hot' money. On this date I drove to the Mutual Bank, location as given above, and again changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place as before mentioned, at which time Bill again changed a quantity of the money at various banks into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall the name of or the addresses of the banks where we called. On this date I again called at the Mutual Bank, address above, and changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place, at the approximate point above mentioned, and Bill again changed a quantity of the money, given him by McLaughlin, at various banks, the names and locations of which I do not recall, into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin. On this date, I again called at the Mutual Bank and changed \$4,000.00 in 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin at his home and we drove around to the appointed place on the north side and picked up Bill. Bill called at two different banks, the names and locations of which I cannot recall, which banks refused to change the five and ten dollar bills given him by McLaughlin, into bills of larger denominations. We then drove to the 7800 block on Halsted Street and I called at the Mutual Bank and again changed \$4,000.00 of the five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and gave the money to McLaughlin.

When I changed the five and ten dollar bills given me by McLaughlin at the Mutual Bank in the 7800 Block on Halsted Street, I would generally park the car at 79th Street and Emerald Avenue and Bill and McLaughlin would wait in the car until I returned with the money.

Nearly every day, while driving McLaughlin and Bill to various banks throughout the Loop, before mentioned, at the end of the day's work, McLaughlin would have me drive him to Irving

and Cicero Avenues, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and disappear, returning to the car in about 20 minutes. McLaughlin never told me where he went when we parked thusly.

John McLaughlin told me that the money Bill and myself had been changing was 'hot' money but did not state where he had obtained it or what connection it had with any certain case. As I recall it, he once told me he did not know the history of the money.

At first, I thought the money to be counterfeit money but when the banks accepted this money, I realized it must have been genuine. I had an idea in my own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my recollection.

(Signed) PHILIP DELANEY

Witness:

R. D. Brown (Signed)  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois."

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The originals of the above quoted statement, and the heretofore quoted statement of JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR. are being transmitted with a copy of this report to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota, while copies of these statements are being retained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

Agent R. D. Brown will testify that PHILIP DELANEY made the following oral statements to him, just previous to his being arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, at Chicago, Illinois, on April 20, 1934:

In answer to the question - "Did you not suspect that this money given you by J. J. McLAUGHLIN to be changed into other money, was kidnap money, due to the quantity of it?", DELANEY answered, "I did not suspect it was kidnap money at first, but when the money kept coming,

furnished it must have been kidnap money and probably some of the ransom paid by EDWARD G. BREMER for his release."

DELANEY further stated that he believed that the teller at the bank where he changed all the money given him for changing by McLAUGHLIN; namely, the Mutual Bank located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, Chicago, knew that the money was "hot", due to the fact that no questions were ever asked and that it appeared strange to him he was able to change so much money, day after day, without having any questions asked and that he believed arrangements had previously been made by J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. at this bank, with this particular teller. This matter is receiving consideration by the Chicago Division Office at the present time.

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With further reference to the information furnished in this report, on pages 10 to 14, inclusive, relative to JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., the following is a list of the money found on his person, which proved to be part of the Bremer ransom money:-

\$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

I-05172767-A	\$10.00	
I-05195127-A	10.00	
		\$20.00

\$5.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

I-05871621-A	\$ 5.00	
I-05926140-A	5.00	
I-06026011-A	5.00	
I-06066099-A	5.00	
I-06123347-A	5.00	
I-06146356-A	5.00	
I-06244659-A	5.00	
I-06294981-A	5.00	
I-06362282-A	5.00	
I-06362264-A	5.00	
I-06044108-A	5.00	
I-06155238-A	5.00	
I-06148545-A	5.00	
		\$65.00
Total .....		\$85.00

All of the above listed notes are Federal Reserve Notes  
of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The Chicago Office will immediately submit a complete  
report on all the information disclosed to date, not previously  
reported in connection with the Bremer ransom money being passed  
at Chicago banks.

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May 9, 1934

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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:

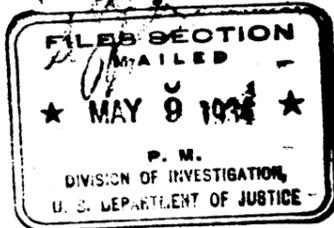
There are returned herewith the original photographs of Paula Harmon, from which the composite picture was prepared and from which were produced a number of photostats, which have been distributed to all field offices. Copies of these photographs are being retained by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

§ Enclosure #554302

cc Mr. Clegg, (St. Paul Office)  
Chicago







625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
May 1, 1934

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Special Agent in Charge M. E. Purvis of the Chicago Office telephonically communicated with me on April 29 advising that J. J. McLaughlin who is in custody at Chicago in connection with the above matter furnished the names of one "Iszy" and one "Slim" as being involved in this case, further stating that they had been in Chicago until recently but had probably left for Toledo, Ohio, and it was requested that an investigation be made in that city to determine if persons answering such names are known there.

Special Agent M. W. Hopkins of this office was immediately dispatched to Toledo and I am advised that the only Iszy of any prominence is Iszy Kaplan. This information was secured from Detective E. E. Meeker of the Detective Squad who is familiar with a great many characters in Toledo. He further advised that he could recall no individual generally known as Toledo Slim.

Upon making further inquiries it was determined that Iszy Kaplan is known as a racket bond promoter and that he has spent a great deal of time in Detroit and evidently has connections in Chicago. The persons contacted however advised that they have not seen him for the past eight or nine months in Toledo. At the Identification Unit, Toledo Police Department, the following description was found:

Age	40 years
Height	5 feet 2 inches
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark and thin on top
Nationality	Thought to be Jewish

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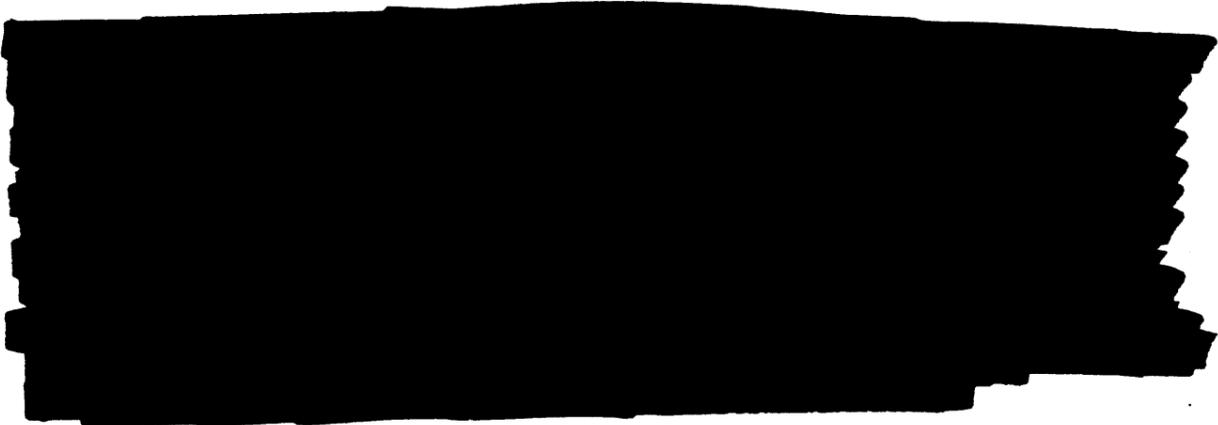
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Immediately upon receipt of this information Special Agent L. D. Sweeney was instructed to secure the criminal record from the Detroit Police which is as follows:

Name	Isak Kaplan, alias Isaac Kaplan, alias Isky Green, alias Isadore Kaplan
Age	41 years
Height	5 feet 2 3/8 inches
Weight	160 in 1927
Build	Stout
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel slate
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Russian Jew
Peculiarities	Receding chin
Teeth	Short and stubby
Marks	Brown mole on right cheek bone

A photograph taken in 1915 was secured and is being forwarded herewith to Chicago. b7c



The records of the Detroit Police Department reflect that on 5/1/34 a circular was issued by the Police Department of Flint, Michigan, for this individual. Upon communicating with Flint it was determined that they have a more recent photograph of this individual than the one secured from the Detroit Police, and they agreed to forward two photographs with a copy of their circular containing the description of this man direct to the Chicago Office. This man seems to answer somewhat the description furnished this office of "Ray".

A further search of the files in the Identification Unit at Toledo reflects that one David Rashken also has an alias of Inxy. His description is as follows:

Age	34 years
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches
Weight	131 pounds
Hair	Chestnut
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slim
Number	Toledo Police Department #12951.

A photograph of this individual was also secured and is being transmitted herewith to Chicago for identification purposes.

Joseph Weissman is also known in Toledo as Inxy. His description is as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Medium light
Born	San Antonio, Argentine
Build	Slender
Number	Toledo Police #12275

A photograph of this individual was also secured and is being transmitted to Chicago.

After a careful search of additional records at the Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department, it was determined that one George Huffmaster has an alias of Toledo Slim. His description is as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches
Weight	132 pounds
Eyes	Dark blue
Hair	Light chestnut
Build	Slender



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In the event McLaughlin is able to identify any of the photographs forwarded to Chicago it is desired that this office be notified and the necessary investigation will be conducted in an effort to locate the proper persons.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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BREKID FOLLOWING TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED BY U S ATTORNEY QUOTE

CHICAGO ILL DL DISTRICT ATTORNEY STPAUL MINN

I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AMERICAN LADY WIFE AND MOTHER TO DELAY INDICTMENT AGAINST MY SON AND HUSBAND OF CHARGES MADE BY YOUR AGENT MR PURVIS HELPLESS MYSELF FINANCIALLY TO REACH WASHINGTON ASK INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL OFFICE HERE I APPEAL TO YOU TO HAVE INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT WITHHELD UNTIL SUCH INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE I DENY ALL CHARGES HE MADE AGAINST MY HUSBAND AND SON WHO ARE IN JAIL UNABLE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES I KNOW CHARGES MADE BY MR PURVIS THAT MY SON POSSESSED MARKED MONEY IS A FALSEHOOD THE DISCHARGE OF THIS CASE IS AS GREAT AND INJUSTICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS IT IS TO US I APPEAL TO YOU VERY RESPECTFULLY

MRS MC LAUGHLIN

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May 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM  
FOR MR. CONLEY.

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Chicago concerning Jack McLaughlin, who has been taken into custody, bond being set at \$30,000. This boy is seventeen years of age. The newspapers are reporting that his lawyer thinks that he may make bond today. The only thing that is worrying the elder McLaughlin is his son, and this is the only reason that he is telling everything. Mr. Nathan stated that they have been talking to him every day, and yesterday he was very angry, stating that we had double-crossed him by promising to release his son. This allegation of course is not true. Mr. Nathan said that McLaughlin is an underworld character, and is "tough" and shrewd. Mr. Nathan suggested that young McLaughlin's bond be reduced to \$10,000 with the idea in mind that the elder McLaughlin would then give us additional information. I agreed with Mr. Nathan's suggestion, and told him to take steps to try to have this effected.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Edward J. Bremer*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

May 2, 1934.

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MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. RORER.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR TOLSON.

Mr. Holland of The Pathe News called at 10:15PM and wanted to talk to Mr. Hoover or Mr. Keenan regarding Boss McLaughlin. I advised Mr. Holland to call back in the morning.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R. L. Moore

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.  
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MR. ROBER	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Dorsey of the Pathe News telephoned at 8:30 P.M. and inquired as to who to contact to obtain authority to have a news picture made of 'Boss' McLaughlin. He stated the District Attorney had refused permission stating that the authority would have to come from Washington.

I referred him to Colonel Gates.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Kleinkauf*  
C. E. Kleinkauf.

*Edward G. Bremer*

*of course we will never consent to this.*  
*J. C. H.*

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

May 2, 1934

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



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the press dispatch under date of April 30, 1934 at Chicago, Ill., which indicated that the whereabouts of Wayne E. "Christian Kid" Yead, as the finger man in the instant case, was desired.

In this connection, Postoffice Inspector Graham of New York City, telephonically advised Special Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office that he had noted the information related above and that he desired to furnish the following information which might be of assistance:

That Louis J. Piquett, an attorney at Chicago, Ill. was alleged to have represented John Dillinger prior to the time the latter escaped from the Crown Point Jail, Indiana, and that Piquett also represented Mead in a case handled by the Postoffice Inspectors of Jacksonville, Fla., at which time Yead was to have reported to the court on April 2, 1934 but failed to do so.

Inspector Graham had no additional information, and the above is being submitted to your office for whatever value it might have in the event the same has not been developed previously.

Very truly yours,

cc Division  
cc Inspector W.A. Rorer,  
St. Paul, Minn.

F.X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned after calling in the press to give a brief statement concerning the John McLaughlin matter.

In connection with the general situation with reference to the press in Chicago, I mentioned to Mr. Purvis my conferences with the Washington representatives of the Chicago Daily News and the Chicago Herald Examiner, and stated that I felt the situation with those papers in Chicago would be somewhat clarified now. I suggested to Mr. Purvis that when he has no information, he should so advise the press, and when he has a story that can be given out, he should give it to the press.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

I telephoned Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago this morning, and called his attention to article in this morning's Washington Post concerning the arrest of John McLaughlin in Chicago, in which it is stated that our Agents are seeking a confidence man, who is alleged to be a Twin Cities contractor, who had apparently been fleeced. Mr. Purvis advised that he had received a number of inquiries concerning this matter, and while he knows of no basis for the story, he is looking into it.

Mr. Purvis stated he is of the opinion that McLaughlin is to be arraigned May 7th.

Mr. Randall, of the Associated Press, telephoned to state he had received a wire from Chicago advising that Mr. Purvis refused to give out any information on this case without specific authorization from me, and wanted to know if the story could be broken here. I told him I would call Mr. Purvis.

I immediately called Mr. Purvis and told him I saw no objection to his giving out the story, with regard to McLaughlin's attempt to pass the money and the fact that it involves the two sums in the two cases. I suggested that he call the press correspondents in and give them a brief statement on the matter.

In this connection, I then talked with Mr. Nathan, informing him of my conversation with Mr. Fitzmaurice, Washington representative of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, in which Mr. Fitzmaurice told me he had been requested by headquarters at Chicago to talk with me concerning the allegation that Mr. Purvis had given the Chicago Tribune a "scoop." I told Mr. Nathan of my suggestion to Mr. Fitzmaurice that I would have him, Mr. Nathan, call upon Mr. Victor Watson, Managing Editor of the Herald-Examiner, and his absence Mr. Dinahart, the City Editor, explaining our situation. Mr. Nathan will take care of this.

I also indicated to Mr. Nathan the action I desired taken relative to giving information to the press concerning the McLaughlin matter. He stated he would see that this conference is called immediately, and at that time he will also indicate to the press that he is not in Chicago to supplant Mr. Purvis.

Very truly yours,

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*Edward J. Bremer*

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA AGENT VAN WAGONER TELEPHONED TONIGHT THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS YET INDICATING DILLINGER AND GANG ARE IN VICINITY OF IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY WITH INFORMANT RESIDING FOX RIVER GROVE TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING LOUIS CERNOCKYS PLACE WITH REFERENCE TO LOCATION PEARL ELLIOTT DILLINGER CONTACT. SAC CONNELLEY DESIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER DEWEY ELLIOTT HUSBAND OF PEARL HAS BEEN RETURNED MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED THE DEWEY ELLIOTT IN MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY IS NOT HUSBAND PEARL. FORD COACH PROPERTY ROY P. FRANCIS ST. PAUL FOUND ABANDONED CHICAGO TODAY CONTAINED MATCH BOOKS WITH NAME WANATKA, LITTLE BOHEMIA LODGE. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.

BREKID SLIM IDENTIFIED AS ROY GRAY, WIFE ESTELLE GRAY, AND BROTHER IN LAW NAME NOT KNOWN HAVE APARTMENT AT 626 WAVELAND AVE CHICAGO, SAID PARTIES NOT SEEN SINCE LAST FRIDAY, BUT PERHAPS WILL RETURN SINCE THEY HAVE EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS IN APARTMENT. SLIM IS DRIVING 1934 FORD V-8 COUPE, ESTELLE GRAY HAS A 1932 BUICK SEDAN NOW PARKED AT GRACELAND GARAGE 3729 BROADWAY. PARTY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF KIZZY, KNOWN AS SAM MILLER PARKS HIS 1934 FORD V-8 COACH IN SAME GARAGE. SAME MELBER BROUGHT TO GARAGE BY GRAY. APARTMENT OF GRAY RAIDED TONIGHT. EVIDENCE FOUND LINKING HIM DEFINITELY WITH DR. MORAN. AGENTS ON DUTY AT GARAGE. WILL FOLLOW ALL LEADS CAREFULLY. ARTICLES SIEZED WILL BE EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS UNLESS DIVISION DESIRES US TO FORWARD ARTICLES TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY. AGENTS BROWN, NICHOLS, FALKNER AND CROWL PROCEEDED TO ST. PAUL TONIGHT TO PRESENT RANSOM MONEY MATTER TO GRAND JURY TOMORROW.

PURVIS

MESSAGE FROM ST PAUL BREKID  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE THAT ONE GRAY FIRST NAME NOT AT PRESENT KNOWN IS BROTHER IN LAW OF HARRY SAWYER OF ST PAUL AND MPLS WHO IS SUSPECTED AS A FINGER MAN IN BREMER KIDNAPING

DILLINGER CASE  
HOUSE WHERE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT PAT CHERRINGTON DEPARTED FROM MPLS ENROUTE TO CGO AND DETROIT WAS ENTERED TONIGHT AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS IS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AND THAT WOMAN WHO LEFT THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE WAS GOING TO CHICAGO TO VISIT HER SISTER CHICAGO HAS BEEN FURNISHED NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR VERIFICATION. THE DETROIT OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS FACT. EVELYN FRECHETTE ARRAIGNED TODAY ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY HEARING ON MOTION TO REDUCE BOND SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON BEFORE JUDGE JOYCE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT TRIAL ON HARBORING CHARGES MAY BEGIN NEXT WEEK. CHARGES AGAINST MCLAUGHLIN ET AL IN BREKID CASE TO BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY HERE TOMORROW MORNING AS WELL AS A WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT CASE AGAINST PAT REILLY. END

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*John*

CAN YOU GIVE US LICENSE TAGS ON BUICK CAR AT GRACELAND GARAGE ABOVE MENTIONED  
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ADDITIONAL ADDITIONAL MESSAGE TO FOLLOW

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CHARLES FRANCIS MCGUIRE NUMBER 8449 ARRESTED POLICE TOLEDO OHIO OCTOBER 3 1918 ON SUSPICION FUGITIVE RETURNED TO CHICAGO ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 10 1918 ON CHARGES ROBBERY AND ASSAULT TO ROB AND CONCEALING AND AIDING PRISONERS TO ESCAPE INDICTED ON LATTER CHARGE BY OCTOBER TERM GRAND JURY CHICAGO ILLINOIS DISPOSITION CASE STRICKEN OFF BY JUDGE HOLDEN CHICAGO ON JUNE 17 1921 CHICAGO POLICE RECORDS SHOW MCGUIRE [A] AT PRESENT WANTED AS FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE LOS ANGELES AND CINCINNATI FOR MAIL ROBBERY REPORTED UNDER INDICTMENT BOTH PLACES PURVIS

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.** S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-30-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-5, 15, 20, 27-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. Nora Mauhar, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, has no further information regarding Paula Harmon and Madelyn Snyder. The Texas News Stand, Houston, has had no persons resembling Subjects purchase St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Texas, 3-10-34.

**DETAILS:** Mrs. Nora Mauhar, Apartment #2, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, Texas was contacted on several occasions and each time she stated that she had no further information regarding the whereabouts of Paula Harmon and Madelyn Snyder, and has no idea with whom they may be contacting. The resident agent's telephone was furnished Mrs. Mauhar and she agreed to immediately inform Agent should she learn of any information concerning Paula Harmon, nee Brannon, and Madelyn Snyder.

Agent interviewed Mrs. L. W. Peay, Texas News Stand, 1017 Texas Street, Houston, Texas, on four occasions, and she advised that they have had no inquiries nor have they sold St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers to any persons resembling Subjects.

PENDING.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1830</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 2 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>MAY 4 1934</b> JACKETED:
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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 2, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
313 Hewes Bldg,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218,  
ARTHUR E. BARKER, with aliases, I. O.  
1219- et al, O  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
O Kidnaping,  
Chicago File 7-82

Confirming telephonic conversation between  
Agent Roche of your office, and Agent [redacted] of this office, in con-  
nection with the above-entitled case, please be advised that recently  
when Philip Delaney one of the subjects was taken into custody, he  
had in his possession a Western Union telegram dated April 24, 1934  
sent from E. Sacramento, California at 8:29 P. M. It was addressed  
to Delaney at his local address and contained the following message:

CALL TONIGHT 6:45 T O FIVE THREE SEVEN IMPORTANT  
REVISE CHARGES

It was signed- "Maurice".

It has been determined by this office  
that one FRANK J. PRINDVILLE, who is described as follows:

Name: Frank J. Prindville  
Age: 40 years  
Height: 5 feet, 6 inches  
Weight: 155 pounds  
Complexion: Light  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Light Brown, turning gray  
Build: Stocky  
Peculiarities: Always grinning, flashy dresser,  
wears horn rimmed glasses.

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left Chicago two or three weeks ago, for some point in California. Prindville resided at the Pershing Hotel in this city, and during the past winter, it is reported, he disposed of a large amount of "hot" money, and bonds. Possibly there is some connection between the sender of the telegram and Prindville.

It was also found that Delaney had a card in his possession, at the time of his apprehension, showing a membership in the International Sheriff's and Police Association. It was No. 119, and expired December 1, 1930. It was issued to Philip J. Delaney, Sacramento, California. The President was shown to be B. E. Schoener, St. Cloud, Minnesota, while the Secretary-Treasurer was William A. Gerber of St. Paul, Minnesota. It was suggested that appropriate inquiry may be desirable to determine whether Delaney was legitimately entitled to have the card above-described. Inasmuch as it was issued to him in Sacramento, the St. Paul Office is not being required to make any investigation relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

JJW/dr  
CC Division  
St. Paul

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri.  
May 2, 1934.



Attention:  
Division File 454350.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219,  
ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Referring to Division letter to Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of April 25, 1934, in the above captioned case, please be advised that it has been ascertained from the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, that Madeline Snyder was arrested by that department on August 18, 1932, under its police number 17073, on a charge of investigation, Miss Snyder having been released on August 27, 1932, by order of Judge Arthur Thompson.

One copy of Miss Snyder's photograph was obtained from the Omaha Police Department and is being transmitted herewith to the Division with the suggestion that appropriate copies thereof be made and be furnished the appropriate field offices for investigation in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

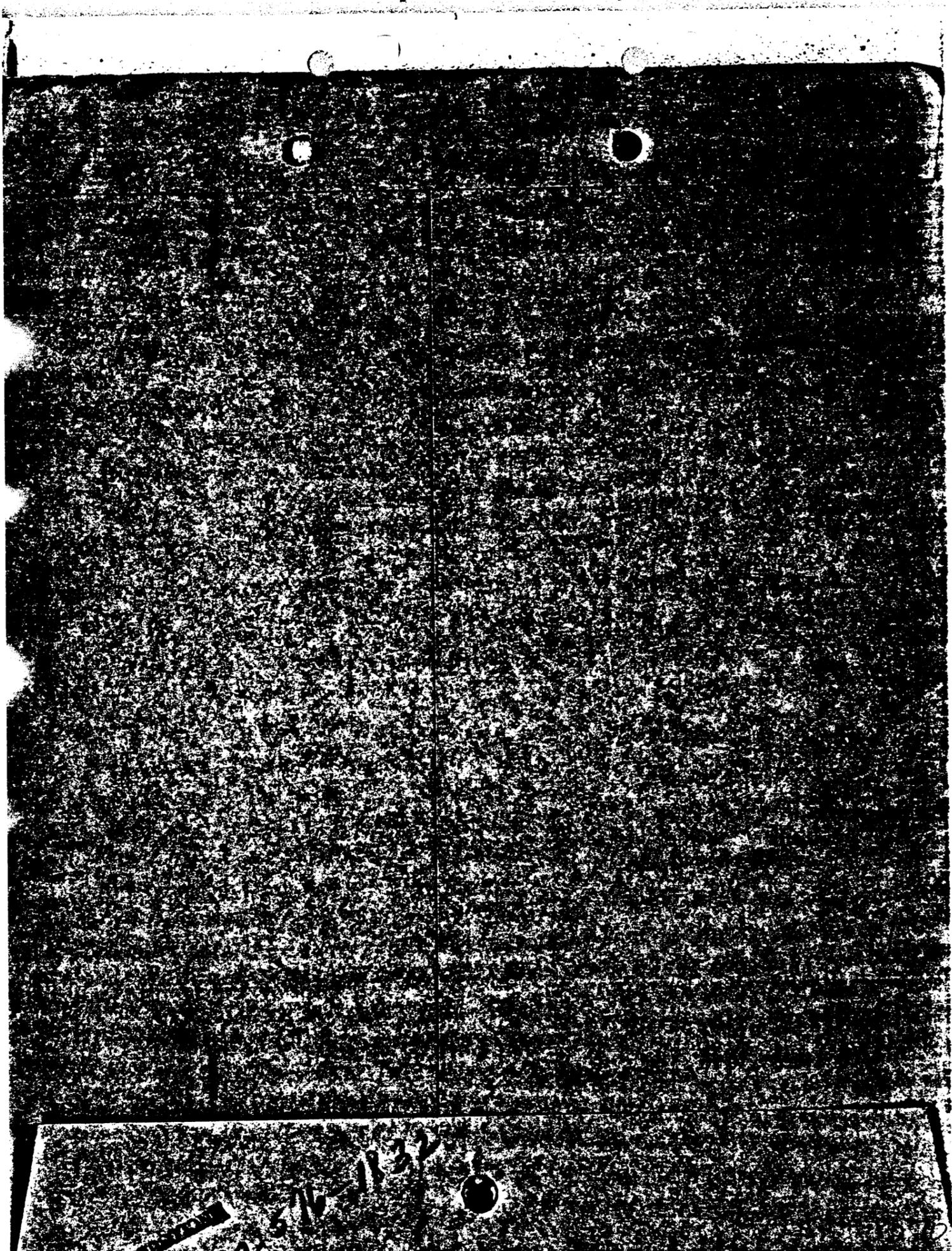
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E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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P.O. # 17073.  
O maha, Waukegan.  
Madeline Snyder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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May 3, 1934

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MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. RORER	.....

REN:mr

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Office telephoned at noon today to advise that he had received information indicating that Paula Harmon has been located at Cabool, Missouri and is in custody there; that two men with whom she was traveling escaped in a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Iowa license plates #37493; that these men had been partially identified as one of the Barkers and Karpis.

Mr. Blake stated that the reason he had received the information was that the woman was at first believed to be Bonnie Parker, companion of Clyde Barrow. I suggested to Mr. Blake that he telephone the information to the Kansas City Office, instructing that office to trace the Iowa license plates, and also to make investigation at Cabool, Missouri.

I telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear at Kansas City and learned that he had been in contact with Captain Shepherd of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who furnished him with information to the effect that the woman now in custody at Cabool, Missouri gives the name of Florence Isley, described as slim build, weighing one hundred pounds, 5' 3" in height; that the above automobile was abandoned at Cabool, Missouri; and that the State Officers are endeavoring to trail the men by the use of bloodhounds. Mr. Spear stated that he furnished Captain Shepherd with a complete description and fingerprint classification of Paula Harmon, and Captain Shepherd stated that he would have the fingerprints taken of the woman, and the Kansas City Office will be advised as to her identity. The 1934 Iowa license plates have been traced to one Charles Wilson, Grand Junction, Iowa.

Mr. Spear stated that he would keep the Division advised relative to any developments in this matter.

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Respectfully,

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R. E. Newby

*We should get some agents to Cabool at once to assist in the hunt.*  
J. C. H.

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ENCOURAGED BY THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF LINCOLN JUSTICE FOR ALL  
 MALICE FOR NONE I APPEAL TO OUR GREAT GOVERNMENT IN  
 WASHINGTON TO ISSUE ORDERS SO THAT THE PRESS MAY BE  
 PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW MY HUSBAND SO THAT THEY CAN HEAR  
 FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THE ALLEGED CONFESSION REPORTED TO  
 HAVE BEEN MADE BY HIM FROM MR PURVIS OFFICE WAS REALLY  
 MADE OR NOT MADE THE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN DENIED  
 THIS INTERVIEW BY ORDERS OF THE CHICAGO FEDERAL OFFICE I AM  
 UNABLE TO MAKE BOND WHICH MAKES HIM HELPLESS TO SPEAK FOR  
 HIMSELF THIS MOST JUST REQUEST HAVING BEEN DENIED FROM MR  
 PURVIS OFFICE I AM APPEALING TO YOU-

MRS MCLAUGHLIN.

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- MR. NATHAN
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- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- CHIEF CLERK
- MR. ADAMS

*Should be answered*  
 MAY 5, 1934  
 This need not be answered.  
 We are not running a circus  
 at Chicago & only his lawyers  
 can see him. I suspect the  
 Chicago newspapers have  
 put him up to this.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 1, 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 No. 7-50.

Reference is made to Division's letter dated April 11, 1934, addressed to Inspector W. A. Rorer relating to a list of names and police numbers of individuals whose fingerprints are to be checked against latent fingerprints in the above entitled case.

William Leonard, St. Paul Police Department No. 24115, was arrested at St. Paul on 7-29-33 and fingerprints forwarded to the Division immediately thereafter and report received from the Division dated August 16, 1933, referring to the Division's file No. 661470. The fingerprints of James Wilson, St. Paul Police Department No. 24156, may be found in Division's file No. 2278. The fingerprints of William Hart, St. Paul Police Department No. 23981, may be found in Division's file No. 245803. The records of the St. Paul Police Department disclose that no fingerprints of James Pinto, St. Paul Police Department No. 24144, and Joseph M. Byrnes, St. Paul Police Department No. 24145, were forwarded to the Division. Photographs of fingerprints of these two individuals are being prepared and will be forwarded to the Division when completed.

I am communicating with the Chicago Division office requesting that fingerprints of Joseph Crawford, Chicago Police Department No. 4875, be forwarded to the Division. I am likewise communicating with the Police Department at Sioux City, Iowa, requesting that fingerprints of Lewis Postare, Sioux City Police Department No. 3479, be forwarded to this office for transmittal to the Division.

Examination of the files of the St. Paul Police Department discloses that the fingerprint record of Albert DuVol, St. Paul Police No. 25982, is identical with Albert DuVol, carried in Division's file No. 41932 and in Division's file No. 118953.

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It has been further ascertained that the fingerprints of James Brock, St. Paul Police No. 24075, are identical with James Brock, Division's file No. 65122.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. GLEGG,  
Inspector.

JEB:HVS

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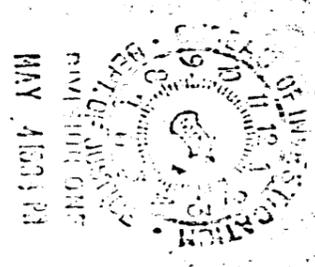
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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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May 2, 1934

RAA:HAM.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
Identification Order 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Please refer to the report of Special Agent C. E. McRae, Jr., of the Jacksonville Office, dated April 29, 1934, which indicates the status of this case here as being Referred Upon Completion to Office of Origin. This is incorrect. There is additional investigation to be made in this district, which is receiving appropriate attention. Please make the necessary correction on the Division's copies of the aforementioned report.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Inspector W. A. Rorer - Saint Paul  
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Mr. E. H. Clogg,  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

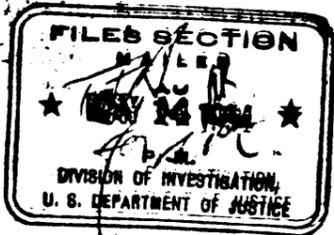
Reference is made to your letter dated May 1, 1934, submitting identifying data relating to a list of individuals whose fingerprints are to be checked against latent fingerprints in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1118, et al; Edward G. Bremer - victim; Kidnaping.

In each instance the Division file number referred to by you contains the arrest record referred to in our letter dated April 11, 1934. It is noted that you indicate that Albert DuVal, St. Paul Police #23982, is being carried in two Division files. You are advised that our file number 112953, although it pertains to an individual by the name of Albert DuVal, is not identical with our file number 41932, which contains the criminal record of the person in question.

The photostatic copies of fingerprints of Joseph Pinto, St. Paul Police #24144, and Joseph M. Byrnes, St. Paul Police #24145, received under cover of your letter of May 3, 1934, have been searched through the main fingerprint files, and were found to be identical with our files, number 207213 and number 785506, respectively.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Clegg this evening concerning the Dillinger case, and inquired about the individual named Sawyer, whose name has been linked with that of Dillinger and several others in St. Paul. Mr. Clegg stated that a boy named Pat Riley, described as small, lighthaired, thin and pale faced, a former mascot of the St. Paul baseball team, is supposed to be travelling with Sawyer. They have plenty of information and evidence with regard to Sawyer and if they are able to locate Sawyer he will be taken into custody and questioned thoroughly. Pat Riley's sister-in-law, Majorie, is a girl friend of a hoodlum named Tommy Carroll who is allied with Homer Van Meter. Mr. Clegg stated that it would be advisable to check the Division records on Carroll, but he doubted if Pat Riley has a record, however it is known that Pat Riley is Sawyer's man Friday and probably knows all about Sawyer's doings.

Mr. Clegg is going to telephone El Paso and talk to SAC Colvin concerning the wire from there this evening with respect to the airplanes at Phoenix, Arizona, thought to be owned by Sawyer.

Mr. Nathan is questioning the woman, Bessie, at the present time, Mr. Clegg stated, but he. Mr. Clegg, obtained the following additional from here with respect to the Barker gang. Harry Campbell has a Cherokee Indian girl about 18 or 19 years old for a girl friend. This girl has straight black hair, unbobbed, and is named Winona or perhaps Wema. Fred Barker's girl is Paula Harmon, who, according to Bessie, is a funny looking dame, with flat features, dark complexion, dark brown hair, age 25 to 28, weighs less than a hundred pounds and wears a size 12 dress. She has been going with Barker since last summer. Bessie stated that she never saw Doc Barker with a girl, but he is supposed to have a girl in Reno. Kate Barker, at the present time is believed to be in Chicago with her sister from California, name unknown. Doc Barker and Fred Barker had a split-up last Christmas. Alvin Karpis has a girl friend named Dolores, age 18, in Chicago, Karpis rents an apartment there for her. Ray Karpis eats quite frequently at an eating place in Maywood, Illinois, just outside Chicago. This place is reached by going north on Washington boulevard to the town of Maywood, turning left to North Avenue in Maywood. The girl Dolores is supposed to stay Chicago, she has light complexion, light brown hair, brown eyes, has a long bob and uses quite a bit of makeup. Karpis also has a wife living in Chicago but he doesn't contact her. Bill Weaver, also a member of the Bremer kidnaping gang, has a girl friend named Mary Eaton, who is his girl friend by force, he often kidnaping her and taking her away against her will. She is supposed to be

*John Dillinger*

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in Des Moines, Iowa, with her sister in law, the wife of another one of the Eatons. This sister in law runs a chicken eating place which is easy to find and Bessie states that wherever Mary Eaton is Bill Weaver is bound to be close, however he has been back to St. Paul on at least two occasions since the kidnaping. Bessie stated that she understood the Barker gang went to Reno right after the kidnaping, that Bill has returned to Des Moines to serve as a contact man to handle the money situation. In regard to the money situation, Mr. Clegg stated that about the first of December last year, the Barker gang was broke, that they planned the Bremer kidnaping, obtained the ransom money, turned it over to Sawyer, who was to keep it for ninety days, during which time he was to turn it in for good money, and take his cut for the exchange. Therefore it is believed that the Barkers and Karpis are laying low, and are not able to spend much money because of the fact that they have not got hold of the any of the money, and Mr. Clegg stated that Bessie stated that if none of the money had turned up yet, it was pretty certain that it was still being held by Sawyer and that he may be still negotiating through the Kleckmans, who are the bosses in St. Paul, to obtain good money, probably in New York. She stated that it is supposed to be ninety days before the money is turned back to the kidnaping gang, which is probably having just about enough money to get along.

Bessie stated that Billie described the house in which fire the Dillinger lived in Florida as having a large living room with four places grouped in a circle in the middle. However Bessie does not place much faith in what Billie says because she is inclined to lord over the other people and to stretch the truth. She stated that Harry Sawyer when he get "hot" usually goes to a hospital outside of Hudson, Wisconsin, which is sort of a private sanitarium for mental cases. At the time of the Bremer kidnaping, Bessie stated that she and Eddie Green were in the apartment building owned by Senator Capper in Topeka, Kansas. The girls who were with Barker and Karpis drink quite a bit and like night life.

Mr. Clegg stated that little by little they are getting this information out of her, but they are getting little evidence.

With regard to the Hamm case, Bessie stated that it is rumored that the Barker gang also pulled that job, but that they lost most of the money from that in a gambling place in Reno.

With regard to the record of Tommy Carroll mentioned on the first page of this memo, I am advised by Mr. Newby that he has already checked up on this man and he is known to be an associate of the bank robbers around St. Paul and is wanted by the authorities at Brainerd, Minn., at the present time for bank robbery.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley.

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

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*[Handwritten signature]*

April 30, 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.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry at Reno, Nevada, where under the name of F. T. HERRY he is making certain under-cover inquiries with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case, you are advised that I have asked Special Agent Fortenberry to submit to me daily a record of his expenditures for which reimbursement might be claimed, occasioned by his presence in Reno. I have received the first two itemizations of this type as follows:

For Thursday, April 26:

Taxi fares	\$2.00
Drinks	2.25
Gambling losses	4.00
Total . . . . .	\$8.25

For Friday, April 28:

Gambling (broke even)	
Taxi fare	1.75
Drinks and entertainment (for date and would-be-writer friend)	7.25
Total . . . . .	\$9.00

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It is obvious to me that because of the front that this agent would have to assume at Reno, there will be certain expenditures occasioned by his investigative status for which he should be entitled to reimbursement. It occurs to me, however, that there should be some sort of daily maximum which he should be required to follow as an average, and I would suggest the sum of \$7.50 as the maximum unless unusual

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circumstances arise for which he is able to submit an explanation in justification. Until I have received word from the Division on this point, I am not suggesting any restrictions to him, but if any contrary view is held I shall be glad to be advised telegraphically.

During the past week, I received a communication from him in the nature of a daily letter wherein he discussed the fact that one of the acquaintances which he has made was acquainted with "Doc and Fred". He had been unable to determine their exact identity, and his informant became so inebriated that the police took him to jail. Agent Fortenberry stated that he felt that he should get into jail himself in order that he could have the fellow prisoner feeling and could question this fellow while he was intoxicated; and after assuming intoxication for a time, he was unsuccessful in being arrested and instead the police were about to take him home, whereupon Agent Fortenberry took a swing with his fist at the policeman and then the policeman accommodated him by placing him in jail, although Agent Fortenberry's \$10 collateral was restored to him by the Judge the next morning.

In talking with this agent by telephone, as well as in a communication, I have informed him that I felt that such extremes were unnecessary and that he might have recourse to an agent in Reno who is not under cover to make the necessary inquiries. At least, this should be tried before resorting to such extremes.

I felt that the Division should be informed of these circumstances with reference to Agent Fortenberry's assignment in Reno.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:EVS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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May 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	___
MR. TOLSON	___
MR. CLEGG	___
MR. COWLEY	___
MR. EDWARDS	___
MR. EGAN	___
MR. QUINN	___
MR. LESTER	___
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MR. ROBERT	___

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear, Kansas City, and inquired whether anyone had been sent to Cabool, Missouri. He advised that he had not sent a man as the Chief of Police with whom he had been in touch was sending the fingerprints photograph, et cetera, of the woman arrested there for check up before he sent a man there in view of the length of time required to reach the point, it being necessary to travel by car. I instructed him to have a man proceed at once to personally handle the matter.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*Ed. and ...*

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WILLIAMS HUSBAND OF FLORENCE KILLED BY STATE OFFICERS AND  
WALTER ALLEN FORMER INMATE STATE REFORMATORY, ALGOA MISSOURI  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 30, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. ROSEN	.....

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*M* *newby*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago Saturday night. He stated that they had succeeded in getting complaints and warrants issued for McLaughlin, et al, but that in doing so it had been necessary for him to promise the United States Attorney at Chicago that indictments would be returned against these individuals at St. Paul. He stated that he had conveyed this information to Mr. Hanni in Mr. Clegg's absence and that Mr. Hanni had advised that he would discuss the matter with the United States Attorney. Mr. Nathan stated that he felt it absolutely necessary that indictments be returned at St. Paul and that if there was any hesitancy or reluctance on the part of the United States Attorney there the Department should take some action here. While talking with Mr. Clegg this morning I asked whether there was going to be any difficulty in getting the indictments. He stated that both the Judge and the United States Attorney were in full accord with the Division's activities and that he did not expect any difficulty at all in getting indictments. It was suggested that should any difficulty arise in connection with this matter he immediately advise the Division in order that the proper action might be taken later. Mr. Clegg stated that the Grand Jury had been dismissed but that it was being recalled for the purpose of returning indictments against these individuals.

*Edward G. ...*

Respectfully,

*S.P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
CHIEF CLERK	_____
Mr. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago and inquired as to the charges against McLaughlin, et al., particularly with regard to transportation. Mr. Nathan advised that the charge against them was Conspiracy to Kidnap Edward Bremer; he stated the Court held that the conspiracy was not consummated until the money had been exchanged; however as to the transportation charge angle, he had talked to St. Paul in this connection; that the Chicago and St. Paul complaints are identical in this regard and charged subjects with "carrying away and transporting victim in interstate commerce".

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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 DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY THREE EIGHT FIVE FEET THREE EIGHT ONE  
 TWENTY SIX BLONDE HAIR GRAY BLUE EYES STOP TWO MEN COMPANIONS  
 NOT YET APPREHENDED STOP FLORENCE CLAIMS ONE IS HUSBAND HARRY  
 WILLIAMS STOP AGENTS THIS OFFICE HAVE PROCEEDED CABOOL  
 MISSOURI VIA PLANE STOP WILL FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS LATER  
 STOP CINCINNATI REQUESTED MAKE INVESTIGATION GLASGOW KENTUCKY=  
 SPEAR ACTING.

- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
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MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

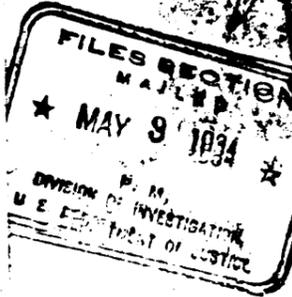
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For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have this day furnished to the Attorney General relative to the arrest of John J. McLaughlin and others at Chicago, Illinois in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 30, 1934, wherein you were advised of the arrest at Chicago, Illinois of John J. McLaughlin and three others in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, when it was learned that they were passing the ransom money at various Chicago banks. Jack McLaughlin, son of John J. McLaughlin, was included among those arrested and there was found concealed in his hat \$300.00, \$85.00 of which was identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, young McLaughlin stated that his father had given him \$260.00 of this money at the time of the bank moratorium in March, 1933. This, of course, was obviously incorrect in that the ransom money was not passed until February 6, 1934. He later made a signed statement admitting that his first statement was false and said that about \$200.00 of the \$300.00 found in his hat was given to him by his father on April 25 and April 28, 1934, with instructions to keep same in his safety deposit box until he received further instructions from his father.

The senior McLaughlin refused to make any statement until he was informed that his son had also been taken into custody. When he learned of his son's arrest, he advised that he met one Frank Wright, a Chicago confidence man and underworld character, in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel at Chicago and that Wright had suggested to him that he exchange some kidnaping money; that he again met Wright in the Sherman Hotel about three weeks ago and Wright introduced him to two men known as Jones and Smith, at the Irving Hotel; that these men told McLaughlin they recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for powerful mid-west gangsters and that they had \$100,000 to be exchanged. McLaughlin stated that he agreed to exchange this money on a 5% commission basis and he began to exchange this money on April 17th, assisted by his friends Vidler and Delaney, who did the actual exchanging and who have also been arrested.

McLaughlin states that the money was sometimes delivered to his home and that he sometimes obtained it from the Irving Hotel from Smith and Jones; that he agreed to exchange \$100,000 and was later advised that there were \$200,000 more available; that he was

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advised that the first \$100,000 was that of the Hamm Kidnaping ransom and understood the other \$200,000 was that of the Bremer Kidnaping money.

William E. Vidler, in a signed statement, admits exchanging over \$30,000 for McLaughlin and Philip Delaney admits, in a signed statement, that he drove an automobile transporting Vidler and McLaughlin to various banks where Vidler exchanged money, and that he, Delaney, personally exchanged \$24,000 in bills given to him by McLaughlin.

In connection with the arrest of the McLaughlins, Mrs. John J. McLaughlin telephoned the Chicago Office of this Division yesterday afternoon and stated that she intended to send the following quoted telegram to President Roosevelt, Senator Hamilton Lewis, the District Attorney in St. Paul, all newspapers in Chicago, St. Paul and Washington and to me:

"I appeal to you in the name of justice as an American, a lady, a wife and mother, to delay indictment against my son and husband. Charges made by your unprincipled agent, Mr. Purvis of Chicago, are false for what reason I do not know. Helpless myself financially to reach Washington to ask investigation of Federal office here, I appeal to you to withhold indictment and judgment until investigation is made of Mr. Purvis and his office in this case. I deny all charges Purvis has made against my husband and son and I charge him with persecution, not only of me and mine but all of the wonderful offices of the Federal Government. I deny the charges made by Mr. Purvis that my son John, Junior possessed marked money. My husband and wonderful seventeen year old son are in jail. I am alone. I appeal to you for help. The disgrace is as great to the Federal Government as it is to us. Please withhold indictment and judgment until you investigate." Signed Mrs. McLaughlin.

I thought you might desire to receive this information if the event publicity is given to the above.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

*McLaughlin - Hanson*



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DIRECTOR

MRS JOHN J MCLAUGHLIN THE WIFE OF JOHN J BOSS MCLAUGHLIN WHO WAS ~~SEE~~  
~~XXX BB XXX~~ BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BREMER KIDNAPING  
 CALLED ON THE TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON AND STATED THAT SHE INTENDED  
 SENDING THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, MR HOOVER,  
 SENATOR HAMILTON LEWIS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN ST PAUL AND ALL THE  
 PRESS IN CHICAGO, ST PAUL AND WASHINGTON " I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME  
 OF JUSTICE, AS AN AMERICAN, A LADY, A WIFE AND MOTHER, TO DELAY  
 INDICTMENT AGAINST MY SON AND HUSBAND. CHARGES MADE BY YOUR  
 UNPRINCIPLED AGENT, MR PURVIS OF CHICAGO, ARE FALSE FOR WHAT REASON  
 I DO NOT KNOW. HELPLESS MYSELF FINANCIALLY TO REACH WASHINGTON TO  
 ASK INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL OFFICE HERE I APPEAL TO YOU TO WITHHOLD  
 INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS MADE OF MR PURVIS AND  
 HIS OFFICE IN THIS CASE. I DENY ALL CHARGES PURVIS HAS MADE AGAINST  
 MY HUSBAND AND SON AND I CHARGE HIM WITH PERSECUTION, NOT ONLY OF ME  
 AND MINE, BUT ALL OF THE WONDERFUL OFFICES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.  
 I DENY THE CHARGES MADE BY MR PURVIS THAT MY SON JOHN ~~AND XXX~~ JUNIOR  
 POSSESSED MARKED MONEY. MY HUSBAND AND WONDERFUL SEVENTEEN YEAR  
 SON ARE IN JAIL I AM ALONE. I APPEAL TO YOU FOR HELP THE DISCREPANCY  
 IS AS GREAT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS IT IS TO US. PLEASE WITHHOLD  
 INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT UNTIL YOU INVESTIGATE. SIGNED MRS MCLAUGHLIN

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
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MR. QUINN...  
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MR. RORER...  
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April 16, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with telephonic request of Inspector H. H. Clegg in connection with ~~post office box 254 at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, which was rented under the name of E. V. Davis, and box 345, which was rented under the name of E. D. Murray, I am attaching hereto two memoranda submitted by Special Agent O. G. Hall and one submitted by Special Agent E. N. Notestein.~~

Very truly yours,

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

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*memo Mr Stanley  
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March 30, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR:

Re: BREKID  
St. P. 7-30.

(White Bear Lake, Minn.,  
P.O. Boxes and Mail)

Please refer to memorandum addressed to Inspector Rorer by myself, dated March 30, 1934, on the same subject as above titled.

Agent Sam McKee and myself on January 29, 1934, went to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, when the Postmaster, Mr. Campbell, was gone. We very carefully, with gloved hands, distilled water, pure white blotters, opened three letters, read and copied them, resealed the letters very carefully and left with no one knowing a thing about it. I assume that the Postmaster suspects we opened the letters, but under no circumstances would I want to see him involved as he is friendly and cooperative with us.

The letters were addressed to the holders of Post Office Box 254 and 345, E. V. DAVIS and E. L. MURREY.

This has been orally reported to Mr. Rorer, Mr. Hanni, and to Mr. Nathan, but has never been written into any report. I carry the copies of the letters in my pocket. As far as the file shows, the contents have never been learned.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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3 Director  
2 Inspector Rorer  
1 Agent Hall

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the envelope reads as follows:

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In connection with the above card, it may be noted that the Minneapolis Directory reflects that the address at 23 South 6th is occupied by Berdan's Eat Shop.

Agent was further advised by the Postmaster that Box 254 was also rented to one J. C. MORTON.

[REDACTED]

The above box to DAVIS was rented by FLOYD TRUNKEL, Post Office Clerk, on January 11, 1934, MR. TRUNKEL describing DAVIS as follows: Age, 35-40 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; hair, light; complexion, ruddy; rough skin; wore light suit, tan overcoat, and gray cap.

The box for MURREY, No. 345, was rented by Post Office Clerk AL LINDSTEN on January 3, 1934, MR. LINDSTEN being unable to give any description of MURREY other than the following: Age, 35-36 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches.

At the time of Agent's call at the White Bear Post Office it was Post Office Inspector STREICH'S intention to open all of the above mail for examination but because of the fact that the Postmaster was present during examination of the letters, MR. STREICH decided against opening

same.

The combinations on the two lock boxes have been changed and the mail returned to them. Any person calling for this mail will of necessity be required to call at the window. If any inquiry is made for this mail, Postmaster CAMPBELL has advised that the person calling for same will be taken into custody by the City Manager and Chief of Police of White Bear. The Post Office authorities and the St. Paul Division office will be notified."

Agent reported the above facts to Agent Hall and to Special Agent in Charge Hanni, and in a day or so later, when contacting Inspector STREICH about another matter, MR. STREICH stated that the mail at Boxes 254 and 345 had been ordered removed to General Delivery, Post Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, and further stated that he believed this Agent was responsible for the removal order. This was denied by Agent. Inspector STREICH on the following day called this Agent by telephone and advised that he had ordered the above mail returned to the White Bear Post Office.

This Agent did not order the removal of the mail in question and did not open same.

It may be further noted that E. V. DAVIS is a subject in the BREMER case and the name E. L. MURREY is a known alias for ALVIN KARPIS, identified subject in this case.

Recent investigation has also developed that E. V. DAVIS still maintains a P. O. Box at Lakeville, Minnesota, and the photo of VOLNEY DAVIS, a member of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, has been positively identified as E. V. DAVIS.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR RORER:

Re: BREKID  
St. P. 7-30.

(Mail at White Bear Lake,  
Minnesota, P.O. in connection  
with titled case)

My connection with the above matter came about through information obtained by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen that the persons that had shot, with a machine gun, one McCord in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1934, had been traced by him to E. L. MURREY, P. O. Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. The reason we had an interest in this matter was that from a very reliable confidential source from the underworld, I had learned that KARPIS and one of the BARKERS had shot McCord.

You will recall that from the very outset of this investigation, this gang was suspected of kidnaping EDWARD G. BREMER. For the same reasons we naturally had an interest in the persons who had rented P. O. Box 345 at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Agent Notesteen also learned that P. O. Box 254, same Post Office, had a connection with Box 345. Box 254 was rented in the name E. V. DAVIS, an alias for VOLNEY DAVIS, suspect in this case. E. L. MURREY is the alias of ALVIN KARPIS. These boxes were rented on January 12, 1934, five days before BREMER was kidnaped. It seems reasonable to assume that the rental of these boxes were a part of the modus operandi of the kidnaping. Consequently, it was of paramount importance that full facts concerning same be secured.

In these P. O. boxes some letters were found by Agent Notesteen. This, he reported to me. Later he went to White Bear Lake with Post Office Inspector Striech; returned and stated that he had been unable to learn the contents, or effect any way of so doing. I then sent a forwarding order to White Bear Lake to have the mail sent out to General Delivery, St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] who later told me in the strictest confidence that Inspector Striech had been trying to find something wrong with his office in order to have him removed to make way for a new appointee, then telephoned Striech that the forwarding order had been received, in accordance with Striech's instructions. b7c

Inspector Striech immediately told the St. Paul Postmaster to notify him if anyone called for the mail at St. Paul, and a day later he returned to White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

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The statement of Inspector Striech that Agent Notesteen had told him that he (Notesteen) had sent the forwarding order, to me, sounds ridiculous, because I sent the forwarding order. In my opinion, Inspector Striech, not knowing I had anything to do with it, merely assumed that Agent Notesteen had done it, and his statement to the Chief Post Office Inspector is untrue.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

OGH:RWM  
3 Director  
2 Inspector Rorer  
1 Agent Hall

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESPER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. ROBER.....

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago this morning. He stated that he yesterday interviewed Mr. Victor Watson, of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, and was very much pleased with the results of the interview. He stated that Mr. Watson was not acquainted with the situation concerning the allegation made by the reporters on the Herald-Examiner that Mr. Purvis had given the Chicago Tribune a "scoop" on the John McLaughlin case. He immediately called his subordinates, but all of them happened to be out to lunch. Mr. Watson stated that his reporters should get on intimate terms with the Division of Investigation, whether we encouraged it or not. Mr. Nathan asked Mr. Watson if he could inform his people that we do not engage in the practice of showing favoritism, and indicated to him that he, Mr. Nathan, would be glad to talk to anybody wishing to make a complaint. Mr. Watson asked Mr. Nathan to tell the Director and also Mr. Purvis that if in any way they seemed to be antagonistic or seemed to be attacking this Division, we could be assured that they did not have that kind of feeling toward us, but that on the other hand, he had the utmost respect for our organization. Mr. Watson advised Mr. Nathan that he was leaving shortly for the West Coast, but that upon his return to Chicago, he would be glad to see Mr. Purvis personally.

Mr. Nathan and I discussed generally the situation existing in our Chicago Office with reference to its relationship with the newspapers. I mentioned the fact that there is a very cordial feeling existing between the Division in Washington and the representatives of the Chicago Daily News and Herald-Examiner here, and stated that I felt the situation in Chicago could be cleared up considerably if Mr. Purvis developed a more cordial relation with the papers there. I told Mr. Nathan I also desired him to interview Mr. Craig, City Editor of the Chicago Daily News, expressing our gratitude for the manner in which Mr. Connors, their Washington representative, has cooperated with us. Mr. Nathan said he would take care of this some time today.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan later, and told him that the man with the Chicago Daily News that I want him to see is Mr. Henry J. Smith, Managing Editor. He stated he would see him instead of Mr. Craig.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the teletype from the Chicago Office dated April 29, 1934, wherein it is noted that John J. McLaughlin has stated that one Frankie Wright, Chicago confidence man and hoodlum took him to Room 209 Irving Hotel, 4845 West Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago where he met Jones and Smith, who were later referred to as Izzy and Slim. McLaughlin states that Slim and Izzy advised him that they had recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio where they had handled hot money for a powerful midwest mob. It was recalled that one Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias "Oz Fitz", who has been prominently mentioned in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case, during the time of his incarceration at the Kansas State Penitentiary, corresponded with a number of individuals in Toledo, Ohio, as reflected in the letter of the Kansas City Office dated February 16, 1934, addressed to the St. Paul Office, in the Bremer Case. It further appears from this letter that among the aliases used by Fitzgerald appears the alias "Slim William"; also Chi Slim and other aliases.

After consulting with Mr. Cowley I telephoned Mr. Larson and called his attention to the letter of the Kansas City Office referred to above and suggested that the addresses recited in that letter be given immediate consideration with a view to possibly picking up a trace of Fitzgerald. Mr. Larson advised that Agent Meekins is in Toledo, Ohio covering certain angles of the Bremer Case and that he would immediately furnish Agent Meekins with a copy of the letter referred to above. Mr. Larson also stated during my conversation with him that a record had been located at the Detroit Police Department of one Isadore Kaplan, #9894, who also used the alias "Iszy Kaplan" and is presently wanted under that name on charges of forgery by the Police Department, Flint, Michigan. Mr. Larson stated that he had obtained photographs of Kaplan and had forwarded them to the Chicago Office for identification purposes. I inquired of Mr. Guinane, Identification Unit, whether the Division had a record on this individual and was advised that "Kaplan", #24276 was arrested by the Police Department, Akron, Ohio on October 30, 1933, charged with suspicion. I instructed Mr. Guinane to forward two copies of the photograph appearing on the fingerprint card, submitted by the Akron Police Department to the Chicago and Detroit Offices for identification purposes.

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Respectfully,  
R. E. Nease

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a., I.O. #1219;  
et al.  
Edward George Bremer (victim).  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter from the Chicago Office to the Portland Office, dated April 24, 1934, requesting the Dallas Division Office to secure photograph of Charles LeRoy Kelso - Dallas PD No. 10564.

This photograph has been obtained and is transmitted herewith, with the request that the Division have copies made, sending two to St. Paul and two to Chicago Offices. The original should be returned to the Dallas Office since it is the gallery photo in the Police Department here and they have no other.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

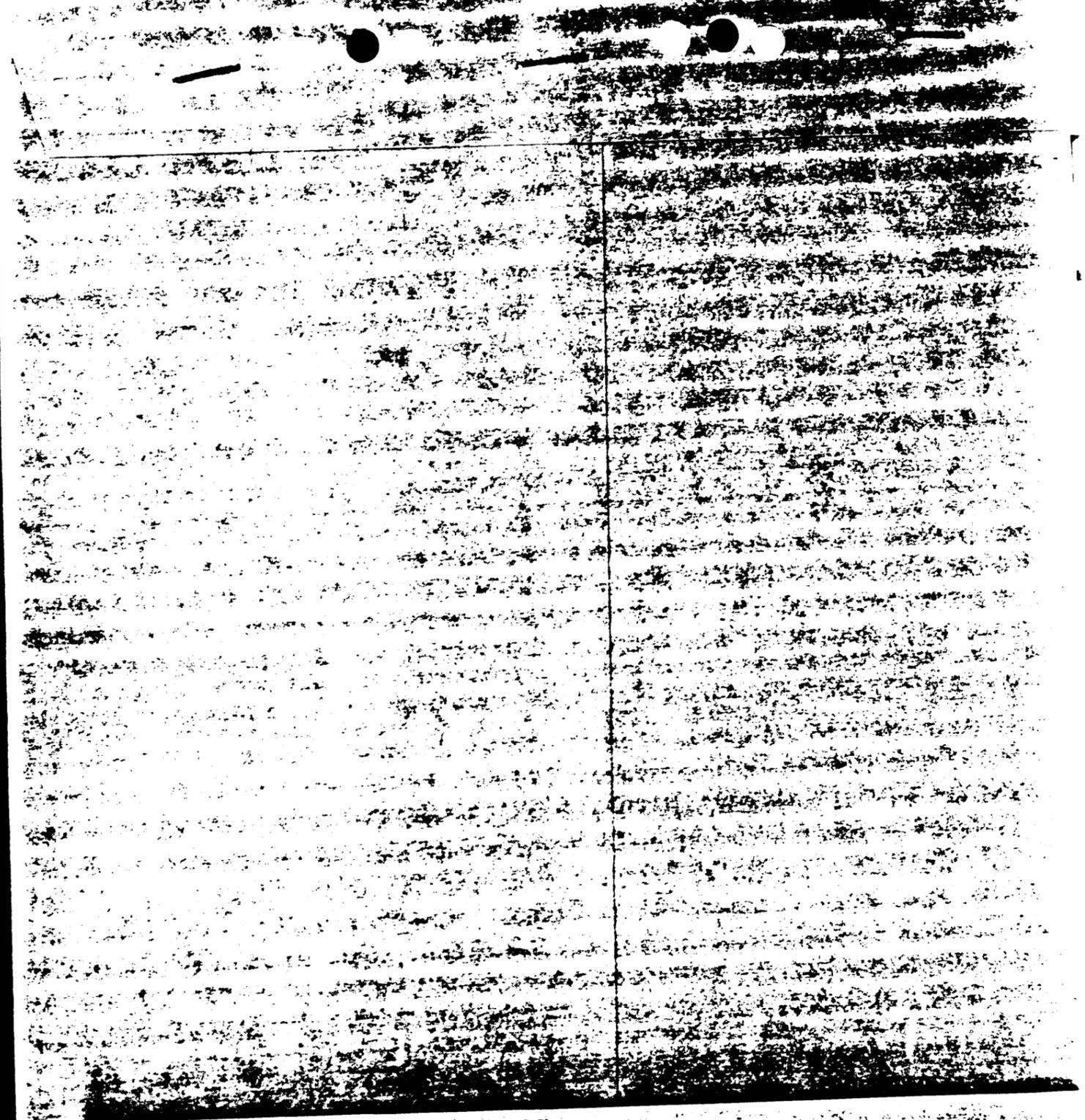
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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Dallas, Texas.

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:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago  
Office, addressed to the Portland Office dated April 24, 1934,  
wherein the Dallas Division Office was requested to secure  
the photograph of Charles LeRoy Kelso, Dallas Police Department  
#10564.

There is being returned herewith the original photo-  
graph of Kelso, forwarded to the Division by the Dallas Office  
with its letter of May 2, 1934, together with several copies.  
Several copies of this same photograph are being transmitted  
with copies of this letter to the offices indicated below.

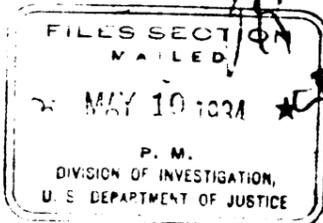
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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cc Mr. Clegg (St. Paul)  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/3/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/29, 30/34 &amp; 5/1, 2/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. W. MEEKINS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Circularization of postmasters of cities in which individuals of identical names as Subjects registering automobiles to date unproductive of information. E. W. Woods located and states he purchased Ford V-8 for one "Willie" alias T. C. Blackburn, and not identified as member of Karpis gang.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Detroit, Michigan, 4/18/34; letter from Kansas City to St. Paul dated 2/16/34; Division letter to Kansas City dated 4/30/34, entitled VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), et al.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>In response to letters addressed to several postmasters of cities located within the Detroit field territory concerning registrations of automobiles by individuals of similar names as the several Subjects of this case, no information of value to date has been received.</p> <p>Through continued efforts C. W. Woods, 4211 North Lockwood, telephone Lawndale 6282, Toledo, Ohio, was located through his Ford coach bearing 1934 Ohio plates number G-47,154. On interview he informed that his correct name is Elwood S. Yonkers [REDACTED] that he was born and raised at [REDACTED]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. W. Meekins</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Hagerstown, Maryland, and has lived in Toledo, Ohio, for the past fifteen years. For the past three years he has been engaged in running alcohol from Hammond, Indiana, where he obtained his supply from a man known only as "Frank," described as:

Age - 40  
Height - 5 feet 7 inches  
Weight - 160 pounds  
Dark hair  
Dark eyes,

and whose "shop" is located at either 200 or 201 South State Street of that city; that about one year ago while at "Frank's" place he met a man who became known to him only as "Willie" described as:

Age - 28  
Height - 5 feet 5 inches  
Weight - 160 pounds  
Build - heavy  
Light hair  
Probably brown eyes;

that he and "Willie" became pretty good friends; that about the first of September 1933 Willie asked him if he would purchase a Ford car for him at Toledo without a lot of questions being asked, and was informed that he would, having in mind the Lyman D. Arnold Incorporated, Toledo, Ford Agency, with whom he had previously done business; that about the last of September 1933 Willie came to his apartment and informed him, Woods, that he was ready to buy the Ford; that he then went with Willie to Lyman D. Arnold Incorporated where Willie remained in the background while he, Woods, went in and talked to Mr. Arnold personally and it was agreed that Arnold was to pay him \$40 commission on the sale; that Willie then came in and made the purchase of the car in question, paying for the same in cash with bills of very small denomination, to the best of Woods' recollection at this time; that at that time Willie used the name of "T. C. Blackburn;" that he understood Willie was also running alcohol and he knew well that Willie wanted the car covered up so he told Willie to give his address as 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, Ohio, which he knew was a vacant lot; that Willie then took the newly purchased car and departed and was seen no further until about three months ago when Willie returned to Toledo, Ohio, for a few minutes and stopped by to say hello.

When shown a group photograph of the Karpis gang, Woods was very definite in this statement that none of those individuals were identical with the party known to him as Willie alias T. C. Blackburn, and further that he had never seen any of them; that he does not know where

Willie is at the present time but feels that Frank previously referred to herein can inform of that individual's whereabouts. Woods agreed that when he was next in Hammond he would endeavor to learn more about Willie and where he might be located. Woods seemed very much disturbed over his situation, [REDACTED]

As a matter of record the following description was obtained of Woods from personal observation:

Name	Elwood S. Yonkers alias C. W. Woods
Age	42
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark brown, very thin on top
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy and full faced
Teeth	Several upper front teeth gold
Marital Status	Single; [REDACTED]
Residence	4211 North Lockwood Street, Toledo
Telephone	Lawndale 6282
	Known to Detective George Stevenson of the Automobile Detail, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio.

In view of the information contained in letters of reference, investigative activities concerning the identity of Charles J. Fitzgerald with aliases is being incorporated herein, and extra copies of this report are forwarded to the Kansas City, St. Paul and Chicago Offices for incorporation in their files entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased), et al., Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Superintendent John Louy, Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and he informed after a check of his file of the following criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald, aliases:

Charles Morgan  
 J. C. Hammond  
 W. M. Funk  
 "Slim" Williams  
 Frank West  
 Charles Logan  
 Charles Lowe  
 Philip Fitzgerald  
 W. M. Frank  
 J. C. Hammon  
 W. D. Fitzgerald

Charles Fitzgerald  
 J. C. Adams  
 Daniel Mathias Logan  
 Charles Jordan  
 W. E. Fitzgerald  
 "Chi Slim"  
 "Big Charley"  
 "Big Ben"  
 "Big Fitz"  
 "Long Charley"

[REDACTED]

1/30/19, as Charles Jordan, alias "Big Fitz", alias CHARLES Fitzgerald, #11006, arrested Detroit, Michigan, with John Russell alias Morgan, #11004, charge investigation - fugitive, safe blow; disposition released.

4/22/19, arrested PD, Toledo, Ohio, charge fugitive; disposition, ordered extradited to Ellsworth, Kansas, for safe blowing.

Inasmuch as Division letter of reference has forwarded a copy of the criminal record of this individual to the Kansas City Office, no disposition sheet is being submitted by the Detroit Division Office as it is presumed that the Kansas City Office may have received the above quoted criminal record prior hereto.

Superintendent Louy further informed that the arrest at Toledo, Ohio, on 4/22/19 was made by Detective E. J. Eaton of the Toledo Police Department. Detective Eaton was interviewed and he informed that he recalls his arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald at 555 Spencer Street, that city, on a charge of being a fugitive from Kansas, which resulted in the removal of Fitzgerald to Ellsworth, Kansas, where he was subsequently tried on safe blowing and robbery charges; that it is his present recollection that Fitzgerald was then a new comer to Toledo and had no friends or connections in that city. Detective Eaton was unable to advise of any possible source of information concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald in Toledo at the present time. However, inquiries of Detective Emmet Cairl, Toledo Police Department, resulted in information that it was possible that one Joe Remue, presently employed by the Page Dairy Company, might be able to furnish information concerning Fitzgerald.

A check of the latest editions of the Toledo telephone and city directories for present addresses of those individuals with whom Fitzgerald communicated while confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary was without result. Further efforts were made to obtain addresses through the Toledo and Rossford, Ohio, postal officials, but with similar results. However one Mrs. Minnie Fitzgerald was listed as residing at 1731 Mansfield Street, Toledo, Ohio. She was interviewed and it was very apparent that she was not the Mrs. Minnie Fitzgerald in interest and could furnish no information of value.

Joe Remue, 1747 Spencer Street, employed by Page Dairy Company, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and he informed that he remembers Charles J. Fitzgerald whom he met at a beer parlor of one Fred Goletta, whose present address is 908 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, where that individual operates a small restaurant and beer shop; that he met Fitzgerald in the early part of 1919, to the best of his present recollection, and that they drank beer quite frequently together at Goletta's place and became fairly well acquainted; that however he learned nothing of the past character and

reputation of Fitzgerald until that individual's arrest and removal to the state of Kansas on bank robbery and safe blowing charges; that since that time he has not seen or heard of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and was unable to furnish any information which was indicative of his present whereabouts.

In checking over the list of Fitzgerald's correspondents while Fitzgerald was confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Mr. Remue informed that Fitzgerald was not married and that the woman living with him at Toledo, Ohio, at 555 Spencer Street at the time of his arrest was a common law wife whose first name was thought to be Minnie; that this Minnie Fitzgerald had a sister by the name of Minnie Leivigh and a halfsister by the name of Minnie Frantachi, and that he has heard nothing concerning any of them for ten or twelve years. Mr. Remue further informed that the person listed as the correspondent by the name of Fred Coletta was no doubt Fred Coletta who is presently residing at 908 Monroe Street, and is himself a close mouthed and suspicious sort of individual, and when approached by strangers would give no information; that it would be his guess that he is possibly the only one in Toledo who might know anything recently of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and that he would within the next day or so go to Coletta's restaurant and there drink beer with Coletta, during the course of which he would endeavor to obtain recent information concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald. Mr. Remue was furnished with a self-addressed envelope marked for the attention of a Detroit file and stated he would forward any information of value he might obtain immediately.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The Detroit Office at TOLEDO, OHIO, in the very near future will interview Joe Gemme, 1747 Spencer Street, an employe of the Page Dairy Company, for such information as he may have been able to obtain from Fred Coletta of 908 Monroe Street.

The Chicago Office at HAMMOND, INDIANA, will endeavor to establish the identity of "Frank", alcohol operator reported to be operating from 200 or 201 South State Street, for information concerning the identity of "Willie" mentioned in the body of the instant report and specifically under the interview of Elwood S. Yonkers alias C. W. Woods.

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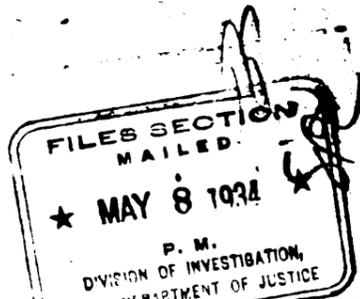
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. W. Hopkins, dated Detroit, Michigan, May 9, 1934 reflecting the results of an investigation at Toledo, Ohio with respect to the purchase of a Ford V-8 Sedan by an individual who gave his name as T. C. Blackburn. Investigation by the Salt Lake City Office indicates that this is an alias used by a member of the Barker-Karpis gang and in view of the reputation of this gang, it will not be possible to obtain information concerning its activities from any of the contacts which it may have in various localities.

It is apparent that G. W. Woods, 4211 North Lockwood Street, Toledo, Ohio is a contact for members of this gang and, therefore, will refuse to give any information concerning its activities or identify photographs which may be exhibited to him. Woods, no doubt, will tip off this gang relative to the activities of agents of the Division. Therefore, it is suggested that an investigation be made of the activities of Woods to determine the identity of his associates and it is believed that a check of long distance telephone calls made by him will produce information of value.



The Division has been unable to locate a record of Woods, whose true name appears to be Elwood B. Yonkers, and in the description set forth on Page 3 of the report of reference, it is noted that this individual is known to Detective George Stevenson of the Automobile Detail, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio. An effort should be made to determine whether Yonkers has a criminal record; therefore, you are instructed to have an agent interview Detective Stevenson for the purpose of ascertaining whether Yonkers has an arrest number which will assist the Division in locating a criminal record of this individual.

In view of the statements made by Subject John J. McLaughlin, who was recently arrested in Chicago in connection with the passing of the Bremer ransom money, that the individuals with whom he was dealing were from Toledo, Ohio and further in view of the fact that two cars known to be in the possession of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were purchased at Toledo, Ohio, the Division feels that a very thorough investigation should be made there for the purpose of determining where these individuals resided and what contacts they have made there in the past.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Inspector Clegg

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

May 3, 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 11,  
1934, listing names and police numbers of individuals whose  
fingerprints were to be checked against latent fingerprints  
in the above entitled case and my reply thereto, dated May 1,  
1934. There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of finger-  
prints of JOSEPH PINTO, St.Paul Police Number 24144, and JOSEPH  
M. BYRNES, St.Paul Police Number 24145, referred to in the above  
correspondence.

Very truly yours,

*H.H. Clegg*  
H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from the Kansas City Office,  
dated April 20, 1934, requesting the registration of 1933 California  
license #6-C-189, and disposition made of plates by registrant.

It was ascertained through the California State Division of  
Motor Vehicles, San Francisco, Calif., that 1933 California license  
#6-C-189 was issued to one Frank Krizo, of Tule Lake, Calif., on a  
1929 Ford Tudor Sedan, motor #A817628.

It was ascertained from Mrs. M. Martin, of the National Auto-  
mobile Theft Bureau, San Francisco, that the car was registered to  
Krizo as sole owner and the car has 1934 California license 4-C-3566;  
that there is no report in the records of the California State Division  
of Motor Vehicles of the loss or theft of 1933 license plates #6-C-189  
and that Frank Krizo has two other cars registered to him, viz: 1933  
Ford truck, motor #835235935, 1934 license A5608, the Pacific Finance  
Corporation of Portland, Oregon, being the legal owner; and a 1930  
Chevrolet truck, motor #4407801, 1933 license 6-C-188, with no 1934  
license issued. It was also ascertained that Frank Krizo has no  
operator's license but that an operator's license was issued to his son,  
one Frank Krizo, Jr., of Malin, Oregon, #253007, on Feb. 28, 1933.

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upon which operator's license the description of Frank Krizo, Jr., is, age 19, height 5-11, weight 171, brown eyes, sandy hair, and upon which there is a notation that the application is signed by his father, Frank Krizo.

Tule Lake, Calif., being in the northernmost portion of the territory of this Office, and in one of the wildest and most inaccessible regions of California, it was deemed advisable to contact Krizo telephonically, but it was ascertained that Krizo lives on a ranch some four miles from Tule Lake, Calif., is a Bohemian, and cannot speak English. Krizo was sent for and a Mr. Chester Hazalino, who has a telephone station at Tule Lake and operates a camp, offered to interpret for him. This was done and Krizo reported at this time, through the interpreter, that the 1933 plates on his car, namely 6-Q-189, were, he thought, still in his possession and he had nailed them to the doors of his barn at the farm above noted.

Mr. Hazalino promised to check this matter and ascertain if the plates were actually there and he reported on the following day, telephonically, that he had been to the ranch of Frank Krizo and had there personally seen both 1933 California license plates, 6-Q-189, nailed to the door of the barn on the Krizo ranch. Mr. Hazalino advised that Krizo's son, Frank, was at the ranch at the time that he made his inspection.

Later telephonic contact with W. T. McCaymond, the assistant postmaster at Tule Lake, Calif., developed that Mr. Hazalino is the operator of an auto camp in Tule Lake and is well regarded in that community; that Krizo is a farmer and as far as he knew had a good reputation in the community.

The substance of the above noted information was wired to you on April 21, 1934 with the notation that an Agent would be sent to personally verify the possession of these license plates, if desired. In view of telegram received from your Office on the same date, acknowledging receipt of this wire, no further investigation is being conducted in connection with this matter at this time.

Very truly yours,

c.c. Division  
c.c. St. Paul  
c.c. Chicago  
c.c. Insp. Rorer, St. Paul

R. E. Vetterli  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

May 2, 1934.

Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming information orally trans-  
mitted to you, you are advised that Mr. William R. Mieschke  
of the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago is pro-  
ceeding to St. Paul to give testimony before the Grand Jury  
with reference to the BREMER kidnaping case.

It is understood that Mr. Mieschke  
has not had a subpoena served upon him, but will expect  
service upon his arrival here on the morning of Thursday,  
May 3, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H. H. GLEGG,

Inspector.

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U S ATTY TONIGHT IS DRAWING INDICTMENT BASED ON EVIDENCE INTRODUCED IN  
GRAND JURY TODAY AGAINST FOUR PRISONERS HELD THERE ALSO AGAINST  
JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE AS ACTUAL KIDNAPPERS ALSO AGAINST BARKER AND  
KARPIS ALSO ZAGAINST FRANKIE WRIGHT "SLIM" AND "IZZY"  
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U S ATTY WILL INCLUDE DECSRIPTIONS OF SLIM AND IZZY  
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*Edward J. Brennan*

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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
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0 BREKID SUPPLEMENTING TELEPHONE CALL CALIFORNIA OPERATORS LICENSE  
FOUND ON DELANEY SHOWS HIS ADDRESS NINETEEN TWENTY NINE TO BE THIRTEEN  
NAUGHT TWO THIRTY THIRD STREET SACRAMENTO

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May 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

I have read with interest Mr. Newby's memorandum of May 1, 1934, attached hereto, concerning the possible identification of the (Issy and) Slim who were mentioned in connection with the John J. McLaughlin matter at Chicago. It would seem quite likely that Mr. Newby has possibly established the identity of Slim as Charles J. Fitzgerald and Issie as Isadore Kaplan. Photographs of both of these men, if it has not already been done, should at once be sent to Chicago for the purpose of definitely identifying these two as the men who passed the money to McLaughlin. Please see that this matter is given very careful attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl.

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

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May 5, 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, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-90.

Dear Sir:

A newspaper reporter has today, May 2, 1934, furnished information concerning "Sioux City" Whitey, and he advised that the individual who saw "Sioux City" Whitey last was A. C. BALTERS, 1188 West Minnehaha Street, St. Paul, and Forest Lake, Minnesota, St. Paul telephone Elkhurst 4634, who would probably be returned to his home Wednesday night. MR. BALTERS is supposed to be an investigator and collector for the Universal Finance Corporation. This information may be found of value to you in connection with your inquiries relative to the BREMER kidnaping case.

I telephoned information to Mr. Nathan recently which was furnished me by a newspaper reporter to the effect that "Sioux City" Whitey was supposed at the time to be running a gambling establishment at La Crosse, Wisconsin. At that time Mr. Nathan indicated that your office was conducting no investigation relative to this individual.

The above information is submitted for such value as it may have to your office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector

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

DIVISION ONE

MAY 5 1934

May 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.# 1218,  
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 9-30.

There is transmitted, herewith, a communication received at the St. Paul Office on May 1, 1934 from George Bechwar, Secretary of the Barton, Wisconsin, Fire Department, indicating an answer to a circular letter, that there was a fire at Barton, Wisconsin, on January 28th, and the records show that this was a rural call from the Alfred Reinders home in the town of Barton, where a chimney fire had set the roof on fire and the alarm was sounded.

Since Barton is located in the territory covered by the Chicago Office, this information is transmitted in connection with the investigation conducted in your territory relative to the BREMER hideout.

Very truly yours,

H. E. GLENN,

Inspector.

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 MR. SOAN  
 MR. QUINN  
 MR. LESTER  
 CHIEF CLERK  
 MR. ROBER

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From St. Paul 5-4-34. 12:40a

DIRECTOR AND PURVIS  
 BREKID

ALVIN KARPIS GIRL FRIEND IS DOLOFXRES 19 YEAR OLD SISTER OF PAT VEILLY,  
 2343 AND ALSO A SISTER OF THE BLONDE WHO IS BEING HELD AT MADISON WISC  
 WHO WAS CAPTURED AT LITTLE BOHEMIA. THE MAIDEN NAME OF THESE THREE  
 GIRLS IS DELANEY WHICH IS IDENTICAL WITH NAME ONE OF SUBJECTS BEING  
 HELD AT CHICAGO IN BREKID MONEY TRANSACTION

U S ATTY HERE ST PAUL IS DRAFTING INDICTMENTS EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED  
 TOMORROW AGAINST TWO MCLAUGHLINS, VIDLER, DELANEY, BARKER, KARPIS,  
 SLIM, IZZY, FRANKIE WRIGHT, JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE

INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE THAT ONE IZZY WOLKE IN TRANSFER BUSINESS AT  
 MPLS IS FRIEND OF HARRY SAWYER BUT NO INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE UNLESS  
 FACTS KNOWN AT CHICAGO WARRANT SUGGESTION BY CGO OFFICE

HAVE LEARNED THAT THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS AT SAN ANTONIO WHEN  
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 AND TOMMY CARROLL WHILE THERE WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO A MANICURIST WHICH  
 LEAD TO HIS BEING IN THE SHOOTING SCRAPE

SAN ANTONIO NOTIFIED AND FISHER WAS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO LEAVENWORTH  
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BESSIE GREEN ADMITS TONIGHT THAT SHE RENTED THE APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY  
DILLINGERS AT LEXINGTON AVENUE ST PAUL

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May 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

I telephoned Mr. Purvis at Chicago and advised him that I had received inquiries from the press as to whether any indictments in the Bremer case are being returned at Chicago. Mr. Purvis stated that none are being returned.

Mr. Purvis mentioned incidentally that three men had just been brought into the office who were picked up by Agents in the apartment on Marshfield Avenue, where they were looking for Slim and Izzie. He didn't believe any of these individuals were Slim or Izzie, but felt that they would be able to furnish information as to their whereabouts.

I telephoned Mr. Clegg at St. Paul to inquire about indictments in the Bremer case. United States Attorney Sullivan was in Mr. Clegg's office at the time, and stated that indictments had already been returned against Barker, Karpis, the four persons held in Chicago, Slim, Izzie, Frankie Wright, John Doe and Richard Roe. The latter two names are for the persons who actually participated in the kidnaping in addition to Barker and Karpis. These indictments were returned secretly, the report being made to the Court in confidence. Mr. Sullivan suggested that we wait until the certified copies reach Chicago before making announcement. I told Mr. Clegg I would refer inquiries to United States Attorney Sullivan. It is expected that the copies will reach Chicago by tomorrow morning.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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May 4, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

On the evening of May 2, 1934, I telephoned the Chicago Office to ascertain what statements John J. McLaughlin had made at the Commissioner's hearing. Special Agent McIntire advised me that there had been no Commissioner's hearing; that the hearing was scheduled for May 7, 1934; that the only admission made by McLaughlin relative to his participation in the exchanging of the Bremer and Hamm ransom money has been reported to the Division in a teletype message, which information has already been set forth in a memorandum for the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

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E J CONNELLEY  
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426 U S CUSTOM HOUSE & P O BLDG  
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0 BREKID STATE PATROL HAS FLORENCE WILLIAMS IN CUSTODY CABOOL MISSOURI AGE THIRTY THREE HEIGHT FIVE FEET THREE WEIGHT ONE TWENTY SIX BLONDE HAIR GRAY BLUE EYES CLAIMS HUSBAND HARRY WILLIAMS STOP FLORENCE BELIEVED FROM GLASGOW KENTUCKY STOP OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION FLORENCE AND HARRY WILLIAMS IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY

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DIRECTOR

SPECIAL AGENT L D NICHOLS IS PROCEEDING TO ST PAUL TONIGHT FOR GRAND JURY IN THE BREMER KIDNAPING CASE HE WILL INSTRUCT THE AGENTS THERE IN WIRE TAPPING AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER WHICH I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO START HIM OUT ON THE TRIP OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER

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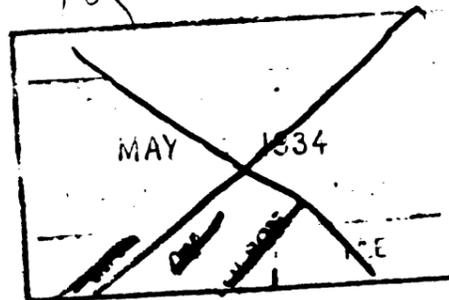
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May 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Connelley has his squad at Indianapolis well organized, and has developed some valuable contacts.

He also stated that at the Chicago Office they have designated a Dillinger squad, a Bremer squad, and a general squad of Agents.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 4, 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 R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sirs:

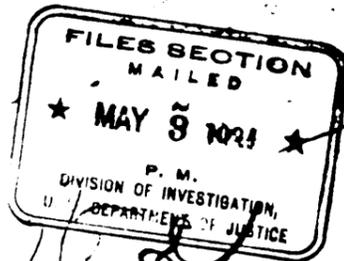
As of possible assistance in conducting the investigation in the above entitled case, there is enclosed herewith one set of enlarged photographs of Arthur R. and Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

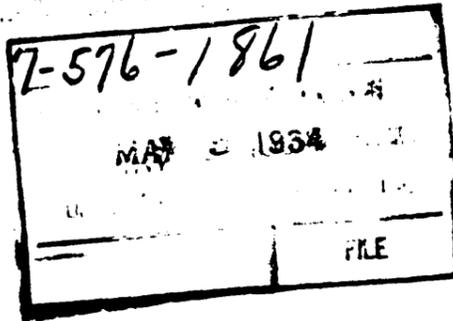
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cc-Inspector W. A. Rorer,  
St. Paul Office



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May 4, 1934.

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

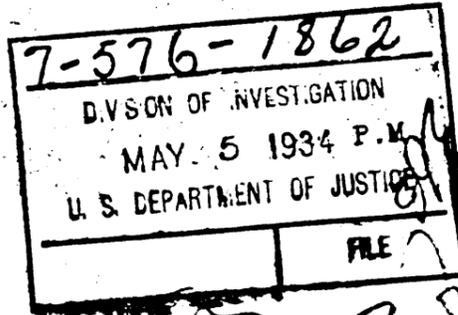
Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, reference is made to your letter dated April 5, 1934, transmitting an original ransom letter addressed to Mr. John B. Braksham, and also, under separate cover, a package of corn meal.

It is noted that numerous persons are reputed to have handled these objects, and inasmuch as approximately twenty latent fingerprints have been developed thereon no direct comparisons or single fingerprint searches are being conducted pending receipt of, or advice as to the availability of fingerprints and palm prints of persons known to have handled the ransom letter and corn meal box.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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

FILE NO. **7-15 JOP:aw**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-4-34.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/25/34; 5/1-3/34.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>EMERSON HOOP</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Superintendent of Police George Reyer, New Orleans, La., states he arrested Paula Harmon, alias Marie Mayer, alias Marie Rainey, 5-1-28, on suspicion in house of ill fame, 144 So. Rampart St.; that her activities have been unknown since that time. Louise Jackson, operator of house of prostitution, 144 So. Rampart St., in 1928, 1929, and 1930, states does not recall Paula Harmon, alias Marie Mayer; states all efforts on her part to assist in securing leads to locate her have been unsuccessful.

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REFERENCE:

Division letter to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 21, 1934.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

DETAILS:

On April 25, 1934, agent interviewed Superintendent of Police George Reyer, who stated that on May 1, 1928, one hour after her arrival in New Orleans, Louisiana, he arrested Paula Harmon, known to him as Marie Mayer, alias Marie Rainey; that he arrested her on suspicion at 144 So. Rampart Street as a result of advance information that she was coming to New Orleans to visit one, Tom Rainey, of Chicago, who was in New Orleans to rob a bank; that Stephen Beck, of Detroit, Michigan, Jack Smith, Stacey F. Hart, and Tom Rainey were bank robbers who robbed the Canal Bank & Trust Company at Market and Bocheblave Streets shortly thereafter, at which time Rainey escaped; that Louise Magness was a woman

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1963	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 7 1934
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connected with them; that both Rainey and Paula Harmon were then out on parole from either Iowa or the Dakotas for participating in a robbery of the American Express Company and U. S. Post Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa; that he, Meyer, believes Rainey and Paula Harmon were then legally married and still together in all criminal activities; that Stephen Beck was in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana, a short time ago; that Jack Smith was killed in a hotel robbery at Oklahoma City in May 1928; that Paula Harmon, upon arrival at New Orleans in 1928, registered at the Roosevelt Hotel, then went immediately to meet Tom Rainey at a house of ill fame at 144 So. Rampart Street, run by one Louise Jackson, who now has a house of ill fame at 651 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, who will give what information she has.

Superintendent Meyer states that the photograph exhibited to him by agent is a very good likeness of Paula Harmon as she appeared in 1928; that she then wore very attractive clothes; that he believes Paula Harmon and Rainey are still working together; that since 1928 he is sure that neither Rainey nor Paula Harmon have been in New Orleans.

Louise Jackson, who runs a brothel at 651 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared cooperative and stated she never saw Paula Harmon, alias Marie Mayer, but that she does remember a baby-faced, mild mannered boy friend of Marie reported to be a big time bank robber; that she remembers no arrest of Marie Mayer at her house but remembers reading of it in the paper; that one, Dorothy, was a friend of Marie Mayer and had lived near an apartment occupied by Marie Mayer in Chicago; that "Dorothy" married, then divorced, one, Steve Gilbert, whose address is unknown; that Dorothy played the piano at night clubs with one "Red" whose other name is unknown to her; that she, Louise Jackson, will contact "Red" and secure Dorothy's full name and address in order that Dorothy may be interviewed as to the whereabouts of Marie Mayer, alias Paula Harmon.

On May 1, 1934, agent interviewed Mr. Jos. H. Pullen, Secretary, Louisiana State Board of Parole, Capital Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Pullen states that Stephen Beck was incarcerated at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana, on 7/31/28 for assault and robbery at New Orleans, Louisiana, has been paroled, and is now ill and in bed with Tuberculosis at the Veterans Hospital at Detroit, Michigan, and probably will never recover; that he is a Hungarian, a very hard criminal, and probably will not talk much; that he, Pullen, believes the best avenue of approach to Beck is through his sister, Mrs. John B. Vida, Manager of Beck's mother's restaurant at 7845 West Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, and who lives at 8111 Thaddeus Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; that Mrs. Vida appears to be an intelligent and rather fine woman. Beck's mother is Mrs. Mary Beck, who owns the above mentioned restaurant, and who lives with Mrs. John B. Vida.

Special Agent James O. Peyronnie, of the New Orleans Office, conducted the following investigation:

On May 5, 1934, agent interviewed Louise Jackson, 951 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, referred to above, and she stated that the girl named "Dorothy" was a sporting girl; that about the year 1928 she married a dance hall master of ceremonies named Steve; that Dorothy divorced Steve and remarried; that she does not know anything about Dorothy's supposed second husband. She stated that the last time she saw Dorothy was about three and one-half years ago; that if she remembers correctly at this time Dorothy either returned to Chicago or to her home at some unknown town in Michigan. Louise Jackson stated that she positively cannot recall the girl named Marie Mayer having been arrested in her house; that as a matter of fact, to her knowledge, Marie Mayer was never in her house, which was a place of ill fame and then located at 144 So. Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, during the year 1928 and several years subsequent thereto. She stated that if her memory serves her well at this time, the individual whose photograph was exhibited to her by Agent Hopp and Agent Peyronnia, which photograph is that of Stephen Beck, secured by Special Agent Hopp, was in her house at 144 So. Rampart Street about the year of 1928; that on that particular visit this man had a conversation with Dorothy, and that he mentioned to Dorothy about a girl named "Marie" coming from Chicago. Louise Jackson stated that from the conversation she gained the impression that Dorothy was somewhat well acquainted with Marie. Louise Jackson stated that she would not, however, positively say that the photograph of Stephen Beck shown to her is that of the individual who visited her premises on or about the year of 1928 as she related above.

Louise Jackson stated further that all efforts on her part to find out the family name of Dorothy and her whereabouts have been unsuccessful. She stated that in her opinion Dorothy has discontinued leading an immoral life and may have followed legitimate theatrical work, or may have married and settled down.

For the information of the Detroit Office, the Division, in reference letter, requests that the photograph of Paula Harmon, alias Marie Mayer, should be exhibited to persons acquainted with her, and that in the event it is identified as a good likeness of her, copies will be made and distributed to all field offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT OFFICE: At Detroit, Michigan, will contact Stephen Beck at the Veteran Hospital, where Beck is confined with tuberculosis, in an effort to locate and interview Paula Harmon or Sam Rainey, who probably knows where she is. Attached to copies of this report for the Detroit Office are one photograph each of Marie Mayer, #11622, PD, New Orleans, Louisiana, and of Stephen Beck, #11642, PD, New Orleans, Louisiana.

P E N D I N G .

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date 5/4/34.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
C-16898 Class 9 R 00 18 3 W 0	Mathew McNamara	[Redacted] <i>5/8/36</i>
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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-  
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were  
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information  
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours *7-576*  
*M. H. Purvis per v. v.*  
M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)  
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Department of Justice

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 4, 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.

There is transmitted herewith copy of memorandum  
of Special Agent James O. Peyronnin, dated May 4, 1934, at  
New Orleans, Louisiana, in the above captioned case. Copies  
are being furnished to the interested offices, and no further  
action is being taken in the absence of a request.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*See memo 1277*

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St. Paul  
Chicago  
Washington Field

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NEW ORLEANS,  
May 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218-  
FUGITIVE; et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

On the night of May 2, 1934, Captain Harry Gregson, in company with Detective Dan Healy, Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, called at the New Orleans Division Office and advised Clerk T. P. Monahan that Dr. S. B. McNair, with offices at 717 Audubon Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, positively identified the photograph of one, WILLIAM KILMER "CHRISTIAN KID" MEAD, ex-convict, which photograph appeared in the Times-Picayune of May 3, 1934, as that of an individual named L. F. Schrader who resided at 1002 Jackson Avenue. Captain Gregson informed Mr. Monahan that he interviewed Mrs. F. B. Hymel, at 1002 Jackson Avenue, who also identified the photograph in the Times Picayune of Mead as that of Schrader; that Schrader left New Orleans on April 1, 1934, giving his forwarding address to Mrs. Hymel as 916 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.; that while in New Orleans Schrader had a green Dodge Roadster; that while residing at her apartment house he had written to Washington and obtained license plates for his car.

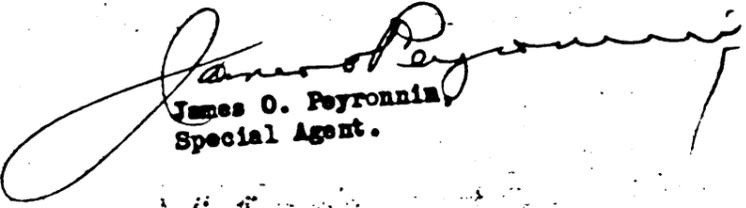
On May 3, 1934, agent interviewed Dr. S. B. McNair at his office, 717 Audubon Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, and he stated that on reading the Times Picayune of May 3, 1934, he observed the photograph of Mead, and as same appeared to him to be a photograph of one L. F. SCHRADER, treated by him on January 18, 1934, for chronic sinus trouble, he immediately reported the matter to Captain Harry Gregson. Dr. McNair stated that his records show that Schrader first came to his office on January 17, 1934, for treatment, but that on account of being out of town his office nurse, Mrs. Anna Dixon, arranged for Schrader to return to his office on January 18, 1934, for medical attention. Dr. McNair stated that Mrs. F. B. Hymel, of 1002 Jackson Avenue, a patient of his, referred Schrader to him for treatment. Dr. McNair stated that Schrader paid him cash for each treatment, and that he does not recall any conversation of interest with Schrader.

On interviewing Mrs. F. B. Hymel, manager of a furnished apartment house at 1002 Jackson Avenue, she stated that L. F. Schrader, about sixty years of age, engaged an apartment at her place on December 8, 1933; that he lived continuously in this furnished apartment until the morning of April 1, 1934, when he left for Washington, D. C., having made previous arrangements to leave the city. She stated that Mr. Schrader gave her the forwarding address of 916 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.; that in conversation with him from time to time he stated that he came to New Orleans on account of the climate, for treatment of sinus trouble, and that she referred him to Dr. McNair; that Schrader told her he had been connected with an accounting firm in Washington for about thirty-five years but had retired. She

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stated that on one occasion he exhibited to her his pocketbook in which he had two One Hundred Dollar bills and other currency, as well as checks; that on one occasion he endeavored to have her cash a check, which appeared to her to be an interest check on securities.

On exhibiting to Mrs. F. B. Hymel the photograph of MEAD, as appearing in the Times Picayune of May 3, 1934, she stated that same resembled Mr. Schrader very closely, but that she would not say this photograph was that of Mr. Schrader, who had an apartment at her place. She stated that Mr. Schrader did not impress her as being an individual of criminal tendencies.

  
James O. Peyronnia,  
Special Agent.

# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 4, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

On the morning of May 4, 1934, Mr. F. K. Butterfield, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Chicago, communicated by telephone with Special Agent V. W. Peterson of this office, at which time he read a copy of a night letter which was filed with the Western Union Telegraph Company on May 3, 1934. The said telegram is quoted below:

Chief in Charge, Dept of Justice  
Federal Government, Washington, D.C.

"Encouraged by the immortal words of Lincoln justice for all malice for none I appeal to our great Government in Washington to issue orders that the press be permitted to interview my husband so that they can hear for themselves whether the alleged confession reported to have been made by him from Mr. Purvis office was really made or not made. The press representatives have been denied this interview by orders of the Chicago Federal offices. I am unable to make bond which makes him helpless to speak for himself. This most just request having been denied from Mr. Purvis office I am appealing to you". - Signed: "Mrs. McLaughlin".

For your information in connection with the above telegram, Mr. Butterfield advises that four copies of same were charged against the telephone of Mrs. McLaughlin. Through the investigative efforts of Mr. Butterfield it was determined that one copy of said telegram was sent to each of the four newspapers in Chicago, namely, the Chicago Tribune, Daily News, Herald and Examiner, and the Times. Mr. Butterfield expressed the opinion that the telegram was sent as a result of the activity of the newspapers.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower

San Antonio, Texas.

May 4, 1934.

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

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.  
I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a.  
I. O. #1219;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

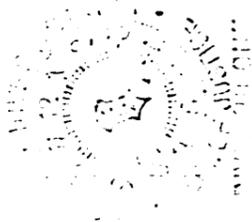
Referring to copy of your letter to Inspector Rorer,  
St. Paul, Minn., I am transmitting herewith two copies of the  
photograph of Madelyn Snyder, wife of Jack Snyder, San Antonio  
Police #5130.

Very truly yours,

*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

7-576-1867

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$3

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Mr. E. H. Clogg,  
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, et al. **EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.** **KIDNAPING.**

Dear Mr. Clogg:

There is transmitted herewith, and to each of the offices designated below, a supply of photographs of Madeline Snyder, alias Madelyn Snyder, who is a known associate of Paula Harmon.

The photograph bearing #5190 was taken February 18, 1929, by the San Antonio Police Department and the photograph bearing #17073 was taken August 18, 1932, by the Omaha, Nebraska Police Department.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 554794

cc-Chicago

Kansas City

St. Louis

San Antonio

Oklahoma City

Salt Lake City

San Francisco

Detroit

Birmingham

*John F. ...*  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

7-576-1268  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Dear Sir:

I see your picture in the Pathfinder some  
time ago and decided to tell you how bad  
conditions are in this state. Will you  
please tell me if you have any power in  
of the Bremer kidnapers. I have a suspicion  
that I know you should have.  
Thanking you for this information, I am

Yours very truly,  
*Helen Gleason*  
Helen Gleason,  
R.R. Box 112, Elm.

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Quit  
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May 15, 1934

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MAY 18 1934

Miss Helen Gleason,  
Route 3, Box 112,  
Ella, Washington.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 30, 1934, wherein you request to be advised whether this Division is in possession of the fingerprints of the Bremer kidnapers, and state that you have in your possession fingerprints which may be of value to this Division.

I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, who will assign an Agent to interview you in the near future relative to this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



REM:ps

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MAY 18 1934

May 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 700,  
Portland, Oregon.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
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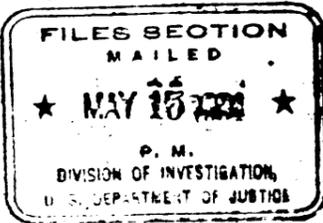
Dear Sirs:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated April 30, 1934, addressed to the Division by Miss Helen Gleeson, Route 3, Box 112, Elma, Washington, wherein she requests to be advised whether the Division is in possession of fingerprints of the Bremer kidnapers, and further that she has in her possession a fingerprint which may be of value.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Miss Gleeson at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of further developing the information to which she makes reference in her letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Inclosure 554837

cc-Mr. E. E. Clegg  
St. Paul Office

*[Handwritten initials]*

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

CINCINNATI, OHIO  
MAY 4, 1934

E E CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING, SUITE L  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

0 BREKID FLORENCE AND HARRY WILLIAMS UNKNOWN IN GLASGOW KENTUCKY EXCEPT SHE HAD  
PRESCRIPTION FILLED BY L C ELLIS DRUGGIST GLASGOW APRIL TWENTYSIXTH AND INFORMED  
HIM THEY WERE FROM DESMOINES IOWA AND JUST PASSING THROUGH TO SEE KENTUCKY CAVES  
MORTON? ACTING

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CC DIVISION ✓  
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA MAY 8 1934

*Handwritten initials*

M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

URGENT ADVISE WHETHER KILMER MEAD IN CUSTODY STOP USA HERE

DESIRES/ RETURN MAIL FRAUD PROSECUTION  
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PREPAID GOVERNMENT RATE TELEGRAM  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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CC DIVISION

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*Handwritten signature*

WESTERN UNION

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
1900 Bankers Bldg.

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, May 8, 1934

2:20 P.M.

R. A. ALT,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

0 BREKID ELMER MEAD NOT IN CUSTODY HERE

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KRM:TMH  
CC: DIVISION  
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From  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL K. NAN

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General
- The Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean
- Mr. Stewart
- Director, Division of Investigation
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons
- Division of Accounts
- Chief Clerk
- Appointment Clerk
- Division of Supplies
- Mail and Files
- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney
- Mr. Parrish
- Mr. Key
- Mr. Ridgely
- Mr. Wixson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
- Mr. Brabner Smith
- Mr. Morrison
- Mr. Kiefer
- Mr. Norris
- Mr. Gottshall
- Miss Brookley
- Miss Broomhead

Herewith is a Telegram which may be of interest to you. RR

There is no need to contact this woman.

J. E. X.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JOSEPH B KEENAN=

UNITED STATES DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

FRUITLESS EFFORT TO LOCATE NATHAN YOUR REPRESENTATIVE HERE

OFFICIALS WILL NOT TELL ME HIS WHEREABOUTS AND SAY THEY KNOW

NOTHING OF HIM WIRE WHERE I CAN REACH HIM IMPORTANT TO

GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS ME THAT HE CONTACT WITH ME MY ADDRESS

IS THREE FIVE TWO THREE JACKSON BOULEVARD TELEPHONE KEDZIE

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MRS JOHN \*MCLAUGHLIN.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN <sup>D</sup>KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.# 1218, et al;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There is enclosed, herewith, what purports to be a communication addressed to MRS. MYRTLE EATON of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the return address on the outside of the envelope is: Mrs. Percy Gullie, or Gubic, Koshkonong, Mo.

This letter would likely bear only the fingerprints of the writer thereof as well as of myself, and the inside flap on the envelope has been handled by no one since this letter was received in St. Paul.

It is to be recalled that MRS. MYRTLE EATON, the wife of DOC EATON, [redacted] WILLIAM WEAVER, whose name has heretofore been mentioned as a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, and who has a criminal record in the State of Oklahoma. It is entirely possible that this letter was written by WEAVER, and it is suggested that an appropriate examination of the communication and envelope be made, and that any latent fingerprints developed be run through the single fingerprint file.

For the information of the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Offices of the Division, to whom copies of this letter are being sent, the letter was mailed on the Kansas City & Memphis Railway Post Office, Train No. 106 or 108. The postmark also carries the letters at the bottom "N.D." The letter is addressed in ink to MRS. MYRTLE EATON, 565 Portland Ave., Apartment 104 - St. Paul, Minn. The return address on the envelope is: Mrs. Percy Gullie, Koshkonong, Mo. The communication in its entirety is quoted as follows:

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Ans  
5/12/34  
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[REDACTED]

This information is submitted for the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Offices in connection with the investigation which is being made there for the purpose of locating MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

HHC:ACF  
Encl.

CC Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

REN:TAM

May 5, 1934

EX-103033

7-576-1874

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 768,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

MAY 8 - 1934

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:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated April 27, 1934, addressed to the Federal Department of Justice, by Mr. W. H. Bean, Ansonia, Ohio, wherein he makes reference to five "clever and shrewd" men who tried to give or trade to him \$249,000 in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

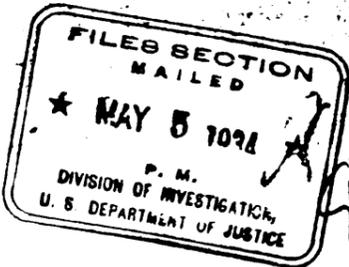
You are instructed to have an Agent endeavor to locate Mr. Bean, for the purpose of obtaining from him any additional information he may have with respect to the individuals referred to by him in his letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #554808

cc Mr. Clegg (St. Paul Office)  
Chicago  
Kansas City



REF: TAM

May 5, 1934

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Mr. E. H. Bean,  
Ansonia, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

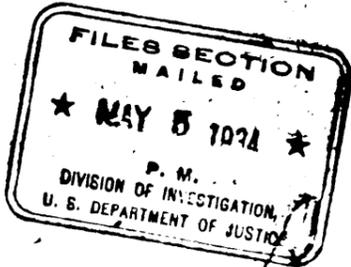
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 27, 1934, addressed to the Federal Department of Justice, wherein you make reference to five clever and shrewd men who tried to give or trade \$249,000 in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 428 U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, who will assign an Agent to interview you relative to this matter in the near future.

Thanking you for your cooperation and interest in furnishing this information, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



From  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBERT  
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MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General
- The Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney
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- Assistant Attorney General Blair
- Mr. Stewart
- Director, Division of Investigation
- Mr. Bales, Director, Bureau of Prisons
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- Mr. Parrish
- Mr. Ridgely
- Mr. Kiefer
- Mr. Wixson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
- Mr. Brabner Smith
- Mr. Preston
- Mr. Fort
- Mr. Millenson
- Mr. Gottshall
- Mr. Butler
- Miss Brookley
- Miss Broomhead

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Ansonia, Ohio, April 27, 1934

Federal Dept. of Justice,  
Wash., D. C.

My dear Sirs: I am writing your dept. in regards to a happening to myself and a friend, sometime back, as we were in South Bend, Indiana. The hook up was on business and here is what developed five (5) men who was clever and shrewd yes smart tried to give us or trade to us \$249,000 - in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills - do know this money or at least part were O. K. do know \$5000 or \$5100 was O.K. for reasons - we were to take this money home with us and bury or put in cellar for safekeeping - as this is a long drawn out story - here is one of codes used if you were out of town and say you were to get \$2000 or \$3200 and talk on phone you would say engage Room 32- or 33 as case would be - they sure was trying to unload this money for some reasons - three of these men I would know any where in world as I chased the criminals for four (4 years) myself - I seen three of their charts or maps they used silver stars and gold for their hide outs - they had one in Mexico - one of these men were Mexican I do know now it might pay to check some on this - do believe this gang is kidnapers and a large gang - wonderfull layout and reaches coast to coast - have reasons to believe - and dangerous one of these or gang were from New Jersey according to what information we could get - my friend who was with me could dig up cash if necessary and I believe they knew same.

Respec. yours  
W. H. Bean  
Ansonia, Ohio

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 4, 1934

R H COLVIN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BLDG  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

0 REKID INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT ONE SLIM GRAY IS NOW SERVING OR  
PREVIOUSLY WAS SERVING TIME IN OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY NO  
FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE PLEASE CHECK AND ADVISE

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
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CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBERTS

May 1, 1934.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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 G. BREMER -  
Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions contained in teletype message of April 30, 1934, there is transmitted herewith detailed statement concerning difficulty experienced at the offices of the United States Attorney and United States Marshal in connection with the apprehension and detention of John McLaughlin and accomplice in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

On the night of April 26-27, 1934, information was secured from William Vidler implicating McLaughlin in the handling of the ransom money in this case. McLaughlin was reported to be an old time political boss in Chicago, to have been a former State Legislator, to have been indicted more or less recently in a Postal matter and to have considerable underworld connections. It should be understood that the Chicago Division office was seeking primarily Bremer ransom bills in this case. It should be further understood that a search of McLaughlin's house was of primary importance for the purpose of finding bills in this case as well as other pertinent data. It was known that any ransom bills or other evidence which might be found in McLaughlin's house and recovered without a warrant could not be used as evidence. The Press had already carried the story that Vidler was in our custody. Vidler had told us that he had obtained the money from McLaughlin. The urgency of the matter is, therefore, apparent.

In order to secure a warrant of arrest which, upon service, would permit a legal search of the premises of McLaughlin, the United States Attorney was contacted early on the morning of April 27, 1934. Assistant United States Attorney L. J. Hassenauer discussed this matter with me and requested a copy of the indictment which had been filed in the Urschel matter, which he could use as a guide. In the meantime, in order to hold McLaughlin while any legal delay might ensue, agents of the Chicago Division office proceeded to the residence of McLaughlin, secured entry thereto, and after waiting a short time, found McLaughlin and an associate, one Phillip Delaney, and suggested to McLaughlin and said associate that they remain with four agents of this Division in the apartment until a warrant arrived. The four agents remained with McLaughlin, Delaney and members of McLaughlin's family for the entire day while this warrant was being issued.

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Assistant Director H. Nathan and Special Agent J. J. Waters returned to the office immediately after making these arrangements and expressed a desire for the immediate issuance of some kind of warrant in order to meet this situation. Mr. Waters then went to the United States Attorney's office at 11:00 o'clock and met Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer, who had just returned from a conference with me. He repeated his request for a copy of the complaint or indictment which had been filed in the Urschel matter. Mr. Waters called me and was informed that St. Paul had been requested to furnish the above as soon as possible. I had requested the St. Paul office to furnish the Chicago office with a copy of the wording of the Urschel indictment and the wording of the complaint to be issued in St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. I first communicated with St. Paul about 11:15 and in view of the fact that Mr. Clegg was before the Grand Jury, there was a little delay in reaching him, but I am certain that this message was conveyed to the St. Paul authorities not later than noon.

Mr. Hassenauer then proceeded to draw up a complaint, and upon completion of the dictation, stated he would meet Special Agents Waters and Brown of the Chicago office at 2:00 o'clock, when the matter would be discussed with United States Attorney Green.

Shortly after 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, when the complaint which had been drawn up by Mr. Hassenauer was submitted to Mr. Green, the latter disapproved it, because he felt there was not sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations therein. This was about 3:00 P. M. I requested Mr. Green to get some kind of a warrant inasmuch as I did not know how long McLaughlin and his associate could be held in McLaughlin's apartment without a warrant.

In the meantime I telephoned the St. Paul office of the Division and there was read over the telephone the wording of the indictment in the Urschel kidnaping case. A stenographer was then sent to the United States Attorney's office to read this wording to them there. In the meantime, United States Attorney Green, in the presence of agents Brown and Waters, had put in a long distance telephone call for the United States Attorney at St. Paul, but he was unable to contact him. I then spoke to Mr. Green and told him of the urgency of the matter and he stated that a warrant would probably be issued in about thirty minutes, and he inquired as to whether we could wait that long. I said that after a delay of some hours, I did not suppose that thirty minutes more would matter. Mr. Green apparently resented my remark and stated that he felt that was uncalled for. I, of course, made no reply thereto.

In the meantime a complaint and warrant had been filed at St. Paul, copy of which was received at the Chicago office by teletype at approximately 4:00 P. M. This was immediately transmitted to the United States Attorney's office. A complaint was thereupon drawn up, taken to the Commissioner and a warrant was issued by him at 5:45 P. M. It was, of course, immediately served.

In regard to the difficulty experienced at the office of the United States Marshal, the subject of this case, John McLaughlin, was brought in to the Chicago Division office in custody of United States Deputy Marshal Cusick and agents of this Division at about 6:30 P. M. Representatives of the Division proceeded to question McLaughlin. At about 8:00 P. M. Deputy Marshal Cusick stated he had conferred with Chief Deputy Marshal King, who had discussed the matter of detaining McLaughlin at the office of the Division of Investigation with United States Marshal Laubenheimer. This matter previously had been discussed with United States Attorney Green, who had made arrangements that McLaughlin should be brought to the office of the Division in Chicago rather than to the County Jail to enable the agents to question him. It is a practical impossibility to question defendants satisfactorily in the County Jail, and there is the additional objection that it may have been impossible at the time McLaughlin was taken into custody, in view of the night closing regulations. Cusick, however, informed me that inasmuch as McLaughlin was the prisoner of the United States Marshal, he would have to bring him to the County Jail for detention that night, indicating that this need not be done immediately, but that there would have to be a definite termination to the duration of questioning of McLaughlin by agents of this Division. I then requested him for sufficient time to get in touch with my superiors in Washington. Mr. Cusick then said he wanted to discuss the matter with Chief Deputy Marshal King. He did so, using the telephone in my office. I talked to Mr. King. King told me again emphatically that this prisoner was in the custody of the Marshal's office and that he would have to be taken to the County Jail. He indicated again that this need not be done immediately, but that a Deputy Marshal could not remain indefinitely at this Division office. I told him that I realized this was the Marshal's prisoner and if this Deputy or any other deputy desired to remain at the Division office, I would be glad to have them do so; that, however, I wanted no action taken in the matter of bringing this prisoner to the County Jail until I had time to take the matter up with the Director, who I thought would communicate with the Attorney General in the matter of issuing such orders as were absolutely necessary in order to permit McLaughlin to be properly questioned during the night.

After talking with you, a telephone call was received from Mr. Stewart of the Department, who requested that United States Marshal Laubenheimer call him as soon as possible. Shortly thereafter Deputy Marshal Cusick was instructed by his local superiors to remain with McLaughlin at the office of the Division of Investigation and to permit the agents to question McLaughlin until they had obtained the information which they knew he possessed. McLaughlin was questioned accordingly and was arraigned before United States Commissioner Walker on Saturday morning, April 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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REN:RCL

RECORDED 7-576-1876 May 4, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Further reference is made to my memorandum dated April 30, 1934 wherein you were advised of the arrest at Chicago, Illinois of John J. McLaughlin and three others in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

In connection with the arrest of John J. McLaughlin, there appears to have been considerable delay in obtaining the warrants of arrest, which might have resulted in seriously hampering the investigation of this case. There is quoted herein a letter dated May 1, 1934 addressed to me by Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division setting forth the details relative to the obtaining of the warrant. You may desire to take this matter up with the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of facilitating the obtaining of warrants in cases where a delay might result in seriously handicapping the investigation.

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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

REN:RCL

RECORDED 7-576-1876 May 4, 1934.

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

There is attached, hereto, a copy of a memorandum which I have this day furnished to the Attorney General concerning difficulty experienced by the Chicago Office of this Division in connection with the apprehension and detention of John J. McLaughlin, an accomplice in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of Saint Paul.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEEMAN.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DR. POLSON

P.E.

Edgar Hoover

With the investigation which this Division is conducting in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, I wanted to advise you that this Division in Chicago took into custody a man known as Videler upon his person \$2,660 of the Bremer ransom money. Videler was convicted in 1920 in Illinois for larceny and sentenced to ten years in the State Penitentiary. In a statement made to me he had received this money from a man known as McLaughlin, reported to be a West Side politician. The names of the persons who have been obtained for the arrest of McLaughlin,

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,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

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,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

April 16, 1934

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated today concerning confidential informant by the name of [redacted]

The information furnished me recently by this informant was to the effect that a person known to other underworld characters as "Crip" had arrived in Chicago. He described this individual as being 50 years of age and that Crip hangs around Kansas City and St. Paul. [redacted] understands that the reason he is called Crip is because he is crippled in some fashion. He has not seen Crip himself but gains his information from [redacted]. He stated that the entire gang was made up of men, known as follows:

- "Kansas City Tom"
- "Nick"
- "John Hagan"
- "Frank from Kansas City"
- "Harry Levine, alias Rubben Bass"
- "Crip"
- a girl by the name of "Fisher"

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The Fisher woman's people are supposed to operate an auto parts store on Ogden Avenue in Chicago.

The informant states that he has received information to the effect that Crip is from St. Paul and was the finger man in the Bremer kidnaping case. He also stated that [redacted] told him that Pat Roach had closed his office on April 10, 1934 and the reason for his closing same was that "some of his men might kill somebody and that would ruin Pat Roach".

The informant also informed me that John Hagan received ten thousand dollars from the Herald and Examiner newspaper as settlement for the twenty-five thousand dollar reward offered by that paper for the solution of the Jake Lingle murder case. He also stated that Hagan had given five thousand dollars of this money to Pat Roach for his campaign fund when he was running for the Republican nomination of Sheriff of Cook County.

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This informant also informed me that Hagan has a lot of machine guns and ammunition on his farm near Collins, Missouri.

While Mr. Ladd of the St. Louis Office was in Chicago recently, he informed me that Mr. Ross Saunders, who is connected with the Illinois State Police, had called on him in St. Louis on several occasions and that he had gained information to the effect that Saunders borrows money from a prostitute in East St. Louis by the name of Bess Newman. He also states that he has received information to the effect that Saunders used Bess Newman's car recently in a trip to Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. Ladd also informed me that Art Newman, the husband of Bess Newman is now in Joliet on a bank robbery charge.

The above information is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ M. H. Purvis  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/fvv

cc H.H. Clegg,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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THIS SIREN IS ON VILLAGE TOWN HALL AND FIRE STATION AND IS SOUNDED EVERY WEEK DAY AT NOON AND ALSO A WHISTLE. THERE ARE TWO STATE HIGHWAYS PASSING THRU THE VILLAGE NAMELY 57 AND 114 CARS STOP AT THE WEST END OF THE MAIN STREET WHICH CONNECTS WITH BOTH HIGHWAYS AND THERE IS AN ARTERIAL SIGN. NOT FAR FROM THE STOP SIGN ARE LOCATED A PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL. THERE ARE TWO RAILROADS PASSING THRU THE VILLAGE THE SOO LINE AND THE MILWAUKEE LINE AND THE STPAUL HAS A BRANCH HERE

THERE IS A LUTHERAN CHURCH HERE WHICH WOULD RING ITS BELL ON SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY A M A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHICH RINGS ITS BELL MORNING NOON AND NIGHTS AND ON SUNDAYS. AIRPLAINES WOULD POSSIBLY PASS OVER HERE FROM KOHLER AND MILWAUKEE TO ST PAUL TO AVOID LAKE WINNEBAGO. TRAINS ON SOO LINE PASS THRU HERE MOSTLY MORNING AND EVENING. THE STPAUL BRANCH TERMINAL WOULD ACCOUNT FOR SWITCHING

UNQUOTE EGAN OFFERS HIS COOPERATION. IT IS NOTED THAT DISTANCE FROM PORTAGE IS FAIRLY CLOSE TO SAME DISTANCE XXXX DISTANCE FROM PORTAGE TO CARY AND MCHENRY AND AN EXCUSE FOR GOING BY PORTAGE WOULD BE TO GO AROUND LAKE WINNEBAGO. THIS OFFERS SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH YOU MAY DESIRE RESIDENT AGENT AT MILWAUKEE TO HANDLE PROMPTLY

OK R/WV

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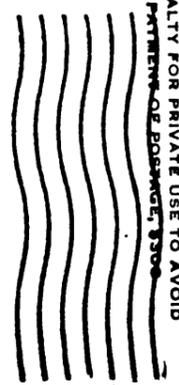
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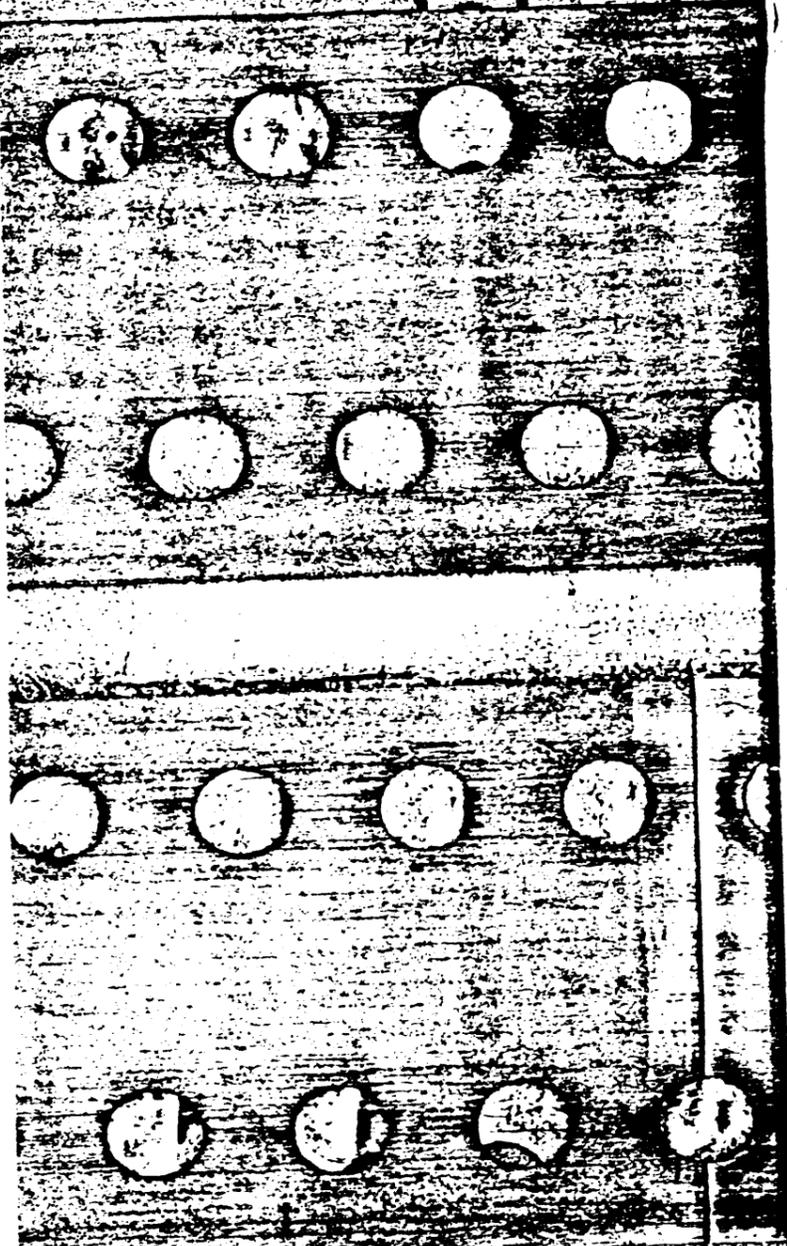
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Director,  
Div. of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



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May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled John Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. #1217, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, reference is made to your letter dated April 7, 1934, transmitting the fingerprints of Lucy Jackson, Leona Goodman, and Thomas P. Filben. The fingerprints of these individuals have been compared with the latent prints developed in the above entitled case with negative results.

In accordance with your request the fingerprints of Thomas P. Filben have been compared with the latent fingerprints in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, but no identification was effected. However, inasmuch as the Division is not in possession of any latent prints of a possible criminal nature in connection with the Hamm kidnaping case, it was not possible to make the requested comparison of such latent fingerprints.

The fingerprints of the above named individuals have been searched through the main fingerprint files of the Identification Unit and no previous criminal record was revealed in the cases of Lucy Jackson and Leona Goodman.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Chicago.

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Laboratory Report

May 4, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 blue shirt bearing trademark "Ide, Guaranteed Not  
To Shrink".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: April 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F. Pickering.

No information with regard to the laundry mark of the shirt was  
obtained other than that which has already been included in the report from  
the Field Office.

With regard to the marks above the 75, there appears an illegible  
figure which might possibly be a 5, followed by a 5 and what appears to be  
an L which has been printed over a 2.

The shirt is being returned to the St. Paul Office under separate  
cover.

- 3 - Director
- 2 - Inspector Rorer.
- 2 - Laboratory.

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7-576-1881

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

MAY 9 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. 1213,  
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 19, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure: 685878

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

April 23, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Division's letter of March 26, 1934, and the Division's letter of April 11, 1934, regarding the employment of confidential informants by this office, this is to advise that on February 24, 1934, M.H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office, interviewed one [redacted] at the Chicago Division Office.

He was informed by [redacted] that he knew FRISCO "DUTCH" STRIKHARDT of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is known to be a hoodlum connection.

[redacted]

[redacted]

In view of the fact that FRISCO "DUTCH" has been contacted by the leading, roving, criminals operating throughout the Middle West, it was believed that [redacted] might be of some service to this Division in connection with the BREMER case. Consequently, he was given \$10.00 by Mr. Purvis, and transportation from Chicago to St. Paul, which amounted to \$14.00. The above information is contained in detail in a letter dated February 26, 1934, to the Division from the Chicago Office. Attached to that letter was a copy of the criminal record of [redacted] which is here set out:

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\* to Prof. Co. i. Ind. A.  
Schwarz is in [redacted]*

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On the arrival of [redacted] in St. Paul, he was interviewed by Inspector Rorer and Special Agent O. G. Hall. He has been interviewed from time to time and has furnished some information but of no particular value; but he has been handicapped by reason of the fact that FRISCO "DUTCH", shortly after the arrival of the informant, left the Twin Cities because of a gambling probe and has since been in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The informant lived for a time at [redacted] but is now living at [redacted] both cheap hotels, notorious for the fact that hoodlums live in them. He was first interviewed at this office on February 27, 1934. He is still in the employ of this office as an informant and has been paid the following sums:

By Inspector Rorer       \$ 16.00  
By Agent Hall           125.00

making a total of \$141.00. The purpose of employing this informant was to use him in connection with the BREMER case. However, for the reasons outlined above, he has not been of great service. He has furnished information from time to time regarding the police in the Twin Cities and some information in the DILLINGER case.

Examination of his criminal record will disclose that he [redacted] It was at this prison [redacted] some members of the [redacted] mob first met. The informant claims to have an acquaintance with those mobsters, and evidently does.

The above portion of this letter was dictated by Special Agent Hall and prefaced his conclusion that a decision would be reached soon as to the prospective value of this informant in the future, at which time the Division will be notified as to a recommendation for his continued services.

I am modifying this recommendation, however, to the effect that it is my opinion that the cost of this informant is not great and he is one of very few informants who are available in the Twin Cities; and although his information has been meager, it has been impossible for him to contact the party he hoped to see. I recommend the continuation of his services until further notice.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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NIGHT LETTER

INFORMATION RECEIVED BARKER KARPIS GROUP ATTENDED KENTUCKY DERBY LAST YEAR VOLNEY DAVIS IN PARTICULAR IS RACING FAN USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY GIRL FRIEND ABOUT THIRTY SIX OR THIRTY SEVEN YEARS MEDIUM SHORT AND STOUT BLONDE SUGGEST COVER

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

ST. PAUL, MINN.  
MAY 2 1934

April 8, 1934

Hon. Olaf Kiern,  
United States Attorney,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Attention: Mr. E.C. Durran.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find list of ransom money, with  
letter attached dated February 9, 1934, also a photostatic list  
of ransom money in a different case.

As soon as you have compared notes, will you please  
return the photostatic list to this office? The printed list,  
with letter attached may be retained by you.

If the numbers correspond, please call me right  
away.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

May 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated April 28, 1934, addressed to your office, relative to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.C. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.C. # 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping.

It is suggested that Special Agent McIntire proceed to St. Paul at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of obtaining information as to the reliability of the data furnished by MR. BREMER. You are advised that it is believed this is a wise suggestion, and the services of Agent McIntire can be used for this purpose whenever he is ready to come to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 8, 1934.

Mr. H. C. W. Laubenthal,  
United States Marshal,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

It would be appreciated if Philip  
J. Delaney be removed from the County Jail  
to the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South  
Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, by one  
of your deputies for purposes of identifi-  
cation.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L, Federal Building

Kansas City, Missouri

May 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
FRED BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Find enclosed a copy of the West Plains Daily Quill, newspaper published at West Plains, Missouri, as of May 1, 1934, containing head lines "Barker Gang May Be Near West Plains" with an article indicating certain information received by the newspaper from a news syndicate in Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding the possible location of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker near West Plains, Missouri.

This information evidently came through a telegram from the news syndicate in Minneapolis. Sergeant N. H. Massey of the Missouri State Highway Patrol stationed at West Plains, Missouri, presented the newspaper to Special Agents R. H. Simons and W. F. Trainor on May 4, 1934, while at Cabool, Missouri. It is noted that the information regarding the location of Barker and Karpis in the vicinity of West Plains is general and that previous information of the same nature is in the instant file showing that Barker and Karpis lived at West Plains for a short period during the latter part of 1931 and killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly during December, 1931, at that place.

[REDACTED] vicinity, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Postmaster at Moody, Missouri, [REDACTED] activities and [REDACTED] this [REDACTED] cover [REDACTED] the mail of Mrs. Asher by letter to the Postmaster of Moody, Missouri, [REDACTED] to West Plains, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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 25c TUBE  
 2 for 26c

**COCONUT OIL SHAMPOO**  
 50c bottle  
 2 for 51c

**Jaxall CORN SOLVENT**  
 25c bottle  
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**Protect RUBBING ALCOHOL COMPOUND**  
 The alcohol rub that famous athletes use. Drives out soreness, stiffness.  
 50c 2 for 51c

**Protect ASPIRIN**  
 bottle of 100 49c  
 2 for 50c

**OPEKO COFFEE**  
 1 lb. Vacuum Sealed  
 2 for 57c

**TURNED WHITE**  
 Rastus—Say, Sambo, what time in yoah life does yo' think yo' wus scared the worst?  
 Sambo—Once when Ah wus callin' n a married gal an' her husbun come n an' caught me. Boy, wus Ah cared!  
 Rastus—how are yo' sush dat was de worstest yo' evah bin scared?  
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**OH, YEAH!**  
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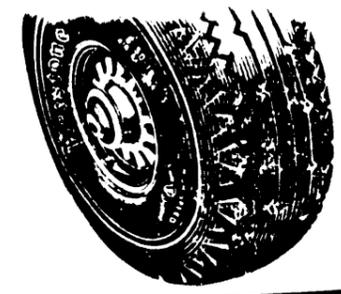
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**AS SHE'S SPOKE**  
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 banned in China. The same language  
 became obsolete in the United States  
 several years ago. For instance, one  
 never hears the good old word "yes"  
 in this country. It has been supplanted  
 by "yeah." Another case: "Do you  
 not know," is an expression no longer  
 used in our country. It has given  
 way to "Dontchaknow?" We also  
 notice that Americans no longer say,  
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**BRIC-A-BRIC**  
 Lawyer: "Then you admit that you  
 struck the plaintiff with malice and  
 aforethought?"  
 Defendant (indignantly): "You can  
 not mix me up like that. I've told you  
 twice, I hit him with a brick, and  
 done it on purpose. There wasn't no  
 mallets nor nothin' of the kind about  
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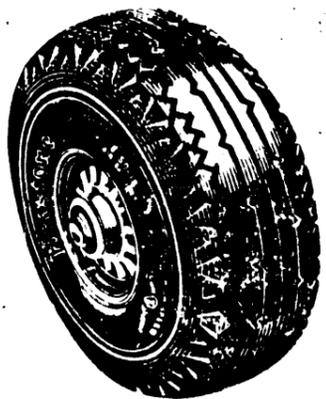
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**BRIC-A-BRIC**

Lawyer: "Then you admit that you struck the plaintiff with malice and aforethought?"  
Defendant (indignantly): "You can not mix me up like that. I've told you twice, I hit him with a brick, and done it on purpose. There wasn't no..."

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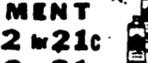
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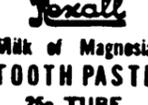
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**Purest**  
**MINERAL OIL**  
 1 pint 75c  
 2 for **76c**



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 1 lb 19c 2 for **20c**

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SIZE	PRICE	SIZE	PRICE
4.50-20	07.05	5.50-19HD	014.45
4.50-21	08.15	6.00-17HD	15.10
4.75-19	06.65	6.00-16HD	15.55
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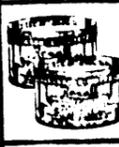
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"Oh that one! No wonder. I always thought he was daffy."

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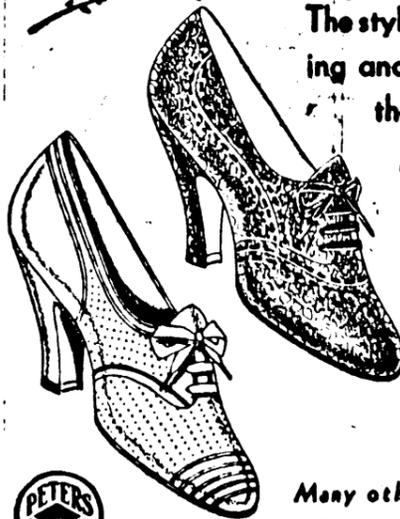


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"What do you want, nescy?" demanded Tommy in an ominous tone.

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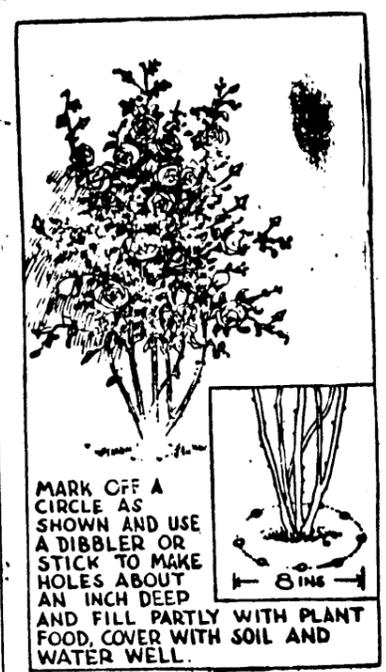
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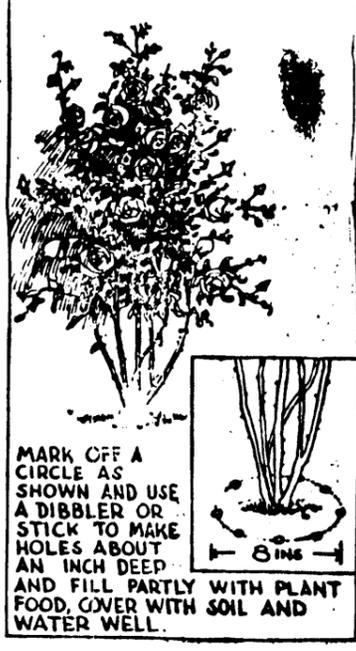
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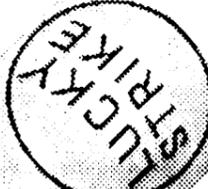
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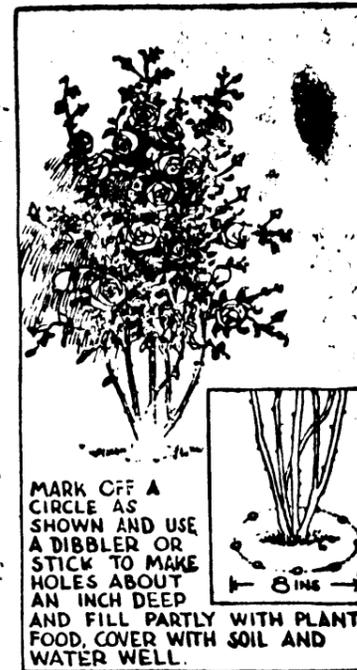
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#### CAST FOR WEST WARD MUSICAL FAIRY PLAY ANNOUNCED

Sixty-Six Children From 6 To 9 Years, Will Present "Midsummer Eve" At High School Auditorium Friday Night.

The cast of characters for the musical fairy play, "Midsummer Eve," to be given Friday night at the high school auditorium by the little grade children of the West Ward school, has been announced by Misses Mayree Davis and Alma Moomaw, West Ward teachers, who are directing the play.

Sixty-six children of the school, ranging in age from 6 to 9 years, will take part in the play, and the principal feminine role, that of "Dorothy," the little girl who visits fairyland, will be enacted by 6-year-old Blanch Squires, a charming young prima donna.

The story of the play revolves about the experiences of little Dorothy, who has heard that mortals may see the fairies on midsummer eve. She wanders far into the forest in search of the lovely creatures and is lured to a bog by the mischievous will-o-the-wisps. The green elves rescue Dorothy and take her to the court of the fairy queen, played by little Jean Bohrer. There Dorothy is changed into a fairy (Princess Forget-Me-Not), and is entertained with songs and dances by the queen, flower fairies and fireflies. Dorothy experiences some an-

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Henry Owens, an electrician in the employ of the city, and Mrs. Owens, were in an automobile accident at Cotter, Ark., last Saturday when Mrs. Owens was painfully injured, as also were Mrs. Ellen Springer and her little daughter of Cotter.

Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Springer each are suffering with a painful knee injury, and numerous cuts and bruises. Mrs. Owens has a severe cut on the lip, and also has a bad side injury, although it is not thought that any of her injuries will prove serious.

Mrs. Springer's little daughter who was hurt, suffered various cuts and bruises, and one tooth was knocked out.

Mr. Owens, who fell from a telephone pole last summer, suffering a serious injury to his back, was in the back seat of the car, and fortunately escaped injury in the accident, although somewhat shaken up.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens returned home Sunday, and Mrs. Owens has since been confined to her home.

The Plymouth car in which the party was riding at the time of the accident, and which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Owens, was practically demolished, the whole side being torn off in the collision.

#### TWO HELD FOR SHOOTING THROUGH WINDOWS OF HOME

Clifford Huddleston, son of Dovie Huddleston, a farmer who resides near Cull, was arrested and lodged in jail here yesterday on a charge of shooting the windows out of the home of Albert Hyden, a farmer living a few miles north of Brandsville.

Mose Moore, another young man of the Cull neighborhood, was arrested a few days ago on a charge of being Huddleston's accomplice, and is also being held in jail here.

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The convention reports this year held special significance for the West Plains club, due to the fact that Mrs. Doris Farley, of the local club, was elected president of the state federation at the state convention this year, and the West Plains club will, during the coming year, be the center of activities of the state federation.

High lights of the convention were given at the dinner last night by Mrs. Farley, Mrs. H. D. Green, and Miss Geneva Morgan, all of whom attended the convention.

Also Mrs. Wallace B. Hodge, a member of the Jefferson City club, but who is now residing in West Plains, gave a brief, but very interesting talk, in which she brought both to Mrs. Farley and to the West Plains club congratulations from the Jefferson City club.

Mrs. Leonard Sullens, of the McFarland Funeral Home, who is the newest member of the club, was welcomed during the meeting last night.

The dinner was presided over by the club president, Mrs. Hal Thornburgh, and other members in attendance were Misses Nadine Langston, Geneva Morgan, Elizabeth McCalton, Naomi Harrison, Louise Gum, Mary G. Buckner, Beulah Simms, Nova Powell, Ella Carr, Ethel Haskell, Hattie Farley, Zora Lee Bess, Cleora Williams, Ella Williams, and Mesdames Dwight Richards, Fritze Williams Dixon, W. N. Farley, H. D. Green, Charles Livingston, Barney Little, W. B. Hodge, Mattie Young, Chris Pirnack, Lillie Austin, Mae Milstead, Mayme Cassell, Leonard Sullens and Harry Shaffer.

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"Dispatches from Chicago today quoted officers there as saying Wunderlich had lost \$50,000 to the 'syndicate' and that William E. Mead, who has served prison sentences in California, Colorado and Florida, was being sought for the crime. Wunderlich was quoted in these dispatches as having denied he was victimized, but admitting he had put officers on Meade's trail.

"There's absolutely nothing to it," Wunderlich said here today.

Wunderlich, who has built many roads in Missouri, has made his home here the last two years, having come here from Minnesota.

The story from Chicago said Wunderlich was lured to South Bend, Ind., by the confidence men, supposedly to arrange a business deal. While waiting for one of the principals to the deal who the confidence men said had been called suddenly to Washington, Wunderlich was said to have been introduced to a 'Kentucky colonel' familiar with systems to beat the horse races. After a day or so of moderate winnings the 'colonel' announced arrangement of a 'killing.' The swindlers announced to Wunderlich they had won \$900,000. But the gamblers refused to pay off until they were assured Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

With one of the conspirators, said to have been Mead, Wunderlich went to St. Paul and borrowed a large sum from Bremer. He took the money to South Bend and that was the last he saw of it and of his friends.

According to the federal men, Wunderlich's call on Bremer marked Bremer for a kidnap victim.

**Denies to Associated Press**  
In an interview with Associated Press correspondents in Jefferson City Wunderlich also denied being swindled by a member of the crime syndicate, and Associated Press dispatches carried the following on his denial:

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MR. AND MRS. A. T. KREIGH  
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Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kreigh of Hutchinson, Kans., are the parents of a 4 1/4-pound son, born Saturday, April 28, at Cottage Hospital on Webster avenue here, and who has been named Guy David.

The new baby is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner, Mrs. Kreigh having been Miss Ada Warner of West Plains before her marriage. Mr. Warner, until he suffered a breakdown in health, was an employe of the local postoffice.

Mr. Kreigh, who is employed with Santa Fe railroad company in Hutchinson, Kans., arrived here Sunday to visit Mrs. Kreigh and the new baby. He also will visit the family of his brother, P. S. Kreigh and other relatives while here.

ATTENTION KNIGHTS OF  
PYTHIAS

Two fine candidates for rank of Page tonight. Be there.  
Curtis Forbes, C. C.  
Ross L. Kilpatrick, K. R. S.

NOTICE MASONS

All Royal Arch Masons who have had the council degree, please meet at the Temple, Wednesday, May 2, at 8 o'clock.

"Jefferson City, April 30.—(UP)—Investigation of federal agents into the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, led here today, where a prominent Missouri highway contractor admitted 'government men have questioned me about the case.'

Martin Wunderlich, a close friend and business associate of Bremer's, said that 'I don't know a real thing about Eddie's being kidnaped, but federal men have talked to me about it.'

Wunderlich denied that a fugitive confidence man, William E. (Christian Kid) Mead, had mugged him out of \$50,000 in a fake horse race gambling scheme.

"It's all hokey. I didn't lose a single penny to anybody on a horse race," the contractor said.

"I don't bet, except maybe just a little bit once in a while."

Wunderlich admitted that he and Bremer were 'close friends' and that he formerly transacted business with Bremer's Commercial State Bank in St. Paul.

Also federal agents admit that the Dillinger trail has 'gone cold' on them again, but declare the Barker-Karpis trail to be hotter than ever.

In fact, it is believed today that more federal agents are chasing Barker and Karpis now than are after Dillinger.

Among members of the crime ring held in Chicago are John 'Boss' McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator and reputed overlord of Chicago gambling concessions, who has confessed after four days of grilling that he handled \$53,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money. Agents have found some of the money in possession of members of the gang, including \$85 found in the hat band of McLaughlin's 17-year-old son.

JUDGE WILL H. D. GREEN IN POP-  
ULAR DEMAND AS SPEAKER

Has Made One Commencement Address Already And Has Seven More Listed In His Engagement Book. To Speak Here.

Circuit Judge Will H. D. Green of West Plains, who is an unusually gifted speaker, and always much in demand at various functions here and in neighboring counties, is about to become the official commencement speaker of this section, if one is to judge by his engagement book in which are listed his commencement address dates for the next few weeks.

He is to be the commencement speaker for the local high school May 18, when the graduates here receive their diplomas, and he already has delivered the address for the high school graduates of the Pomona school in this county.

He has just accepted an invitation to address the graduates of the School of the Ozarks on Lake Taneycomo in the Shepherd-of-the-Hills country, and will address the high school graduates in Forsyth, in the same section. He also will give commencement addresses to the graduates of the high school at Crocker in Pulaski county; Fremont in Carter county, Koshkonong in the neighboring county of Oregon, and Viola, just across the line in northern Arkansas.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO  
MEET AT LUNCHEON TOMORROW

The business men of the Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow at luncheon at the Doty Hotel on Grove street. A full attendance will be appreciated. The usual pep song session will precede the business hour program.

# West Plains Ad

THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

WEST PLAINS, HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI, TUESDAY EVENING

## BARKER GANG MAY BE NE

### EXPECT 300 AT REPUBLICAN LUNCHEON HERE FRIDAY NOON

Some of Most Prominent Men and Women Among Republican Leaders of State Will Be Present. Tickets Now On Sale.

One of the largest gatherings of republicans ever held in West Plains is expected at the luncheon to be given in the dining room of the Masonic Temple here Friday at noon, when many prominent leaders from the state and the new seventh congressional district will be present for the district conference and also for the meeting of the Republican Women's Clubs of the district.

The guests will include several members of the state republican committee and various other prominent men and women leaders of the party from various parts of the state and especially from the thirteen counties included in the new congressional district.

#### Jefferson City Man Speaker

The principal speaker at the luncheon will be Norman McGiffin, editor of the Post-Tribune of Jefferson City, who is said to be one of the most powerful speakers of the state.

Among the other prominent leaders who are expected to be present for the conference and the luncheon are the state chairman, Arthur M. Curtis of Springfield, Edward H. Winter, of Jefferson City, former lieutenant governor of the state and who was the republican candidate for governor in 1932; Judge Emory E. Smith of Monett; Senator J. G. Morgan of Union; L. D. Thompson of Jefferson City, former state auditor; Mrs. Grace Semple Burlingham, of St. Louis, Missouri representative on the National Republican committee; Mrs. Celeste Blesse, of St. Louis, member of the state committee; Mrs. Mae Stafford Hilburn, of Jefferson City, state program chairman; Mrs. Edward H. Winter, of Jefferson City, Mrs. Pearl Gehrig of Salisbury, Mrs. Sophie McCord of St. Louis. Mrs. McCord formerly was appraiser of the port of St. Louis; Edward Matindale, editor of the Warsaw Times and who is president of the State Republican Press Association; Herman Lufcy, former commissioner of the permanent seat of government at Jefferson City; Charles W. Fear, former editor of the state Blue Book, but who is editor of a labor magazine in Jefferson City.

### TO TEAR DOWN TEMPORARY COURT HOUSE ON AVENUE

C. T. Aid Will Erect New Building On Site Of Old Church Building. All County Offices To New Temporary Court House.

With the moving of county offices yesterday and today to the new temporary court house in the Catron buildings in the southwest corner of court square, C. T. Aid is planning to tear down the old Methodist church building on Washington avenue, which for the last six years has been used as a temporary court house.

Mr. Aid, who purchased the Washington avenue building a few years ago, expects to erect a new building on the site after the old building is removed, but stated today that as yet he has made no definite plans in regard to the size or type of building he will erect.

All of the county officials, with the exception of Sheriff J. E. Threlkeld and County Collector O. M. Davis, moved yesterday or today to the new temporary court house in the Catron block.

Since the abandonment of the 50-year-old court house on court square after the explosion here in 1928, which damaged the building to such an extent that it was condemned, the county offices have been scattered over the business district in various buildings. The offices of the county clerk, Mrs. Anna Lasater, and Circuit Clerk Tom O. Brown have been located in the basement of the temporary court house on Washington avenue; the offices of Circuit Judge Will H. D. Green, County Treasurer A. S. Morris and County Recorder O. Blains Jennings have been in the Farmers' Savings Bank Building at the corner of court square and Washington avenue; the offices of County School Superintendent Mrs. Effie O. Beas and Probate Judge N. J. Ramsey have been in the Burroughs building in Luster Arcade, the office of County Prosecutor Homer Rinehart has been on the second floor of the West Plains Bank Building, and the office of County Collector O. M. Davis has been in the Kellett-Landis building on the east side of court square.

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### INDOOR BASEBALL LEAGUE GAMES START TONIGHT

First Game of Series To Be Played On High School Campus Tonight At 6:00. Other Players Urged To Register.

The first game of the newly organized indoor baseball league will be played on the high school campus tonight at 6 o'clock. Nineteen players who had registered by noon today were assigned to four teams by a committee including Paul Roper, Dr. E. C. Bohrer, and Prof. J. R. Martin, who are in charge of the organization of the league.

The lineups for each team will be completed as other players come into the league, but in tonight's game groups will be combined to make complete lineups. Group No. 1, including Prof. Martin, Ray Daugherty, Paul Roper, Walter Ridgeway, and Harry Williams and Group No. 2 for which were chosen Corbett Simms, Charles Wood, Oscar Johnson, and Leonard "Speck" Hill, will play Willis Cassel, Fred Fisher, Jr., Dr. Bohrer, Robert Neathery, and Albert Bohrer, of Group No. 3, and Con Turner, Lolyd McArthur, Allan Salmon, Claude Johnson, and Corwin Dailey, of Group No. 4.

Anyone who is interested in entering the league is urged by the committee in charge to register as soon as possible at Bohrer's Drug Store. A registration fee of 25c is being charged. The committee has made an effort to divide the players into teams of equal strength.

Games will be played each Tuesday and Friday night, the series probably to last three months.

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### CONTRACTOR HE WAS SWINDLED BY BARKER

Martin Wunderlich, West Plains Highway Near West Plains, To Have Been Victim of Gangster's Scheme.

West Plains' interest in the search for the gangster, wanted here for the killing of Sheriff C. Roy Platts in 1931, has taken as a result of the latest patches concerning the gangsters, who are now not only as confederate killer, John Dillinger, the kidnapers of Edward G. Paul, Minn., banker last year.

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#### Unearth Crime Syndicate

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### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN HERE

Will Carry On Educational Campaign  
Against Liquor Traffic Through  
"Olympians," Organization For  
Boys and Girls

A new fight against the liquor traf-  
fic which is being waged throughout  
the nation was introduced in West  
Plains yesterday and today, when the  
Rev. Forrest Lee Perkins, of Kan-  
sas City, a representative of the Anti-  
Saloon League, visited in the city to  
secure members for the "Olympians,"  
a national organization of boys and  
girls of high school and college age  
who are pledging themselves to work  
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The new organization is affiliated  
with the Anti-Saloon League, and al-  
ready has thousands of members  
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The program is financed from funds  
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and no membership dues are charged.  
The boy or girl who joins merely  
pledges himself or herself to abstain  
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The Rev. Perkins stated that the  
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### U. S. BREAKS UP RING

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(Special to Daily Quill)

Minneapolis, Minn., May 1.—That  
Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, notori-  
ous bandits, may be hiding near West  
Plains, Mo., was indicated today by  
reports from Chicago that a squad of  
federal agents had started on a flying  
trip for that city.

The national spotlight was turned  
from the bizarre pursuit of John Dil-  
linger and focused on Karpis and  
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT BILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217, et al.  
M.M.V.T.A. - HARBORING  
St. Paul File No. 25-2434.

MRS. BESSIE SKINNER alias GREEN was interviewed at the St. Paul Division Office on the evening of May 3, 1934. She advised that, in addition to the two BARKER boys, ALVIN KARPIS, HARVEY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, and BILL WEAVER, there were, in fact, two other members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang and they are as follows:

1. An individual by the name of "DUTCH" from Des Moines, Iowa. His girl friend is named FRANCES and her man was killed in Kansas City six or seven years ago and was from Des Moines, Iowa, and both "DUTCH" and his girl friend, FRANCES, are close friends of MYRTLE EATON and some time ago FRANCES, who owned a Lincoln automobile, was hard pressed for finances and sold the automobile to ANDY ROTHEMIRE in St. Paul, Minnesota, ROTHEMIRE being an occasional intimate friend of MYRTLE EATON'S. She advised that WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON met "DUTCH" and FRANCES in Chicago during the World's Fair. She believes they met "at the lake". She claimed to be unable to explain further what was meant by the term, "at the lake".

2. An individual called "BIG BOY", also known as "BIG HOMER" (refer to previous reports concerning him in the BREWER kidnaping case; the Kansas City Massacre case; and interview with EDDIE DOLL in Florida). BESSIE SKINNER stated that "BIG HOMER" was from Chicago, and his wife and son, who is seven or eight years of age, reside in Chicago.

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MRS. BESSIE SKINNER advised that MYRTLE RATCH frequently visits HELL HOWARD, who is well known in Kansas City, and HELL is considered a friend of the BARKER-KARPIS groups' girl friends and MYRTLE RATCH has been known to frequently visit HELL HOWARD in Kansas City. The Kansas City Office was advised of this information by telegram.

BESSIE stated that the BARKER-KARPIS boys visited the Kentucky Derby, in 1933, in fact, was one of the members of this mob invited EDDIE GREEN and BESSIE to accompany them to Kentucky for the Derby but, at the time, BESSIE was not feeling well and did not go with them. She stated that she felt reasonably certain that several, if not all, of the members of this group would attend the Kentucky Derby in the near future and that, particularly, VOLNEY DAVIS might be expected to be there and he would be accompanied by his girl friend, who goes by the names of GRACE MURRAY and EDNA MURRAY. She is blond, 36 or 37 years of age, short and heavy, being unusually broad across the back.

She further advised that PAULA HARMON now has a series of false upper teeth in front and that, when she talks, her teeth show very noticeably. She is wearing a long bob, coming down to the shoulders and curling up. She uses no make-up and her cheek bones, as the result of an automobile accident, have been so damaged as to make PAULA'S face look flat. She examined photographs of PAULA HARMON and stated that the middle photograph, of the group sent by the Division wherein three small photographs appear on one mounting, more closely resembles PAULA HARMON than any of the others, although her features have changed considerably on account of the accident.

BESSIE was shown the photographs of the three girls being held in the Madison, Wisconsin, jail, the three girls in question being those who were found in the ledge at "Little Bohemia". She identified the blond as the girl friend of TOMMY CARROLL, who was, likewise, a sister of PAT MILKY'S wife. This blond, she stated, is twenty-four years of age and had visited BESSIE GREEN on several occasions in the latter's apartment at 3306 Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She, BESSIE, stated that this girl had not been living with CARROLL for a very long period of time; that she had gone from the Twin Cities to Chicago where she was married to a young fellow who is believed to play in WAXY KING'S ORCHESTRA, or, at least, he is a night club entertainer in Chicago. BESSIE stated that the blond's hair had been bleached and that the blond's appearance,

as shown in the photograph, was unnatural. BESSIE stated that this same blond girl and PAT HILLY'S wife were both sisters of a girl in Chicago by the name of DOLORES; that DOLORES is about 19 years of age and has light brown hair and that this girl, DOLORES, is the girl friend of ALVIN KARPIS. KARPIS maintains an apartment for her constantly in Chicago regardless of where KARPIS may be at the time.

NOTE: It is noted that PAT HILLY'S wife and the blond in custody at Madison, Wisconsin, have both stated that the maiden name of DELANEY is theirs. It is also observed that one of the individuals in custody at Chicago, charged with the possession, or passing of the HERBER kidnap money was named DELANEY. The suggestion is offered that it might be within the realm of possibility that KARPIS was making an effort to get rid of his share of the ransom money through connections which he had with the girl, DOLORES DELANEY, with whom he was living.

PAT HILLY'S wife has also stated that she has a brother by the name of ROBERT, and a sister by the name of JEAN, and that her father was once a railroad detective in Chicago. BESSIE stated that she recalls that shortly before Christmas, 1935, flowers were sent to the mother of DOLORES DELANEY, in Chicago, either by DOLORES or by ALVIN KARPIS. These flowers were sent two or three weeks before Christmas.

BESSIE GREEN identified the photographs of the two brunette girls held at Madison, Wisconsin, as follows:

The girl giving the name of ROSE ANCKER was known to BESSIE as "MICKY" and is the girl friend of HOMER VAN METER and lived with VAN METER at 3510 Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, near BESSIE GREEN'S apartment, under the name of MR. and MRS. OBER. The above mentioned blond girl friend of TOMMY CARROLL, likewise, visited BESSIE GREEN and ROSE ANCKER alias MRS. OBER.

The woman who gave her name as MRS. THEODORE NARE, according to BESSIE GREEN, is the wife of JIMMIE alias "B-BY FACE" NELSON and is the mother of JIMMIE'S two children, a boy about four years of age, by the name of DONALD, and a little girl about two and one-half years of age, who are living with either JIMMIE'S mother, or his wife's mother, in Chicago.

Concerning the individual by the name of "IZZY", in Chicago, who is believed to have passed a portion of the ransom money, BESSIE stated that she was acquainted with an individual by the name of "IZZY" WOLKE, who, with his brother, JOE WOLKE, had been in the transfer business in Minneapolis, and both of whom were close friends of HARRY SAWYER and formerly permitted the use of their trucks in handling cargoes of liquor for HARRY SAWYER and BENEY HOGAN. BESSIE stated that she knew this was true because she, at one time, lived with a man by the name of BOB WALSH and BOB would obtain the services of "IZZY" WOLKE'S trucks in order to handle cargoes of liquor for SAWYER.

BESSIE GREEN admitted that she, personally, called at the apartment house located at 93-95 South Lexington Avenue, in St. Paul, Minnesota, and rented the apartment which was subsequently occupied by JOHN DILLINGER and BILLIE FRECHETTE and she knew that this apartment was being rented for this purpose.

Concerning the investigation made at San Antonio, Texas, relative to the purchase and shipment of machine guns, BESSIE stated that she did not know the name of the Jew in San Antonio, but she had heard VAN METER, and other members of the mob, talk about a Jew in San Antonio with whom they did business. She didn't know just what business it was they had with the Jew, nor did she know the Jew's name, but she remembered some discussion about the following situation:

She stated that she had heard EDDIE GREEN state, that in San Antonio, Texas, last summer or in the early fall, JIMMIE WILLIAMS alias "BABY FACE" NELSON, who was probably accompanied by his wife; TOMMY CARROLL, who was not accompanied by a girl friend, but he made a "play" for a manicurist in San Antonio and his attentions to this manicurist led, either directly or indirectly, to the scrape which CARROLL got into when he killed a policeman. She stated that there was also an individual in the group at San Antonio by the name of CHURCH, or CHUCK, and she stated that "CHUCK" was probably correct for his nickname; that his name was, in fact, CHUCK FISHER; that he is now in Leavenworth Penitentiary where he was sentenced not very long ago to serve five years on a charge of mail robbery. She, likewise, understands that HOMER VAN METER was in San Antonio about that time and probably TOMMY GANNON. She said that TOMMY GANNON'S wife, or girl friend, although being in her early twenties, looked as though she might be in her late thirties because she dissipated a great deal.

BESSIE stated that she had, on the occasion of a previous interview, been shown a photograph of BERNARD PHILLIPS. She suggested that no farther effort be made to locate BERNARD PHILLIPS who had more than a year ago been taken on a "one way ride"; that his wife was in New York at the time and could not get any word about the location of BERNARD PHILLIPS and his wife caught a bus for the Twin Cities and made inquiries here as to his whereabouts but she said she has not been informed that PHILLIPS had been killed. HARRY SANYER had told BESSIE about the trip made by PHILLIPS' wife and SANYER stated that he did not tell her that PHILLIPS was dead. SANYER explained that PHILLIPS had double-crossed his pals.

BESSIE stated that in and around Chicago, HARRY SANYER has a friend by the name of SKIP HARKL. She does not know any more about him, she claims.

BESSIE stated that LOUIS CERNOCKY, who runs "LOUIS' PLACE", north of Chicago, was, she believed, a Bohemian and he is an individual who weighed more than three hundred pounds and usually stood behind his bar all day long while his wife, who weighed more than two hundred pounds, was a very hard worker. They have a son, now attending law school in Chicago, of whom they are very proud. She stated that LOUIS CERNOCKY has a physician who lives at Cary, Illinois; that this physician is about forty-five to fifty years of age, has gray hair, and is a refined and nice appearing man. He is German and has a German name. She believes that there are only one or two doctors in Cary, and his identity would probably be easily established. BESSIE has seen this doctor on an occasion when she and EDDIE GREEN visited LOUIS' PLACE when she desired to obtain some insurance; that, they applied for insurance from a "kid" who worked in a bank at Fox River, Grove. She paid one year's premium in advance and had LOUIS' doctor at Cary examine her and about a year later she had her money refunded because the insurance company had refused, for some reason, to insure her. She suggested that this doctor might be an individual who would treat any of the MILLINDER gang who were wounded.

The following quoted telegram was received on May 3, 1934, from Special Agent S. J. Hardy, at Madison, Wisconsin:

THOMAS CARROLL INDICTED FEDERAL COURT MADISON WISCONSIN DISTRICT WISCONSIN JUNE SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE CHARGE MARCH SEVEN NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AT OGDEN WISCONSIN BURGLARIOUSLY BREAK ENTER POST OFFICE WITH INTENT STEAL MONIES OF UNITED STATES COURT TWO STEALING

MONEY STAMPS GENL. COURT THREE BREAKING ENTERING TURTLE LAKE WISCONSIN  
POST OFFICE MARCH NINE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE COURT FOUR STEALING MONEY  
PROPERTY UNITED STATES MONEY ORDER FORMS THREE FAILED TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL  
FEDERAL COURT LA CROSSE WISCONSIN NOVEMBER SIXTEEN LAST BOND ORDERED  
FORFEITED BENCH WARRANT ORDERED ISSUED BENCH WARRANT ISSUED NOVEMBER  
SEVENTEEN LAST AND RETURNED NOT FOUND.

Very truly yours,

E.L. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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- CC Chicago
- Kansas City
- Cincinnati
- Detroit
- San Antonio
- Oklahoma City

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DGS:LS

P. O. Box 214,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 7th, 1934

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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, ET AL.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. M. Towler, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, May 7th, 1934, noting  
on Page 2 that Robert L. Lane was issued Tennessee license number  
176-006 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 9, 1934, for Ford Deluxe  
Sedan, motor number 684515.

The original signed application for the above  
license is attached hereto, and it is suggested that the signature  
on same be compared with the handwriting of subjects in this case  
and the case of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim - Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Chicago  
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EVIDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TOMORROW TO U S GRAND JURY MADISON WISC LOOKING TOWARD INDICTMENTS AGAINST DILLINGER HAMILTON VAN METER NELSON REILLY AND CARROLL ALSO AGAINST PAT CHERRINGTON AND THREE GIRLS NOW HELD AT MADISON CHARGING ALL TEN FIRST WITH HARBORING JOHN DILLINGER AND SECOND WITH HARBORING TOLLY CARROLL FEDERAL FUGITIVES US ATTY GIVING SOME CONSIDERATION TO SEEKING INDICTMENTS AGAINST EIL WINNETKA WHO THRU RELATIVES IN ONE OF OUR INFORMANTS HE HAS AGREED TO WITHHOLD CEARGES VERSUS WINNETKA UNTIL I CAN GET HIM DETAILED REPORT AS TO HOW INFORMATION REACHED CHICAGO OFFICE RE POSSIBILITY OF DILLINGER GANG BEING AT LITTLE BOHEMIA CHICAGO OFFICE WILL PLEASE EXPEDITE FULL SEPARATE REPORT ON HOW THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTED TO CHGO OFFICE SO COPY CAN BE SENT TO U S ATTY MADISON DIVISION WILL PLEASE SEND THE NOTE TAKEN FROM UNDER RUG IN LITTLE BOHEMIA WHICH MAY HAVE SOME BEARING ON HOW DILLINGER GANG WAS DIRECTED TO GO TO LITTLE BOHEMIA CARBON COPY OF THIS NOTE WILL SUFFICE AND UNDERSTAND IT WAS SENT BY MR RORER FROM MERCER WISC DIRECT TO DIVISION FOR EXAMINATION. INFORMATION TICKLING IN GIVING SOME INDICATION THAT NELSON HIS WIFE WHO IS NOW IN MADISON WIS JAIL AND TWO CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE BREKID HIDEOUT AS THERE WERE REPORTED TO BE TWO CHILDREN ON FLOOR ABOVE WHERE BREMER WAS HELD. NELSONS HAVE BOY RONALD AGE FOUR AND LITTLE GIRL AGE TWO AND ONE HALF. BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE MORE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PERFECTED BY NELSONS WIFES ATTORNEY AS WELL AS TO CONFER WITH U S ATTY MADISON RE THE ENTIRE SITUATION, I PLAN TO GO TO MADISON BEFORE RORERS DEPARTURE AND EXPECT TO LEAVE TUESDAY NIGHT TO BE IN MADISON WEDNESDAY THE THREE GIRLS DESIRE CLOTHING HELD IN CGO OFFICE TO BE SENT FOR THEM SUGGEST REASONABLE AMOUNT BE SENT TO ME CARE LORRAINE HOTEL MADISON WISCONSIN AT ONCE SO WILL BE THERE ON MY ARRIVAL AND MAY BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING INFORMATION

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Laboratory Report

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

Number: 7-576-1887

Specimens: 1 letter written in Swedish and addressed to the Mayor at St. Paul.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: May 16, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting Comparison

Result of examination:

Examination by: S/r

Handwriting different from those on  
lab card (photo of Davis, Barker, Karpis etc etc)  
Return address: E. B. Carlsson, Post Office, W.  
Postmarked: Post Office, May 1st  
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U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 7, 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 No. 7-30.

There is enclosed, herewith, a letter written in some foreign language, believed to be Swedish, and a liberal translation of the letter is said to be as follows:

"Best Mayor:

"I am taking this opportunity to write to you, hoping that you will investigate this that I am writing. I have a voice that is calling night and day and know where the kidnapers stayed, they that kidnaped Bremer. Their name is A.B. Leneme, 200 Edena Street. There are \$200,000 in a black can.

"I went to St. Paul and saw Bremer but he said this belongs to the Government and that he had nothing to do with it, and I told my brother-in-law, Dr. Hanson, who works for the Government Hospital but he could not find the street, name, or their address in the directory. I went back home but the voice kept calling me so I take this opportunity to write to you, hoping that you will answer me and let me know how it goes. I will probably go to St. Paul but it might not be for some time. I am a farmer and now it is spring.. If this helps you any, I can probably give you more information later on. I have proved this voice. Forgive me for writing in Swedish, but I felt that I had to let you know about it."

The enclosed original letter is being transmitted for the Division's laboratory to consider in the event the handwriting specimens of this character are involved in any kidnaping or extortion case.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 818  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
L. A. File 7-42

On April 27, 1934, it was reported to me that Detective E. W. Vance of the Long Beach, California, Police Department had some information regarding the Barker brothers. On the evening of April 27th, I interviewed Mr. Vance, who stated that he had an informant

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[REDACTED]

That same evening I interviewed [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] Fred and "Doc" Barker, with their mother, visited Los Angeles during February of 1933, staying about one month.

The informant claims that he never did see either of the Barker boys, or Mrs. Barker, but was told of this by [REDACTED] recently when [REDACTED] noticed a newspaper article referring to the Barker boys as being associates of John Dillinger.

[REDACTED] and that in so far as he is concerned, after the Barkers left Los Angeles, they proceeded to Chicago where they stayed a while and visited the World's Fair last year.

[REDACTED]

Informant claimed he knew nothing regarding the present whereabouts of the Barkers, nor did he know anything regarding the past history of them. He promised to call at [REDACTED] to ascertain more definite information with reference to the matter.

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stated [redacted] would not cooperate with this Division in disclosing any information, due to the fact that she did not want to get the Barkers in trouble.

On May 1, 1934, [redacted] advised, through Detective Vance, that he learned [redacted] that Kate Barker's name was Effie Gordon; that she sometimes uses the name of Mrs. J. J. Reynolds; that her mother and stepfather, the latter's name being James J. Reynolds, live in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the present time, possibly on Wheeler Street; that James J. Reynolds was once a sheriff in Oklahoma, probably of Tulsa County.

Informant also ascertained [redacted] that Effie Gordon has four full sisters and one half sister, as well as one half brother, all living in Oklahoma [redacted]

[redacted] It appears also that Effie Gordon has some relatives in Los Angeles, but the names and addresses of these parties are unknown to [redacted]

Informant also ascertained [redacted] that when the Barkers were in Los Angeles in 1933, they were driving a 1931 Buick Sedan, and visited for approximately three weeks with their relatives in Los Angeles.

I am keeping in contact with the informant [redacted] who has promised to obtain further information [redacted]

[redacted] It is claimed that the informant has been a valuable assistance to Detective Vance in obtaining information at Long Beach for that officer.

It is requested that this office be advised whether the information furnished [redacted] regarding the Barkers fits in with the known facts, since, in the event the information he has given is true, [redacted] [redacted] received at Mrs. Vossburg's home, and every effort will be made to ascertain all information she may have regarding the associates of the Barker family, and their present whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division  
Chicago  
Oklahoma

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

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 8, 1934.

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. BASSER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

In keeping with your teletype request, I am  
furnishing you with nine copies of the best available  
photographs of WILLIAM E. VIDLER.

I am also furnishing herewith to the Division,  
one copy of each of three poses of Vidler.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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BREKID - AGENT WHO CHECKED INTO IRVING HOTEL LEARNED FROM COLORED BELLBOY THAT SLIM AND IZZY LEFT HOTEL FRIDAY NIGHT AND THAT THEY STILL HAVE THE ROOM THERE BUT HAVE NOT BEEN BACK-BELLBOY STATED TO AGENT THAT DOCTOR JOE MORAN AND DOCTOR JIM WILSON ARE FRIENDS OF SLIM AND IZZY AND THAT DOCTOR MORAN HAS ALSO NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT. EFFORTS TO PICK UP BELLBOY WITHOUT RESULT TONIGHT WILL GET HIM TOMORROW AND SECURE ALL INFORMATION FROM HIM

*Copy to E. J. Connelley*

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- MR. NATHAN.....
  - MR. TOLSON.....
  - MR. CLEGG.....
  - MR. COWLEY.....
  - MR. EDWARDS.....
  - MR. EGAN.....
  - MR. QUINN.....
  - MR. LESLIE.....
  - CHIEF CLERK.....
  - MR. RORER.....
- Handwritten initials and signatures are present next to several names.*

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

May 8, 1934.

Mr. George F. Sullivan,  
United States District Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming information furnished  
you orally, you are advised that a teletype message has been  
received from the Chicago Office of this Division to the  
effect that the individual known as "E.L.M.", whose name was  
included in a recent indictment charging conspiracy to kidnap  
in the BREMER case, is believed to be identical with BOY GRAY,  
who is described as 22 years of age; height, 5 feet; weight,  
140 pounds; eyes, brown, and hair brown.

An effort is being made to verify  
this tentative identification.

Very truly yours,

H. H. GLEGG,  
Inspector.

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Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
May 8, 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,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

With reference to the report of Special Agent E. G. Gillispie submitted from Chicago, Illinois March 20, 1934, there is being transmitted with each copy of this letter a copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. G. Suran which is self explanatory.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218;  
 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
 I.O. 1219; et al  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
 KIDNAPPING,  
 KANSAS CITY, MO. FILE 7-82.

With reference to the report of Special Agent R. G. Gillispie, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-29-34, Special Agent R. C. Suran obtained the file on William Kanner No. 29554 who was received at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 14th, 1928 from the western District of Wisconsin to serve one 25-year sentence and one 5-year sentence consecutively for assaulting a mail custodian with a dangerous weapon. The file of subject disclosed that he corresponds with the following persons:

NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
Jerry Hays	Friend	423 Fairview St. St. Paul, Minn.
R. E. Graled	Friend	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. P. G. Ackland	Sister	293 E. Annapolis St. St. Paul, Minn.
Joe Sandinde	Friend	751 E. 17th St. Minneapolis, Minn.
Alice Johnson	-	629 Newport Ave. Chicago, Ill.
Floyd Williams	-	Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Rose H. Harper	Sister	Dept. Parks & Grounds, St. Paul, Minn.
George	Friend	876 Ottawa Ave. St. Paul, Minn.
Roy Girard	-	Hotel, Aberdeen, So. Dakota.
Alonso Ward	-	Minneapolis, Minn.
Thomas R. Banks	-	159 Robertson St., St. Paul, Minn.
M. Cornice (?)	-	804 Agat Street, St. Paul, Minn.
Miss Della Nadeau	Friend	312 E. 8th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
Bill Dabrauska	-	476 Mine Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Tom Filbin	Friend	17 Madison Ave., New York City.
B. J. Blacking	Business	131 St. Peters St., St. Paul, Minn.
Charles Mauden	-	149 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Dorothy Siegel	-	Kansas City, Missouri.
Louis B. Owens	Friend	12 Lauris St., St. Paul, Minn.
Eddie LaFalle	-	23 Annapolis St. St. Paul, Minn.
Minnie Kramer	Sister	Box 2029 or 2028 Dallas, Texas
M. Cack (?)	-	101 W. 20th St. Los Angeles, Cal.
May Powers	Friend	Hot Springs, Arkansas
E. Cohen	Business	Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.
William Brockman Jr.	-	19 Winter St. St. Paul, Minn.
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mrs. E. Sherman		Minneapolis, Minn.
Miss A. A. Johnson	Friend	611 E. Ward Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Jerry Harper	Friend	423 So. Fairview St., St. Paul, Minn.
D. Handlon	Friend	441 1/2 St. Peter St., St. Paul, Minn.
George Rahn		829 Jaxon St., St. Paul, Minn.

It was further ascertained from the visitor record that Kanner has had the following visitors:

A. A. Burk	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
Carrol Greene	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
Louis Kapp	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
John Romer	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
Miss Kanner	Sister	St. Paul, Minnesota.
S. J. Dennis	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
John Holst	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
Thomas A. Brown	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
H. F. Kinstead	-	St. Paul, Minnesota.
C. H. Rawlinson	-	Madison, Wisconsin.
Mr. Stanley	Business	St. Paul, Minnesota.
O. Curvaldsen	Business	Fargo, North Dakota.

It was noted that there was no records of Kanner having visitors subsequent to November 12, 1931.

R. C. SURAN,  
Special Agent.

Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
May 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box # 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

As a matter of record in the above captioned case, there  
is being attached to each copy of this letter a copy of a memorandum  
by Special Agent R. G. Reed dated February 19, 1934, and a copy of  
this Agent's memorandum dated April 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri

April 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM

Reference is made to memorandum of this Agent, dated 4-10-34, in connection therewith it has been ascertained that the identity of Charlie Ryan is Charles Teibe, subject of Kansas City file entitled John Falivie, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment, 15-185, and that he is now being held in the Jackson County Jail in connection with the recent slaying of Edward Kennen, messenger of the Commerce Trust Company; that the name Wolla is really Ivola, local police character; that these men both have been in Kansas City for some time past. It is not believed that they could have had anything to do with the kidnaping of the victim in this case.

R. G. REED,  
Special Agent.

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Kansas City, Missouri,  
February 10, 1934

RE: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING SAC M. C. SPEAR:

Yesterday while talking to Louis Gottlieb, 500 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., victim in the extortion case in this office entitled John Randazzo- 7-25, Gottlieb stated that he has missed two big shot Italians named Charley Ryan and "Wolla" ever since the kidnaping of Edward Bremer. He stated that before this kidnaping Ryan, ALWAYS passed his filling station every day. He thought this office would do well to check up on Ryan and "Wolla" and find out what they were doing on the day Bremer was kidnaped. Gottlieb stated further that he had from underground sources Ryan was implicated in the Kline Holdup and kidnaping for which Colose and others are now serving time at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. Gottlieb states he doesn't know "Wolla's" real name, but that is what they call him (Phonetic). He stated both are young and always well dressed (Snappy).

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Reed,  
Special Agent.

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2-Kansas City.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to Division letter dated February 26, 1934 with which is inclosed copies of a letter dated February 21, 1934 received from W. J. Cure, Chief of Police, Ames, Iowa, wherein the Chief stated that he had information concerning the above entitled case.

5-11-34  
Please be advised that Special Agent O. C. Dewey interviewed Chief of Police Cure at Ames, Iowa, and that the latter advised that Otto Shreck, Ames, Iowa PD #345, was arrested at Ames on July 21, 1931, together with Theodore and Harry Ebsen as they were sitting in a new Auburn car. They had with them a high powered rifle, sawed-off automatic shotgun, two colts and a foreign make of gun. All of their guns were new. They also had with them some burglary tools. It was very apparent that subjects were intending on robbing a local bank. It was learned that subjects were wanted in Red Cloud, Nebraska and were consequently taken there and tried. Shreck was acquitted, but the two Ebsens were sent to the Nebraska State Penitentiary for 25 years. Shreck was returned to Ames, Iowa and tried for possession of burglary tools, but was acquitted and released.

Shreck admitted shooting a man at Nevada, Iowa who later recovered and refused to testify, and he also admitted shooting a man in South Dakota for which he served time. He was 30 years of age, height 6'1", weight 180, build medium, hair black, eyes, hazel; complexion medium, single. Residence, Iowa Falls, Iowa. Father, Charles Shreck, Iowa Falls, Iowa; brother Robert at East Tawas, Michigan in Forestry service; brother Carl at Keosauqua, Iowa.

Shreck's fingerprints were submitted to the Division at the time of his arrest. There is being transmitted herewith to the Division a copy of Shreck's photograph, one copy of the

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same is being transmitted to the St. Paul Office with its copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification  
Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1219, et al.,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of the Kansas City  
office dated May 8, 1934, in the above entitled case, set-  
ting forth the results of an interview had with W. J. Cure,  
Chief of Police, Ames, Iowa.

There is enclosed herewith copy of the abstract of  
criminal record reflected by the files of the Identification  
Unit relative to Otto Schreck, Ames, Iowa, Police Department  
#345, for your information.

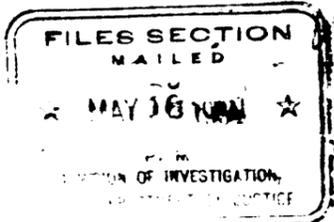
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Director.

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CC Chicago  
Inspector Clegg

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-8-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-1 to 5-1-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information that "Doc" Barker at Neosho, Missouri, latter part of March 1934 appears unfounded from investigation. Further information obtained relative possible identities Joe, Tony and Frank, possible acquaintances Karpis-Barker Gang, Kansas City. Joe Murphy, alleged bootlegger, arrested Topeka, Kansas, questioned, and apparently has no connection instant case. Investigation, Lincoln, Nebraska, of correspondents Harry Campbell's mother-in-law has produced no information of value relative Subject's whereabouts. Photograph "Dodo" identified West Plains, Missouri, as Ruby Bowling, alleged niece of Bill Weaver.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 4-5-34.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. C. Spear</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 10 1934</b>
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On March 31, 1934 Sergeant Kahler, State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, telephoned advising that an informant had told him the preceding day that "Doc" Barker had been in Neosho, Missouri the previous Wednesday or Thursday at a cafe with an unknown man, this individual not being Karpis however. Sergeant Kahler advised that he would make further inquiries in this matter and would advise this office as to the results of his inquiries. Subsequently, Special Agent H. D. Bray contacted Sergeant Kahler at Joplin, Missouri on April 3, 1934 and submitted the following memorandum relative to his interview.

Interview was had with Sergeant Kahler at Joplin, Missouri who advised that on 3-31-34 he was advised by Night Marshal John Brock, Neosho, Missouri that the latter had gone into a restaurant in Neosho on March 29, and had seen two men who acted suspiciously and who tried to avoid Brock; that the men left and could not be found by Brock, who stated that he later identified one of the men as "Doc" Barker from a photograph. Sergeant Kahler misunderstood Brock, however, as it has been found that the above occurred about three weeks ago. Sergeant Kahler advised, and it is common knowledge among officers, as well as the writer, that Brock, although he is an honest officer, is not practical and has a pronounced weakness for identifying photographs, persons, automobiles, etc. promiscuously, not for the purpose of misleading others, but merely through his anxiety to be of assistance. From Agent's experience with Mr. Brock he would not give much weight to his identifications unless they were supported by other circumstances.

Agent interviewed John Brock who stated that it was three weeks ago that he saw the men in the restaurant, which was after Agent was in Neosho before regarding this case, and before it had been published that "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis had been identified in this case. Mr. Brock stated that he went into Vo's Restaurant in Neosho one night and noticed two men, both medium height and about thirty years old; that he noticed them particularly because the men turned away from him and appeared to be avoiding him; that he was able to obtain a good view of one, and noticed that he had a scar under one eye, on the upper cheek; that when the men finished eating they went out, and he followed a few moments later, so as not to appear to be following them; that when he got out on the street he could see nothing of them, and he was unable to see whether they left in a car or otherwise; that he looked about the streets for a strange car, but could locate none. Mr. Brock stated that several days later Tom Sharon, Special Agent for the Kansas City Southern Railway, received two photographs of "Doc" Barker, and he feels "almost" certain that the man was "Doc" Barker. Mr. Brock stated that he has been watching G. E. Barker, the father of "Doc" and Fred Barker, who lives in a room over the Peoples Restaurant, but that he had seen no one frequenting there.

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Interview was had with Jess Saxton, former deputy sheriff, and who is a thoroughly reliable source of information. He is regarded as the best source of accurate information in Neosho, the police and sheriff's force included. Mr. Saxton, whom Agent has interviewed before in this matter, advised that he did not see the man in the restaurant, but related that about three months ago he had noticed a man in a new Ford V-8 black coupe drive up in front of the Peoples Restaurant and let G. E. Barker out of the car; that the man would not get out of the car, but would drive on out of town; that he always had a small girl with him, who did not appear to be over seven or eight years old. Mr. Saxton stated that he had not then identified the man, but now believes it was Doc Barker, after having seen Doc's photograph. He advised that this was before it was known that Doc Barker was wanted, and that he has not seen the man since, although he has been watching the restaurant and G. E. Barker carefully practically every night.

Mr. Saxton stated that G. E. Barker still makes the trips out of town approximately every two weeks, as previously reported by him, but that he has no information as to where he goes except that he drives to Powell's Service Station five miles north on the highway and there turns west on a country road. It is his belief that Barker goes to Picher, Oklahoma.

It will be noted that the Peoples Restaurant is a hangout for crooks and that no information would be forthcoming from the management. The elder Barker eats there and spends much of his time there, and rents his room, upstairs, from the manager. This place is on the main square. On the other hand Vo's Restaurant, where the men were seen three weeks ago, is the most popular eating place in Neosho, the owner Mr. Vo cooperates fully with the officers and it does not appear that "Doc" Barker would go there in preference to the Peoples Restaurant.

Mr. Tom Sharon, Special Agent for the Kansas City Southern Railway, advised that about a week ago he received two photographs of "Doc" Barker from the Oklahoma Penitentiary and showed them to John Brock, but that Brock said nothing to him at that time of having identified "Doc" Barker. Mr. Sharon advised that he is very close to Brock, but Brock had never said anything to him of the matter.

Jess Saxton advised that G. E. Barker has been seen visiting frequently with Peggy Asher who now has a small house in the northeast part of Neosho which is the next house east of the Negro Church. He and Tom Sharon having been observing this house but have never seen any car there but that of G. E. Barker.

Barker has no telephone. The officers in Neosho, and Sergeant Kahler all advise that the postmaster is not to be trusted as he has been a criminal lawyer and received his recent appointment through another criminal lawyer whose activities have been particularly dishonorable.

With reference to the proposed plan of interviewing G. E. Barker, Subject's father on the pretense of checking up on his parole from Oklahoma, concerning which correspondence has been had with the Oklahoma City Office, particularly the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated March 16th, 1934 and the reply thereto dated March 31, 1934. It appears that in view of the publicity given the fact that Arthur Barker is wanted as a suspect in the Bremer Kidnaping Case, it would be useless and probably detrimental to the instant investigation to carry out the contemplated plan.

SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

April 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

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I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
I.O. 1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

Concerning further efforts of the Kansas City office to ascertain the true identity of Tony and Frank previously referred to in the reports from the Kansas City office.

Sheriff Dean Rogers advised Special Agent Suran that he had obtained from a bootlegger now confined in the County Jail at Topeka, Kansas a business card bearing the name of Tony and Frank with the address, 719 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, Telephone Grand - 8782. Sheriff Rogers advised that this informant stated that Tony and Frank's last name was Traverlant, and that Frank resided at 3340 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Suran ascertained that the City Directory of Kansas City, Missouri listed Dudley A. Wright as living at 3340 Wayne Avenue, telephone number, Lincoln - 2301.

In 1932, in the Cris-cross Telephone Directory, the telephone number Grand 8782 was listed as being at 707 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri and assigned to the Square Deal Auto Livery. The Cris-cross Telephone Directory for 1933 listed the telephone number, Grand 8782 as being located at 719 Independence Avenue for the Square Deal Auto Livery Company. Agent from personal observation observed from 719 Independence Avenue, that it is now known as the Square Deal Beverage Company, and the telephone number as painted on the window was given as Grand 8782.

Inquiries of a resident in the close vicinity of 3340 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri reveals that Frank Traverlant now resides at 3340 Wayne Avenue; that Frank has five brothers, Tony, Charlie, Johnie and Louis. As guarded inquiries were made, further detailed information concerning the above was not secured with the exception that it was learned that Tony and Frank are associated together in the Square Deal Beverage Company, 719 Independence Avenue.

A coach automobile believed to be a Plymouth bearing Kansas license, 1934, No. 7-4823, was observed in front of 3340 Wayne Avenue by this Agent, and later the identical car was observed in front of 719 Independence Avenue together with a Ford V-8 sedan which bore no license plates, and a 1930 Buick sedan bearing 1934 Missouri license plates, 327-192. This latter license plate was checked at the office of the Secretary of State, Kansas City, Missouri and found to have been issued to Sam Culatto, 421 Park Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri for a 1930

Euick sedan, Motor No. 2534085. Efforts were made at the City Hall to ascertain if Tony or Frank Traverlant had city licenses issued for any automobile, but agent was advised that the 1934 licenses had not to date been filed, and therefore, no information was obtainable. At the Park Department of the City Hall at Kansas City, Missouri, it was ascertained that the 1933 licenses for automobiles were no longer available and therefore, no check could be had at that place concerning any cars which may at the present time be in possession of Tony and Frank.

At the alcohol beverage unit of this Division, Kansas City, Missouri, it was ascertained that Frank Travalent was subject of the alcohol beverage unit, File No. MB11301 who was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, November 2, 1929 at 715 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. That Frank Traverlant entered a plea of guilty at Kansas City, Missouri on February 22, 1930 and was sentenced to serve four months in the County Jail at Chillicothe, Missouri for violation of the National Prohibition Act. Frank Traverlant's age at the time of his arrest was given as 19. It was noted that he was reported to be married and an American of Italian descent. He gave his address in 1929 as being 1818 Missouri Avenue.

A photograph of Tudia Passano which is the correct name of one Tudia Jackson, an associate of Tony and Frank previously mentioned in a report from the Kansas City office. Tudia Jackson was involved in a liquor conspiracy with Frank B. Mulloy, Subject in the Kanmo Case, Roy Brown, Guy Brock, Joe Passano, John Lazia, et al in 1931. Tudia Passano with several others were convicted in that case and sent to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Agent was advised at the identification bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department that there was no record of any arrests for Tony and Frank Traverlant.

In an effort to obtain additional personal history of Tony and Frank Passano and if possible to learn of any bank with which they did business, agent interviewed

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The Kansas City Telephone Directory lists Rose Traverlant as residing at 3340 Wayne Avenue, telephone number, WAbash 8490, and lists Joe Traverlant as residing at 5117 Garfield Street, telephone number, WAbash 0680.

In a further effort to ascertain if Tony, Frank and Joe Traverlant had any connection with the subject of this case, agent attempted to contact Mr. Bert Haycock of the telephone company in order to obtain a record of any long distance calls made from Grand 8782 and WAbash 8490, but Mr. Haycock was out of town, and the records could not be obtained.

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As will be previously noted, informant, [REDACTED] Topeka, Kansas, has advised that Tony and Frank were known as the Kansas City contacts for Alvin Karpis. Therefore, it is believed advisable to continue further investigation of Tony and Frank, and the best possible source of information to connect these individuals up with Alvin Karpis would be possible with the long distance telephone calls made in the past from the known telephone numbers of Tony and Frank to the known telephone numbers of Alvin Karpis revealed in past investigations.

R. C. SURAN,  
Special Agent.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
April 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

With reference to memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. C. Suran, under date of 4-6-34, concerning the true identity of the individuals mentioned in previous Kansas City reports as Tony, Joe and Frank, Mr. Beazell of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Division of Investigation, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on 4-6-34 that pursuant to Agent Suran's inquiries of him he had ascertained that Tudie Pasano, alias Tudie Jackson, alias Joe Jackson, had between December, 1930, and May, 1931, engaged in liquor operations from 701 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, at which place he had telephone Harrison 9848. This telephone number at the time was listed in the name of Joe Carduna as an office at the above address. It is believed that the number is now that of the Rainer Apartments at 1115 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Subsequently the telephone Harrison 9848 for 701 Independence Avenue was changed to Harrison 4451 which latter number is presently listed as the Federal Transit Bureau, 539 1/2 Main Street, from which latter address it is believed that Tudie Jackson is now engaged in his liquor operations.

Mr. Beazell also advised that Tony and Frank Travalant had formerly hauled liquor from St. Louis to Kansas City. It is believed they stored this liquor at the address 719 Independence Avenue. In their operations it is reported they had used a Chevrolet car bearing Kansas plates #7-4933 and a DeSoto car bearing Missouri plates #232-819. It is also reported that these license plates were switched from one car to another. Mr. Beazell at the time could not furnish the year of the license plates nor the model and type of the cars.

M. C. SPEAR,  
Special Agent.

MCS:B  
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Kansas City, Mo.  
April 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Reference is made to memorandum prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainer dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1934, which memorandum is set out on pages 16 and 17 of report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-22-34.

Sheriff Dean Rogers, Topeka, Kansas, telephoned the Kansas City office the night of March 23, 1934, and advised that he had rounded up Joe Murphy and some of his associates. He requested that an Agent from this office interview the men at Topeka, Kansas.

Accordingly, the writer on March 24, 1934, interviewed Sheriff Rogers at Topeka. The Sheriff related that about 8:00 o'clock the night of March 23, 1934, he and his deputies raided a house at 1900 Clay Street, Topeka, Kansas, where Joe Murphy, alias Joe Shannon, was living. At the time of the raid, they located Joe Shannon's brother Vincent, one Ray Rupin and Mary Benata, formerly Mrs. Alford DeMayo, alias Mary Sullivan of Kansas City, Missouri. (Note: this latter name may be Benata). b7c

At the time of the raid, a .38 Colt Revolver was found on Rupin, while a pair of handcuffs and a .45 calibre Colt automatic were found in Joe Murphy's bed.

The Sheriff advised that immediately after the individuals mentioned above had been taken into custody he had numerous witnesses to the attempted kidnaping of Harry D. Wolf at Topeka on December 14, 1933, call at the Sheriff's office in an effort to identify the individuals as participants. No one, according to the Sheriff, was able to make an identification of any of the individuals in question.

Witnesses to the kidnaping of Donald Hasselbrook at Topeka on February 1, 1934, were also called to the Sheriff's office and, likewise, failed to identify any of the persons as participants in that case. Some of the witnesses, according to the Sheriff, said that Joe Murphy "looked good", but would go no further.

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In connection with statements made by Sheriff Rogers in the second paragraph, page one, of memorandum of reference, he advised that the Barker he referred to was Fred. He stated that Alvin Karpis, T. L. Carroll and Fred Barker were positively identified at Sioux Falls, South Dakota as participants in the robbery of a bank there recently.

With reference to paragraph five, page one, of the reference memorandum, the Sheriff stated that he had received confidential information to the effect that Joe Murphy participated in the attempt to kidnap Harry Wolf of the National Bank at Topeka, Kansas. The Sheriff was interviewed by the writer in regard thereto and furnished the following information:

Something like three weeks ago, he received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that a barrel of whiskey was setting on a road near Topeka. The informant also advised him that by watching the liquor, it would be possible to catch the liquor runner. The Sheriff and his deputies went to the spot indicated and after waiting in vain for someone to show up looked at the barrel and discovered it contained nothing but a defamatory message to the Sheriff. Sheriff Rogers became somewhat angry and within the next day or two succeeded in catching a load of liquor and arrested a man who belonged to the Chet Turk bootlegging ring. In no uncertain terms the Sheriff mentioned the message he received on the barrel and told this rum-runner that he could tell his associates that the "heat was on." The liquor runner in question denied that either he or any of his associates had practiced deception on the Sheriff, indicating it might have been the handiwork of the rival liquor ring headed by Joe Murphy. Shortly thereafter, an attorney, who has considerable criminal practice, confided in the Sheriff that Joe Murphy was implicated in the kidnaping and attempted kidnaping heretofore mentioned. The attorney said that he received his information from a bootlegger associated with the Chet Turk liquor ring; that Chet Turk called on the Sheriff and gave substantially the same information. He claimed that one of his men was a witness to both the abduction and attempted abduction.

The foregoing is interesting in testing the credibility of the information furnished.

With reference to the statement in Agent Trainor's memorandum of March 18, 1934, that the Murphy Brothers are undoubtedly friendly with Karpis and the Barkers, the Sheriff stated that this was merely a suspicion on his part, based on the fact that Karpis was reared in Topeka, and, consequently, undoubtedly would have come in contact with Karpis, and knowing him would have met the Barkers.

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In the last paragraph on page one of the memorandum of reference, it is noted that several days ago, according to the Sheriff, Joe Murphy appeared at a bank on the outskirts of Topeka, Kansas, with a great quantity of \$5.00 bills and requested that they be changed for \$50.00 bills.

Sheriff Rogers was questioned in connection therewith and stated that the bank in question was the Kaw Valley National Bank of North Topeka. He said it was merely an assumption on his part that Joe Murphy was the individual who called at the bank. He based his conclusion, however, on the fact that a license tag on the car in which the individual left the bank was traced to Joe Murphy. The Sheriff was asked if any of the bank employees had been called to identify Joe Murphy, and he stated that this action had not been taken. Incidentally, he advised that all of the persons had been released about 2:00 a.m. on the morning of March 24, 1934.

The Sheriff advised that Mary Benata, when arrested, had \$440.00 in currency concealed in a corset she was wearing. The Sheriff took the serial numbers of the currency and compared them with lists of known extortion and ransom money, but was unable to make any identification. He furnished a list of the money, however, which is being set forth hereunder:

- J 07372136 A
- C 21022050 A
- B 41492206 A
- B 76357141 A
- C 42759372 A
- C 12763939 A
- J 06164182 A
- J 04947150 A
- C 05983073 A
- C 42762801 A
- J 04780046 A
- J 06199630 A
- E 002627 A
- C 34950830 A - 330
- E 004540 A
- C 36553017 A
- C 002820 A
- A 040751 A
- B 34533738 A
- D 01235122 A
- J 04805390 A
- K 00692162 A
- J 00077686 A

C 22032120 A  
J 09110747 A  
J 00324827 A  
J 03508718 A  
C 13396780 A  
C 23781864 A  
C 35474173 A  
A 000228 - 13356  
C 12075495 A  
C 33207752 A  
C 31778279 A  
J 04850583 A  
B 43936534 A  
C 35140566 A  
F 003151 A  
J 07122996 A

10's

J 06241268 A  
E 002277 A  
J 05886624 A  
A 000008 A  
H 06158079 A  
A 001668

20's

J 04086578 A  
J 03973412 A  
D 12821913 A

Joe Murphy, according to the Sheriff, drives a V-8 Ford Coupe, bearing 1934 Kansas License 3-17355. While the Sheriff is not certain, he is under the impression that Murphy was arrested at Rockford, Illinois, in 1933, for carrying concealed weapons, and that he paid a fine. The arrest may have been made under the name of Shannon.

The Sheriff found two requests for money transfers over the Postal Telegraph from Joe Sullivan, Topeka, Kansas, who is, according to the Sheriff, Joe Murphy, to one Morris Frank, Chicago, Illinois, each time in the amount of \$200.00. These requests were turned over to the writer and will be traced through the Postal Telegraph Company at Kansas City, where the original records are now kept.

Sheriff Rogers said that he had found a wire addressed to Marie Benata, 2839 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on September 4, 1933. This telegram was from Joe Murphy and read: "Got here at noon Leaving for Wisconsin Be in Kansas City Wednesday morning."

The Sheriff found the following data on a Western Union Blank at the residence of Joe Murphy:

"Jimmy S. Cola Victor 2694, 407 Holmes Street" Under the name in question appeared "Jimmy Pig Leo Lions, Harrison 9729 and Mat, Harrison 2238. Willey, Harrison 9235."

The Sheriff stated that he was convinced that none of the other individuals arrested could have had a connection with the abduction and attempted abduction at Topeka. He described Joe Murphy as follows:

- Age 29
- Height 5 ft 8 in.
- Weight 175 pounds
- Build, medium heavy
- Hair naturally red - tho often dyes it.
- Complexion - very ruddy
- Nose - sharp - prominent
- Good dresser
- Occupation - liquor man.

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Description of Mary Banata:

Age - late 20's  
Height - 5 ft, 6 in.  
Build - medium  
Hair - dark  
Complexion - dark  
Nationality - Italian  
Eyes - dark and large.

Sheriff Rogers turned over the two guns mentioned heretofore, and same are being examined by Ballistic Expert Merle A. Gill, Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain whether they are identical with the guns used in the Kansas City Massacre.

The handcuffs found at the home of Joe Murphy were also turned over to the writer, which are "Bean's Improved," and No. 862 appears on one cuff, while the other bears the No. 872. - Mr. Gill will make an examination of them.

The descriptions of the guns mentioned herein are:

"Colt Automatic .45 calibre, bearing stamp "U. S. Property" and Serial No. 391553. This gun is a 1911 model of the U.S. Army.

Colt Police Positive Special .38 calibre, Serial No. 399270"

H. E. Anderson  
Special Agent

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With reference to the following investigation conducted by Special Agent W. E. Miller at West Plains, Missouri, pursuant to letter from Inspector H. E. Clegg, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-16-34, attention is directed to letter to the Kansas City Office from Acting Special Agent in Charge Earl M. Black, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 4-27-34 relative to "Dodo".

A. T. Hollenbeck, Postmaster, West Plains, Missouri, advised that the photograph of "Dodo" enclosed with reference letter looked familiar to him but he was unable to identify this party as any regular or transient patron of the office. He further stated that he has been connected with the office during the past ten years and knows practically everyone in this vicinity. Mr. Hollenbeck advised that W. W. Miller, proprietor of Miller's Studio, and Professor Martin, the Superintendent of Schools, are both men of middle age and highly respected; that Professor Martin has held his position during the past ten years and would likely know most of the teachers in this part of the state.

Efforts to locate Professor Martin for interview disclosed that he was temporarily absent from the city on a business trip.

W. W. Miller, proprietor of Miller's Studio, 5 Catron Arcade, West Plains, Missouri, instantly recognized the aforementioned photograph of the alleged niece of Bill Weaver, but was unable to recall anything about her aside from the fact that she was from Arkansas. After an extensive search he finally located negatives showing several poses of this young lady, the negatives bearing No. 6665. He then located the journal entry which shows that this party, under the name of Ruby Bowling, on 12-5-32 ordered one dozen 3 x 4 photographs made and mailed to her in care of Mrs. Eugenia Bowling, Salem, Arkansas. Mr. Miller after refreshing his memory advised that this young lady came to the studio alone and that so far as known to him she is otherwise unknown in West Plains. Mr. Miller was closely questioned but advised that he has no correspondence, records, or other information with reference to this party. He added that the circumstances indicate that she probably was teaching school at the time and ordered the photographs shipped in care of some relative with whom she planned to spend the Christmas vacation period; that he frequently does photographic work for people residing in the northern part of Arkansas as there are no large towns in that section.

Under the circumstances it was deemed inadvisable to conduct further investigation at West Plains at this time.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
April 27, 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
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When Agent was in Neosho, Missouri, recently he was advised by Jesse Saxton, former Deputy Sheriff, and who has been mentioned in my previous memorandums as an excellent source of information, advised that he has noticed that G. E. Barker, father of Fred Barker, goes to the Post Office and deposits mail nearly every night; that he always goes to the Post Office between 10 and 10:30 P.M. Apparently Mr. Barker's purpose in depositing the mail at the last few minutes before it is dispatched is that it will not remain in the Post Office very long for possible examination.

Mr. Saxton and State Patrolman George Kahler have advised that in their opinion the present Postmaster at Neosho, Missouri, would not be reliable in this investigation. They advised that he has a questionable history and obtained his appointment as Postmaster through means that would make his reliability questionable.

Mr. Saxton advised, however, there is one clerk on duty at the Neosho Post Office at the time the 10:45 mail is dispatched who is Saxton's personal friend and who could be depended upon to furnish Mr. Saxton the address of any mail deposited by Mr. Barker. However, this employee, whom he did not name, has declined to give Mr. Saxton this information without the approval of the Post Office Department. Mr. Saxton requested that some arrangement be made for this employee to receive special permission to furnish Mr. Saxton the information without the knowledge of the Postmaster at Neosho.

Agent has been unable to interview Post Office Inspector Goodwin, who is located at Joplin, Missouri, and supervises the Neosho office. However, Agent talked with Post Office Inspector Flora concerning the possibility of such an arrangement and he advised that no doubt the Inspector having supervision of the particular Post Office would grant such authority to the Post Office employee. This matter should be discussed with Post Office Inspector Goodwin at Joplin, Missouri.

Jesse Sarton and Mr. Kahler further advised that G. E. Barker is what is commonly known as the "masher" type; that he is very fond of girls. They advised that any girl who would give Barker the proper glance would easily put herself into his associations and as G. E. Barker is a very poor driver it would likely be possible to have the proper type woman secure his confidence and be able to drive his car on the unexplained trips he makes from Neosho as previously reported.

These officers advised that recently one Peggy Asher, who comes from Picher, Oklahoma, and who has been known at Neosho for some time on account of her shady reputation and business, has rented a house in the northeast part of Neosho, adjacent to the negro church; that G. E. Barker has been associating with her very frequently and that his car is seen parked in front of her house practically every day. The officers showed Agent this house and it is located on the east side of the negro church. According to the officers, Peggy Asher is no doubt being supported entirely by G. E. Barker at this time; they advised that through neighbors they are maintaining a surveillance on this house, but that no one is ever seen to go there except G. E. Barker.

H. D. Bray  
Special Agent.

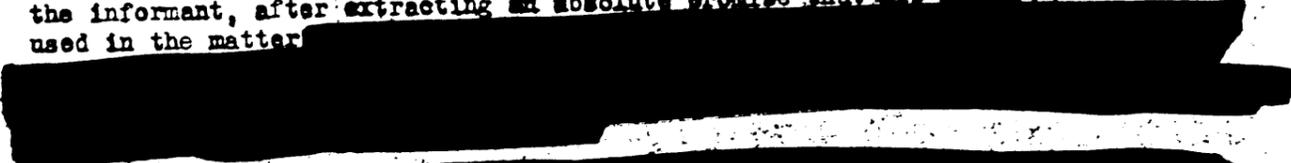
The Kansas City Office will continue investigation in the instant case.

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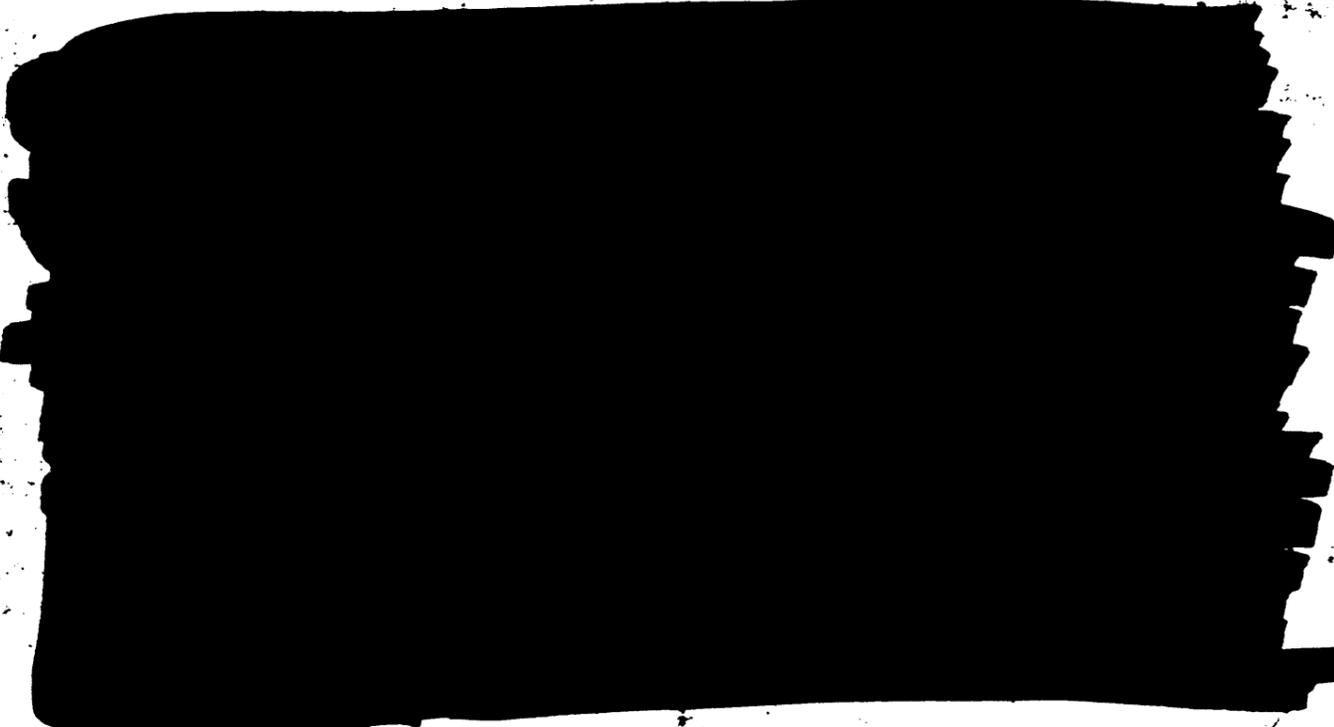


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a clipping from a Minneapolis paper had been received by a confidential informant in Billings with a picture of William E. "Christian Kid" Mead, former convict, and hunted as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping case, and outlining the case briefly without giving the name of his informant or much of value. The Sheriff finally agreed to contact his informant and did so, with the result that the informant, after extracting an absolute promise that his name would not be used in the matter,



 had a clipping from the first page of a Minneapolis paper (which Agent was later able to secure and verified as the Minneapolis "Journal" of May 1, 1934), showing simply the photographs of John J. McLaughlin, Jr., and William E. "Christian Kid" Mead, and others. This clipping had been so cut out that it did not show the date of the paper or what paper  although he did not wish to give Agent the name or address of the person sending. (The Sheriff advised that it was  but he was not certain enough to give Agent any information as to that.)



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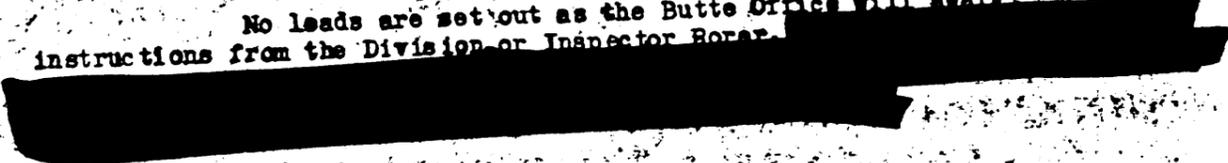


He described the two as follows:

Name	WILLIAM E. MEAD	MRS. MEAD
Age	43 to 45	42
Height	5'-8"	Uncertain, but shorter than husband
Build	Slight	Large-heavy set
Weight	135 to 140	Probably 175
	Very slender legs	Round face
	"Pipe-stem"	Beautiful white hair
	Mouth paralyzed	
	left side, pulls	
	mouth upward	
Race	White	White
Nationality	American	American
Marital Status	Married	Married

[redacted] interested in the matter and will assist in every way if Mead is wanted, as indicated by the press reports. He drew a rough map of the country for this Agent, which is placed in the Butte Office file.

No leads are set out as the Butte Office will await instructions from the Division or Inspector Rorer.



At Butte, Montana:

On May 7, 1934, John G. Montgomery of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, a reliable officer, visited the Butte Office, and while here was asked if he knew Stagers. He stated that he did and that his Unit had arrested Stagers with a still on May 5, 1934, and that Stagers was now giving bond for appearance in Federal court for this arrest. He knew the territory well and this Agent went over the matter with him as to Stagers' standing, which he said was bad. He gave his name as Morris Stagers and promised to secure other information in regard to Stagers and his doings for the Butte Division Office. As the arrest was made on what Stagers would consider a local matter, it would not frighten Mead if he were hiding out in the Stagers vicinity. There was present a man, whose description did not fit Mead, when the arrest of Stagers was made, and nothing but a Chevrolet car, no Marmon car or a car of any other make except the Chevrolet, which belonged to Stagers.

The Butte Office will keep in touch with all activities touching this matter until advised by the Division or Inspector Rorer.

Two copies of this report are being sent to the Salt Lake City Office [redacted] story indicates a lead may run into Wyoming.

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Silcox Springs, Arkansas  
1302-18 Street,  
April 30, 1934

Dear Sirs:

I would like to become a deputy of your service without pay. My home is in Neosho, Missouri. Fred Barker's father lives about three blocks from my home. He is about sixty-five years old, spends lots of money, buys a new car every three months. He has a driver most of the time.

In the last few weeks I have been shadowing him very closely. He makes three and four trips a month to Picher, Okla., Miami and Afton, Okla. I am sure he is contacting his sons at these places, because before he makes these trips, he is broke and when he returns he seems to have plenty of money. I know his son Fred when I see him. I had a chance to catch him once. I didn't have, or represent a commission and was afraid to call locally for assistance. Money talks with most of them and they sell out too easy.

I will pay my own expense, expect no wages at all. I only want to work for the rewards. I recently have completed three schools of Criminology. I am very much interested in crime and vice. My one ambition is the detection of same and I am sure if given a chance I will make good. The utmost in my power will be devoted. I am twenty-four years old, have studied the greater part of crime since the age of fourteen. Would like to work alone, rather than advice from you. If you desire I will obtain recommendations from any or all of the below mentioned.

Major General McIntzeman, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.  
Mr. Kert Sanders, Warden, Missouri Prison,  
Mr. Paul Lystir, Sheriff, Neosho, Missouri,  
Mr. J. E. Thurman, Chief of Police, Neosho, Mo.  
Mr. A. Rogers, Sheriff, Carthage, Missouri,  
Maj. W. E. Curstler, 18th P.A. Fort Leavenworth,  
Maj. Isaac, Neosho, Missouri.

Mr. Parvis, if it isn't asking too much,  
please give or help me to obtain a commission.

A friend truly,

JAMES M. GOWEN,

Return Address:  
Siloam Springs, Arkansas  
c/o Mr. J. M. Littrell.

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 8, 1934.

Mr. James M. Cowen,  
c/o J. M. Littrell,  
Silcox Springs, Ark.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter,  
dated April 30, 1934.

I wish to thank you for your interest  
in the matter relating to Fred Barker's father, who  
lives at Neosho, Missouri. Please be advised, however,  
that all applications for positions in this Department  
must be sent to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Division  
of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C. I am forwarding to the Director, a  
copy of your letter for his consideration.

The Oklahoma City Office of this Division,  
which covers the territory in which you are located, is  
also being advised of the information furnished in your  
letter and it is believed that an agent from that office  
will be dispatched to interview you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:Division (Encl.)  
CC:Oklahoma City

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218: et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping,  
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276m  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter received from James M. Cowan, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, dated April 30, 1934, in which he suggests he might be of some service to this Division.

He also suggests other information which might be of value concerning the father of Fred and Arthur Barker.

It is believed advisable that this man be interviewed at the earliest opportunity for such information as he may be able to offer.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 9, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. #1219: et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter of May 7,  
1934, in which it is requested that a photograph of WILLIAM  
ELMER MEAD be secured and forwarded to the Division for its  
files.

Please be advised that the enclosed photograph,  
marked group picture No. 5647, is the only available photograph  
of Mead in the possession of the Chicago Police Department,  
also, the only one available in this office. It is, there-  
fore, desired that the Division prepare at least ten copies  
of each pose for this office and five copies of each pose for  
the Saint Paul Division Office, retaining such copies as the  
Division may desire for its own use.

I am also enclosing herewith a photograph of a  
party who has been identified as ROY GRAY, alias "SLIM",  
prominent in the Bremer Kidnaping matter. It is desired that  
this photograph be enlarged twice its present size and that  
at least twenty copies be furnished this office and ten  
copies to the Saint Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS, *per v. v. v.*  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 18, 1934

**MAY 21 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:

There are transmitted herewith ten copies of a full-length photograph of Willie Elmer Head, #5447, taken by the Chicago, Illinois Police Department. Head's name has been mentioned in connection with the above entitled case, but no information has been developed connecting him directly with the case.

For your information, there are also transmitted herewith copies of an abstract of a criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, respecting the above named individual. Copies of the above photograph are being transmitted with copies of this letter to Inspector Clegg and to the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Offices of the Division, which offices have conducted some investigation relative to the whereabouts of Head.

There are also enclosed herewith copies of an enlargement made of the snapshot taken of one Roy Gray, alias "Elin", who has been identified as an individual associated with subject John J. McLaughlin, Sr., and others in the passing of the Bremer ransom money at Chicago.

The attention of the New Orleans Office is directed to its letter dated May 4, 1934, transmitting to the Division a copy of the memorandum of Special Agent J. O. Peyronnie, dated May 4, 1934, wherein it is noted that newspaper photographs of Willie Elmer Head have been identified by certain individuals at New Orleans, Louisiana as having been a resident there from December, 1933 to April 1, 1934. It is suggested that the enclosed full-length photograph of Head be exhibited to these same individuals.

Enclosure 554834  
cc-Mr. Clegg  
Baton Rouge  
New Orleans

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Chief of Detectives Maddox of Beaumont, Texas  
advised the Dallas Division office on 5/7/34 that a letter  
was received by Frank Riley of Beaumont, Texas,  
dated 4/28/34, from a person named "HARMON,"  
addressed to Riley, 1212 1/2th Street,  
Beaumont, Texas. The letter was  
dated 4/28/34 and was signed "HARMON."

Captain Maddox says Riley is unknown to him and  
other members of the Beaumont Police Department.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:MT  
cc Division  
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

REKID REFERENCE LETTER LOSANGELES ADDRESSED STPAUL OFFICE  
DATED MAY FIFTH RE BARKERS ADVISE DIVISION AND INTERESTED  
OFFICES RELATIVE AUTHENTICITY INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN

HOOVER

*Edward K. Barron*

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Suite L  
Federal Building  
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May 9, 1934.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, IO 1212  
ET AL.  
George Edward Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of April 24, 1934, concerning information furnished by Owen A. Kitching, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, regarding hideouts and contacts for the Barkers and Jim Clark.

On May 7, 1934, Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City office during a telephonic conversation with Special Agent H. E. Andersen at Kansas City requested that more definite information be secured from Kitching as to how the hide-out operated by one George mentioned in the reference letter could be located. Agent Hansen requested that if possible a map showing the location of the hide-out be secured from Kitching.

Agent Andersen called at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, yesterday and at his request, Kitching prepared a map showing the location of the hide-out in question and the various roads by which it might be reached. It should be noted that the hide-out is designated on the map by the printed letters "GEO." The original map is being furnished your office herewith, a copy is being forwarded to the Division and another copy is being retained in the Kansas City office.

Kitching stated that perhaps the hide-out can be more easily located by driving from Pashuska, instead of Burbank, as mentioned in the reference letter. He suggested the following route:

From Pashuska, drive west on Highway 66, until a roadhouse, east of the Fairfax cut-off is reached; take first road west of roadhouse going south and continue on same, which is an old Tidal Oage Oil Lease Road; continue on this road, which will lead to either the Tidal Oage or Gypsy Oil holdings. This is the place operated by the individual known as George. The lease in question does not contain more than a dozen wells which are active.

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By referring to the map prepared by Kitching, it appears that there should be very little difficulty in locating the hide-out.

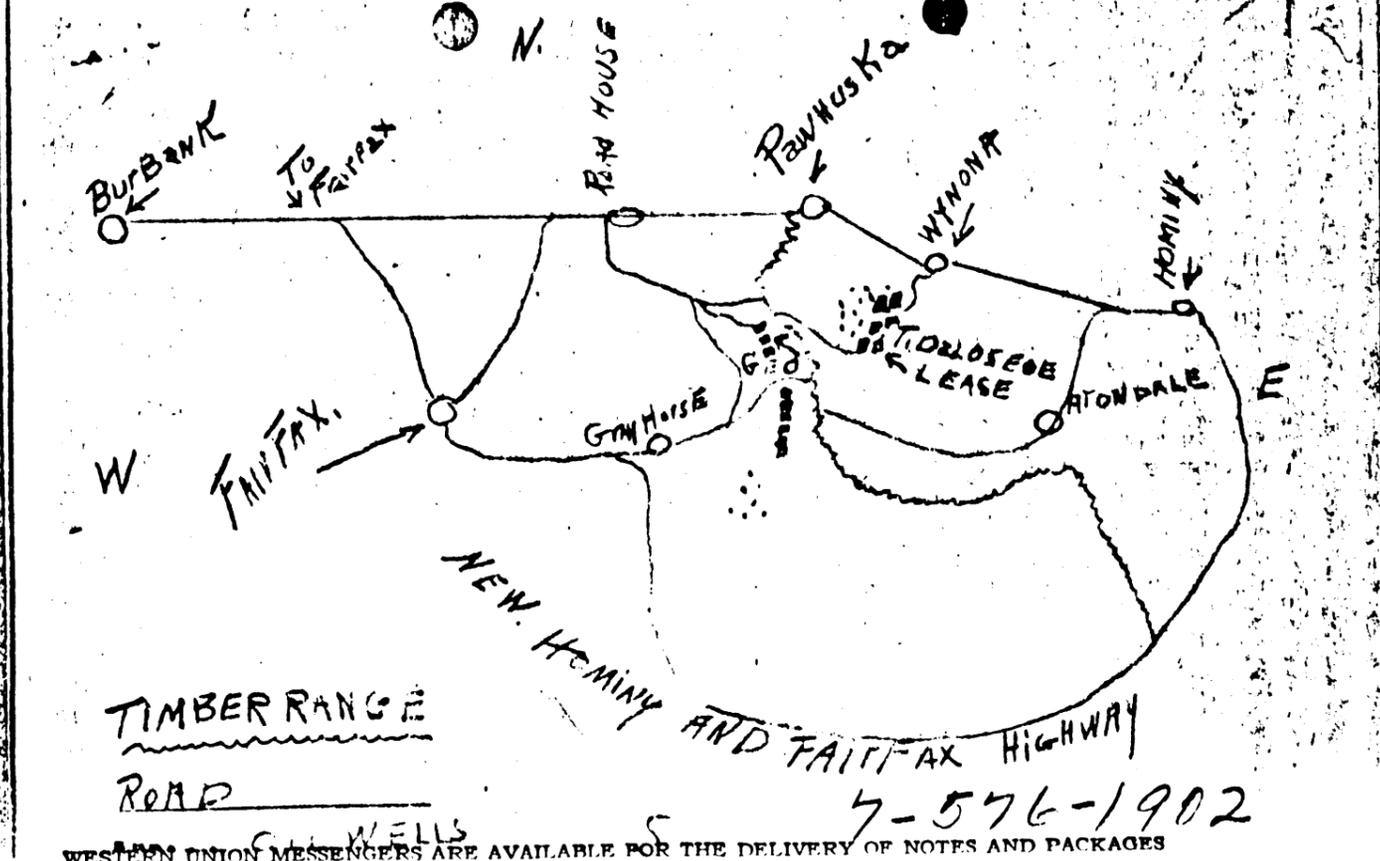
For your information, Kitching stated that shortly after Harvey Bailey was convicted of bank robbery at Fort Scott, Kansas, a lawyer, who was supposed to represent him, was killed near Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said the lawyer was murdered because he had double-crossed Bailey. In connection therewith, he observed that shortly before the lawyer was killed, Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd and "Doc" Barker drove up to the lawyer's home one night and attempted to get him out of the house. It was their intention, according to Kitching, to put this lawyer on the spot at that time. He intimated that it is quite possible that this lawyer was murdered by Pretty Boy Floyd and Doc Barker.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONNER  
Special Agent in Charge.

HEA-s  
cc(2) Division  
cc-Mr. Clegg, St. Paul  
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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to



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AND REFER TO  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 8, 1934

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Referring to your memorandum of May 4  
in which complaint is made as to the  
cooperation of the United States Attorney  
and the United States Marshal at Chicago  
on the John J. McLaughlin - Bremer matter,  
I would say that this is being taken up with  
both the United States Attorney and the  
United States Marshal.

*Brien McMahon*  
Brien McMahon,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

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May 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: SPECIAL AGENT S. L. FORTENBERRY.

Concerning the status of Special Agent  
S. L. Fortenberry at Reno, Nevada, for the information of the  
Division I am enclosing, herewith, copies of letters dated  
April 30, 1934 and May 1, 1934 addressed to me by this agent,  
using the name of F. T. BERRY.

Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature of H. H. Clegg*

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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C O P Y

April 30, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Clegg:

Confirming my wire of last night I arrived here at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, and intend to leave this afternoon to return to Reno. I couldn't tell you all the particulars yesterday when talking to you, but I thought considering the circumstances it best to come in today. In the first place my capital was fast diminishing, and there had not been any definite agreement between Mr. Verterli and myself as to furnishing money, and he had asked Agent Sloane to see that I received cash, which he did, but due to the fact that he himself was a little short, and was leaving town, or that is he expects to leave Monday to appear in Court, I didn't want to take the chance of getting stuck in a hot place in Reno.

So far I think I have gone along there without any suspicion aroused as to my identity. Sometimes I feel that I am not accomplishing much, but then I realize that all one can do is to wait until the big moment appears. After making a survey of all the gambling places in and around Reno I am convinced that there are only two places where any big gambling will take place, that is the Bank Club, and the Tavernas, which is located about two miles from town. Of course many other places are going full blast, but it seems that to do any gambling of any amount all the boys take one of these places. I mentioned in my letter a few days ago of visiting a Ranch where there was purported to be a great deal of gambling, but it is mostly of a nature where the house doesn't finance, but the fellows merely meet to play poker.

When I was working my way in jail I didn't think there was chance of accomplishing any thing other than finding out who the fellow referred to as Doc & Fred, however as time goes on I am convinced that it is one of the wisest moves I have made, for all the fellows around town know that it isn't the custom for our agents to be thrown in jail, and they look at me as one of the fellows out for a good time, and having the usual complex of a writer raising plenty of Hell. Don't get the idea that I am doing that alone, but one must create that impression to some extent to crash Reno in its present condition without notice.

I have discussed this morning with Mr. Verterli the possibility of the gang we are looking for to come around Reno and stop at some of the places around town known as "Dude Ranches" they keep a few people, and some of them keep a great many, and will continue to keep more as the vacation season draws on. Most of the places are our four or five miles from town, and one can go there and stay for several days without being noticed. I have visited some of these places and find that they keep people very often without knowing who they are. One place in particular "The Alamo" I went out there for dinner one evening and found a woman there that had been there several days and the manager didn't know what her name was or where she was from, it seems

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to be the custom around there to take the money, sell the whiskey and not worry about who one happens to be. I think, however, and Mr. Verterli is of the same opinion that if the boys get into that country they are sooner or later going to visit either the Bank Club or the Taverns, and it may be best to keep a close watch over them, and merely visit the other places at random. As soon as things open up at Cal-Neva I intend to make a few visits there to see if the gambling is going full blast. I think I wrote you before that there was some talk of them not opening, however, I understand now that the place will be open, but there is some talk of not being able to finance the gambling in a big way. All this I will find out about when they open up.

Relative to my expenditures this far, they have run over \$7.50 per day as you notice, and I was of the opinion that you all probably thought I may be spending too much money; however Mr. Verterli seems to think that the amount that I have expended is reasonable, and as little as one could get along with in making the crash of Reno.

I am blue slipping the money expended to date and sending it in, and would appreciate you urging the Division to make payment on same at the earliest possible date. I will also make out my regular expense account and send it in to Mr. Hanni and he will have to put in some of my transportation request the No. and amount of which I have forgotten, but they are in the safe there in the office. The amounts indicated on my blue slips may not correspond exactly with the figures I have sent you, as I keep a copy of them in a very secretative place on an object that is immovable; consequently I will have to make the slip out from memory, the total amount I have correct but some of the items may vary a few cents.

My expenditures since my Saturday report:

Taxi fare-----	\$2.50	
Drinks	4.50	(this included date, as that is the only way to crash the Taverns on Saturday)
Gambling	<u>3.25</u>	
	\$10.25	

This of course does not include cash fare paid for round trip from Reno to San Francisco and taxi fare to and from air port, this I will include in my regular expense account.

Rest assured that I am enjoying my work and doing the best possible, should anything unusual happen I will call you immediately.

Very truly yours,

F. T. Berry

C O P Y

Hotel El Cortez,  
Reno, Nev.

Monday 5-1-34

Mr. H. H. Clegg  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Clegg:

I am in receipt of your letter of 4-26-34, and note what you say relative to my activities in and around the jail. You are probably right in the matter, but at that particular instance I could not see any way to secure the particulars other than get in the jail, for by the time an agent could come here from some office the person would be out of jail, and here they never take any finger prints, or other identification in ordinary cases. I probably acted a little hasty but with good intentions, however I will note what you say and govern my activities accordingly.

I returned from San Francisco this morning, I should have reached here last night, but the weather was so stormy that the plane could not come beyond Sacramento, and I had to take the train from there in, which delayed me about seven hours. I had a very good trip over there, and am glad that I went when I did for I received some very helpful suggestions from Mr. Vetterli (Correction in spelling of all previous letters).

I turned my blue slip over to Mr. Vetterli and he put his O.K. on it and sent it to you I suppose; however he didn't say if he was sending it to you or the Division. I realize that after I returned here and compared my figures that I failed to blue slip approximately \$15.00 that I had itemized to you, however I will take care of that later. I did not inclose my expense account for the reason that I will have to go to the bank here and secure some No's. on Transportation Request, and then it will have to go to St. Paul and have added there some No's. of Transportation Request which was used there and the book left there in the safe. I am forwarding Expense account today, and you may suggest in both the case of my blue slip and expense account that haste would be appreciated.

My expenditures for yesterday and Sunday were of course regular and will be included in my regular expense account. I am sending this letter air mail so that you may soon know that I have returned in good shape. Any suggestions or criticism that you may offer at any time relative to my work will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. T. Berry

P.S. I have received and read carefully the information forwarded to me which was obtained from Bessie, as acknowledged in previous communications.

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May 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. #1219: et  
al, Edward George Bremer,  
Victim, KIDNAPING.

Supervisor Robert Newby of the Division visited this office sometime ago, at which time he suggested that in an effort to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held, a strip of territory lying between Madison, Wisconsin, as a Northern boundary, and Rockford, Illinois, as a Southern boundary, should be covered from Lake Michigan to the border of Iowa.

In keeping with this suggestion, Special Agents: M. F. Glynn and J. A. Murphy have been assigned to cover this territory and a careful examination of same will be made in an effort to locate the hideout.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: St. Paul (2)  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/12/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDGAR L. THOMPSON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: S. H. Garner of the Leach and Garner Co., Attleboro, Mass., states one pair of #521 M and L Goggles was purchased by his company on September 11, 1931, but is used by him in his workshop at his home.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent (A) J. V. Warner, Boston, Mass., dated April 2, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>At Attleboro, Massachusetts:</u> At the Leach and Garner Company, agent interviewed Mr. S. H. Garner, one of the partners in the concern, who advised that on or about September 11, 1931, his concern had purchased from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Incorporated, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, one pair of #521 M and L Goggles, but that these goggles were not used in his plant but were used by him in his home where he has a small workshop in which he indulges in the hobby of woodworking. Mr. Garner went to his home and brought back with him the goggles in question which he exhibited to agent; their description is as follows: #521 M and L Goggles, equipped with super-safety lense; on each lense is etched the word "Cresco" and on the inside of the left cup is the word "Cresco", and on the inside of the right cup are the words "Pat. Pend." <u>UNDEVELOPED LEAD:</u> THE BOSTON OFFICE at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, will contact the Berkshire Mill Supply Company and ascertain the particulars of the purchase of the #524 M and L Goggles from the Whitehead.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1906	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 12 1934
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Metal Products Company, Incorporated, on September 24, 1931.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

APRIL 28 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

PLEASE FORWARD PROMPTLY BY TELETYPEWRITER FULL INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
TODAY BY YOUR OFFICE IN THE BREMER CASE. ALSO ADVISE WHY AN AGENT DID  
NOT REMAIN AT SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WHILE NECESSARY LEGAL PAPERS WERE BEING  
SECURED FOR ENTRANCE THEREIN.

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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MR. RORER

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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

WEEKID SUMMARY

PHOTOGRAPHS OF FOLLOWING PARTIES IDENTIFIED-ROY GRAY, ALIAS BELIM-  
 MRS. ROY GRAY- LIZZY ALIAS OLD MAN- MRS. MABEL GUYMON, SISTER OF MRS.  
 GRAY- GEORGE GUYMON, HUSBAND OF MABEL GUYMON, AND BROTHER OF MRS.  
 GRAY WHOSE NAME IS NOT KNOWN. GUYMONS LIVING AT 525 CORNELIA, STREET  
 CHICAGO. DR. MORAN IS EXPECTED AT SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS, SUNDAY  
 NEXT. APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. REMOVAL HEARING FOR THE FOUR IN  
 CUSTODY HERE TODAY. BOTH SIDES RESTED AFTER INTRODUCING EVIDENCE.  
 DEFENSE MADE MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT. ARGUMENT ON MOTION  
 TO BE HEARD WEDNESDAY AT 2-PM. MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN AT HEARING TODAY.

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FOUR CASES SET BY U S COMMISSIONER WALKER HERE FOR 10 AM 5-7-34 WHEN  
CERTIFIED COPY INDICTMENT FROM ST PAUL CHARGING ALL SUBJECTS PRODUCED  
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AT HEARING IN REMOVAL CASES ON INDICTMENTS. MESSRS KEENAN AND HASSENAUER  
ATTEMPTED TO HAVE THIS QUESTION QUALIFIED BY THE ADDITION THAT AGENT  
FALKNER HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY THAT BREMER RANSOM MONEY HAD BEEN  
FOUND IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECTS TRACED TO MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR AND JUNIOR

WAS NOT PERMITTED THE COMMISSIONER AND AGENT FALKNER WAS FORCED TO ANSWER THE ORIGINAL QUESTION AS TO QUESTION AS PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER HAD GIVEN BEFORE GRAND JURY ONLY AS TO ADMISSIONS MADE TO AGENTS BROWN AND FALKNER BY MCLAUGHLIN THAT HE HAD OBTAINED MONEY FROM TWO STRANGE MEN IN A HOTEL IN CHICAGO WHICH MONEY HE HAD CONVERTED INTO BILLS OF 87338 DENOMINATIONS AND WHICH MONEY HE KNEW TO BE HOT AND ASSUMED TO BE PART OF HANK OF BREMER KIDNAPING RANSOM MONEY AGENT FALKNER'S TESTIMONY HAD BEEN BUT PART OF THE GENERAL PICTURE AND AGENT FALKNER ASSUMED IT TO BE THE PROVINCE OF THE GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE COMPLETE PICTURE MADE A CONSPIRACY CHARGE AS CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENT. AS TO THE QUESTION PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER ANSWERED NO AND AGENT FALKNER SUBSEQUENT TO THE HEARING WAS TOLD BY U S ATTORNEY HASSENAUER THAT HIS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WAS THE ONLY ONE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. COMMISSIONER WALKER SUSTAINED FURTHER OBJECTIONS BY HASSENAUER AND KEENAN WHEN QUESTION THIS NATURE ASKED AGENTS BUT FAILED TO DEMAND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REFRAIN FROM ASKING SUCH QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCT THEM ONLY QUESTIONING INVOLVED WAS PROOF OF IDENTITY WHICH WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED THROUGH AGENTS TESTIMONY BY HASSENAUER. AT 5-30 PM HEARING ADJOURNED AS GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF IDENTITY PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER WALKER CALLED FOR BRIEFS BY GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE CONCERNING VALIDITY OF INDICTMENT TO BE ARGUED 5-9-34 ON WHICH DATE ARGUMENTS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALKER REQUESTED TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER UNTIL THIS MORNING. WHEN DEFENDANTS AGAIN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM AND HE REQUESTED FURTHER TIME UNTIL MONDAY MAY 14 AT 3-00 PM TO CONSIDER FURTHER AND SEARCH ADDITIONAL CASES. HASSENAUER OBJECTED TO FURTHER DELAY AND INSISTED GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF IDENTITY HAD BEEN PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER WALKER REFUSED TO RENDER OPINION UNTIL MONDAY AND REMARKED THAT HE BELIEVED HE WOULD RENDER OPINION IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT AS TO SOME OF THE SUBJECTS INDICATING HE WOULD NOT DECIDE FAVORABLY IN CASE OF AT LEAST ONE OF SUBJECTS. HASSENAUER EXPRESSED OPINION TO AGENTS BROWN AND FALKNER THAT COMMISSIONER WALKER WOULD FAIL TO ORDER REMOVAL OF MCLAUGHLIN JR. COMMISSIONER APPEARED TO INSIST UPON A DISCLOSURE OF THE ENTIRE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE ST PAUL GRAND JURY ALTHOUGH IDENTITY WAS ONLY QUESTION INVOLVED

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 IN ALL CASES ON INDICTMENTS. MESSRS KEENAN AND HASSENAUER

*H. C. ...*

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ATTEMPTED TO HAVE HIS QUESTION QUALIFIED BY ADDITION THAT AGENT  
HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY THAT BREMER RANSOM MONEY HAD BEEN IN  
POSSESSION OF AND TRACED TO MCLAUGHLIN SR WHICH QUALIFICATION WAS NOT  
PERMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND AGENT FALKNER WAS FORCED TO ANSWER  
ORIGINAL QUESTION AS TO QUESTION AS PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER HAD GIVEN  
BEFORE GRAND JURY ONLY AS TO ADMISSIONS MADE TO AGENTS BROWN AND FALKNER  
BY MCLAUGHLIN THAT HE HAD OBTAINED MONEY FROM TWO STRANGE MEN IN A ROOM  
IN CHICAGO WHICH MONEY HE HAD CONVERTED INTO BILLS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS  
AND WHICH MONEY HE KNEW TO BE HOT AND ASSUMED TO BE PART OF RANSOM  
OF HARRY OR BREMER KIDNAPING RANSOM MONEY AGENT FALKNER'S TESTIMONY WAS  
BUT PART OF THE GENERAL PICTURE AND AGENT FALKNER ASSUMED IT TO BE  
PROVINCE OF THE GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE COMPLETED  
PICTURE MADE A CONSPIRACY CHARGE AS CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENT. AS  
THE QUESTION PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER ANSWERED NO AND AGENT FALKNER  
SUBSEQUENT TO THE HEARING WAS TOLD BY U S ATTORNEY HASSENAUER THAT HIS  
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WAS THE ONLY ONE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES COMMISSIONER WALKER SUSTAINED FURTHER  
OBJECTIONS BY HASSENAUER AND KEENAN WHEN QUESTION THIS NATURE ASKED  
AGENTS BUT FAILED TO DEMAND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REFRAIN FROM ASKING AS  
SUCH QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCT THEM ONLY QUESTIONING INVOLVED WAS PROOF  
OF IDENTITY WHICH WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED THROUGH AGENTS TESTIMONY BY  
HASSENAUER. AT 5 30 PM HEARING ADJOURNED AS GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF  
IDENTITY PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER WALKER CALLED FOR BRIEFS BY GOVERNMENT  
AND DEFENSE CONCERNING VALIDITY INDICTMENT TO BE ARGUED 5-9-34 ON THIS  
DATE ARGUMENTS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALKER REQUESTED TIME TO CONSIDER  
MATTER UNTIL THIS MORNING. WHEN DEFENDANTS AGAIN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM  
HE REQUESTED FURTHER TIME UNTIL MONDAY MAY 14 - 3<sup>00</sup> PM TO CONSIDER FULLY  
AND SEARCH ADDITIONAL CASES HASSENAUER OBJECTED TO FURTHER DELAY  
AND INSISTED GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF IDENTITY HAD BEEN PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER  
WALKER REFUSED TO RENDER OPINION UNTIL MONDAY AND REMARKED THAT HE  
BELIEVED HE WOULD RENDER OPINION IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT AS TO SOME OF  
THE SUBJECTS INDICATING HE WOULD NOT DECIDE FAVORABLY IN CASE OF AT  
LEAST ONE OF SUBJECTS. HASSENAUER EXPRESSED OPINION TO AGENTS BROWN  
AND FALKNER THAT COMMISSIONER WALKER <sup>WOULD FAIL TO ORDER REMOVAL OF MCLAUGHLIN</sup> APPEARED TO INSIST UPON A DISCLOSURE  
OF THE ENTIRE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO ST PAUL GRAND JURY ALTHOUGH

IDENTITY WAS ONLY QUESTION INVOLVED

PURVIS

ADDITIONAL

ST PAUL GRAND JURY ALTHOUGH

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DIV INVEST CHICAGO MAY 12-1934 2-15 PM RMW  
DIRECTOR

CORRECTIONS IN TELETYPE SENT ONE PM TODAY RE BREKID LINE 4 DATE SHOULD  
BE APRIL 27 1934 LINE 6 DATE SHOULD BE MAY 7 1934 TENTH LINE FROM END  
DATE SHOULD READ MAY 14 AT 3 PM. THIRD LINE FROM END AFTER "COMMISSIONER  
WALKER" SHOULD READ "WOULD FAIL TO ORDER REMOVAL OF MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR.  
COMMISSIONER WALKER APPEARED TO INSIST" ETC.

PURVIS

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MMIN PLS

*Repeat lines 13 14 + 15*

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DIV INVEST WASH DC MAY 12-1934 2-45 PM RCV  
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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME DUPLICATION IN MESSAGE SENT AT 1-00 PM  
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15 WITH WORDS ST. PAUL GRAND JURY. ATTORNEY JOSEPH R. ROACH, ETC.  
DOR YXX DOES THAT MAKE THE MASSAGE CLEAR  
ONE MIN PLS OK MESSAGE CLEAR NOW  
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OK RMW

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

87326

May 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming the information contained in my teletype message of this date relative to the difficulty being experienced in securing the removal of John J. McLaughlin, Senior, John J. McLaughlin, Junior, Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler, there are attached, hereto, memoranda submitted by Special Agents E. H. Heinecke, R. D. Brown and M. C. Falkner.

These memoranda explain fully the difficulty this office is experiencing in obtaining removal of the above named subjects.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RDB:FWV

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE, E. H. PURVIS:

The removal hearing of John McLaughlin, Sr, his son, John, Jr, William E. Vidler, and Philip Delaney, was begun at 10 A. M. Monday, May 7, 1934, before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, Room 878, U. S. Court House, Chicago, Illinois. The Government was represented by First Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Hassenauer, and present was also Assistant Attorney General Joseph Keenan. Mr. McLaughlin, Sr. was represented by a Mr. Parrillo, of Attorney Roach's office, and Messrs. Vidler and Delaney were represented by other separate counsel. All counsel for defense insisted upon a continuance of several days, insisting that they had not had an opportunity to read and study the indictment, which was to be introduced by the Government as a prima facie case of probable cause. Mr. Hassenauer objected to any continuance, but after considerable discussion, the Commissioner decided that the defense was entitled to some delay for this purpose, and continued the hearing until 2 P. M. on the same date. In the interim defense counsel were supplied with copies of the indictment by the United States Attorney's Office.

The hearing recommenced at 2 P. M., at which time the defense made further demands for a continuance, to which the Government objected, and the introduction of testimony was begun. Mr. Hassenauer first introduced a certified copy of the commissioner's complaint and warrant issued in St. Paul, and certified copy of the indictment returned by the Grand Jury at St. Paul. It should be stated here that a hearing was had as to each defendant, the first being as to McLaughlin, Sr.

Mr. Parrillo objected to the indictment on the basis that it was not properly exemplified, and this objection was overruled by the Commissioner. Mr. Hassenauer then placed Special Agent M. C. Falkner on the stand, and questioned him as to his meeting McLaughlin, Sr, talking with him, and subsequently testifying before the Grand Jury in St. Paul, with reference to McLaughlin, Sr. Mr. Parrillo then cross-examined Agent Falkner, and endeavored to point out the details of Agent Falkner's conversation with McLaughlin, Sr, and the details of his testimony before the Grand Jury. These questions were strenuously objected to by the Government, and were sustained in every instance by the Commissioner, with the exception of one question which Mr. Parrillo propounded, substantially as follows: "Did you give any testimony before the Grand Jury at St. Paul, which might in any way connect McLaughlin, Sr. with a conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer?". To this, Special Agent Falkner replied "No".

The Government and the defense both rested at this point, and Mr. Parrillo moved to quash the removal proceedings and discharge McLaughlin, Sr., first, on the basis that the question of identity had not been established, second, that there was no evidence that any testimony

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the counsel table behind Attorney Roach, and at one point he jumped up and complained about some statements made by people behind him, referring to them as "the gentlemen with the pencils". Attorney Roach became very vociferous and vindictive, and efforts on the part of the court, and Mr. Keenan to quiet him were without avail for some time. Agent was advised by a newspaper reporter who was sitting next to him (agent) that Attorney Roach was an inveterate drinker of intoxicating liquors, and beyond a question of a doubt, was intoxicated at that particular time. From agent's observation of this individual, and the subsequent proceedings, it appears that this is true.

Special Agent M. C. Falkner was then called to the stand to testify as to the identity of McLaughlin, Jr, and the same questions were propounded to him by the Defense, and a long and strenuous effort was made on behalf of the defense counsel to have him answer questions as to the nature of his conversation with McLaughlin, Jr, and the nature of his testimony before the Grand Jury, but at this time the Court sustained all objections, after considerable irrelevant arguments and discussions, on behalf of the defense counsel. Attorney Roach, during all of this time, was making statements with reference to what a fine man Mr. Keenan was and what an upright, and honest leader of the Government's crime forces, he was known to be. Mr. Keenan, at various times endeavored to appeal to the Court to proceed in an orderly manner, but was always interrupted by Attorney Roach, and at one point, ceased his discussion and sat down, stating that under the circumstances, he was through. A few times during the testimony of Special Agent Falkner, when objections were made to questions by Defense Counsel, Attorney Roach saw fit to make statements in a very distinct voice, that he overruled, or sustained the objection. Ultimately, Agent Falkner was permitted to answer "yes" or "no" to a question substantially as suggested by Mr. Keenan mentioned previously herein, and Mr. Falkner answered this question in the affirmative. Finally, the Defense Counsel stated they were through with questioning Agent Falkner, and the Government rested as to McLaughlin, Jr. McLaughlin, Jr's attorney made a similar motion to discharge the defendant, as had Attorney Farrillo early in the day, for McLaughlin, Sr. Further arguments are to be heard on this motion at 2 P. M. Wednesday, May 9, 1934.

The events of the afternoon, as described above, namely, the introduction of the testimony of three witnesses, and the various discussions, arguments, etc., consumed the time between 2 P. M. and about 5:15 P. M. The Government, through Mr. Keenan, and Asst. United States Attorney Massenaer continually insisted to the Court that the

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narrow issue of the proceedings was the question of identity of the defendants, and although the Court in substance agreed with them, permitted Defense Counsel to spend a great deal of time endeavoring to secure the details of the testimony given by the Special Agents before the Grand Jury.

In the morning proceedings, when Attorney Parrillo was endeavoring to secure a considerable continuance of the hearing, on the basis that he had not had an opportunity to study the indictment and determine the validity and proper exemplification, he made the statement that "These Keystone Co. pers, (referring to Special Agents of this Division) had been pushing his client around". Mr. Hasselauer objected to this statement but there was no comment from the Court.

As the matter now stands, all of the testimony has been introduced, and both the Government, and the defense have rested, and the hearing has been set for 2 P. M. on Wednesday, May 9, 1934, for the purpose of hearing arguments on behalf of the Defense Counsel to their motions to quash the complaint, and discharge the defendants. Their arguments are apparently to be based on the theory that proper identification has not been made; that they should have been permitted to go into the details of the conversations the Special Agents had with the defendants and the nature of their testimony before the Grand Jury; that the indictment is not properly certified, in that there is no certification that the Clerk is a Clerk, and for the further reason that there was no proper assurance that the Deputy Clerk, who signed on behalf of the Clerk, is a duly authorized Deputy Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. REINECKE,  
Special Agent.

LMR/dr

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL  
AGENT IN CHARGE, E. L. PURVIS:

In compliance with your request I am submitting the following information concerning the proceedings to-date in an effort to secure the removal of John J. McLaughlin, Junior, John J. McLaughlin, Senior, William E. Vidler and Phillip Delaney.

Fugitive complaints, based on certified copies of commissioner's complaints and warrants from St. Paul, Minnesota, were filed before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois on April 27, 1934, against John J. McLaughlin, Senior and William E. Vidler. On April 27, 1934, the complaint against McLaughlin, Senior was signed by Special Agent J. J. Waters, and the complaint against William E. Vidler was signed by this Agent. On April 30, 1934, this Agent filed a complaint against John McLaughlin, Junior, and Phillip Delaney, also based on certified copies of commissioner's complaints and warrants from St. Paul, Minnesota.

When the above named defendants were brought before United States Commissioner Walker, he set their hearing for 10:00 A.M. on May 7, 1934. On May 6, 1934, the United States Attorney at Chicago received a certified copy of an indictment from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging all four subjects with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The hearing before United States Commissioner Walker was called promptly at 10:00 A.M. on May 7, 1934, at which time First Assistant United States Attorney Leo Hausenauer, Chicago, Illinois, submitted a certified copy of the above mentioned indictment. The defense attorneys requested time to examine the indictment and the hearing was recessed until two P.M. of that day. The defendants were brought before United States Commissioner Walker at 2:00 P.M. at which time the defense attorneys argued the validity of the indictment. At this time Assistant Attorney General Joseph Keenan assisted Assistant United States Attorney Hausenauer in representing the Government. Considerable "wrangling" by defense attorneys consumed approximately an hour's time, at which time they contested the validity of the indictment.

Special Agents R. D. Brown, L. D. Nichols and M. C. Falkner, who had previously testified before a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota against the McLaughlins' and Vidler and Delaney, were present and prepared to identify the above named defendants as the persons whom they testified against before the Grand Jury.

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Joseph R. Roach, an attorney representing the McLaughlins' was present at this hearing and was obviously under the influence of liquor and it appeared to this Agent that his conduct during this hearing, in defense of his clients, was disgraceful. In spite of this, Commissioner Walker failed to request attorney Roach to withdraw from the hearing.

Before the above named Agents were placed on the witness stand to give testimony as to the identity of the above named subjects, attorney Roach requested that all witnesses other than the one testifying be ordered to leave the court room, and Commissioner Walker complied with this request.

Special Agent E. C. Falkner was first called upon to testify for the Government to establish the identity of the defendants, McLaughlin, Junior and McLaughlin, Senior. He was in the court room for approximately forty-five minutes.

Agent L. E. Nichols was next called upon to testify that William S. Vidler, one of the defendants before this hearing, was the man whom he testified against before the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota.

This Agent was next called into the court room. Assistant United States Attorney Hunsenauer asked Agent to identify Phillip Delaney as being the man named in the indictment, against whom Agent testified at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Agent made this identification, and was then asked many questions by Phillip Delaney's attorney, John Packerham, concerning the evidence furnished by this Agent before the St. Paul Grand Jury against Phillip Delaney. All of the questions were objected to by Messrs. Keenan and Hunsenauer, and they were sustained by United States Commissioner Walker, after considerable wrangling.

While on the witness stand, attorney Roach was continually breaking into the questioning, although he was not representing Phillip Delaney, and his actions appeared to this Agent that he was drunk.

A great many newspaper men were gathered around the counsel table and continually made considerable noise and interruptions.

After this Agent had been excused Special Agent E. C. Falkner was again called back to the witness stand.

At 5:30 P.M. the hearing was adjourned, after the Government had established identity, and Commissioner Walker requested counsel for the defense and the Government to submit briefs and stated that the question of removal would be argued before him at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 1934.

Assistant United States Attorney Hausenauer advised me that the whole afternoon of May 9, 1934 was consumed in arguing various points of law with reference to conspiracy and kidnaping before Commissioner Walker and at the conclusion of which Commissioner Walker stated he would render his opinion on Saturday, May 12, 1934.

On May 12, 1934, the defendants were again brought before United States Commissioner Walker, at which time he requested the defense attorneys and the Government for additional time to study the question of the removal of these subjects. Assistant United States Attorney Hausenauer informed the Court that he believed Commissioner Walker had had ample time to consider the question of removal in this case, and that since the Government had established identity, there should be no further question relative to removal, since this hearing was based on information contained in the certified copy of the indictment from St. Paul, Minnesota, and that the only question involved was that of the identity of the persons named. However, Commissioner Walker stated he desired until Monday, May 14, 1934 at 3:00 P.M. to decide the issue, and at this time made the following statement: "I realize that I will probably request the removal of some of the Defendants in this case--"

Assistant United States Attorney Hausenauer informed Agent that, in his opinion, Commissioner Walker will not hold John J. McLaughlin, Junior for removal to St. Paul, Minnesota; that he will be released. He further stated that he is unable to understand on what theory Commissioner Walker will take this action, due to the fact that McLaughlin, Junior was indicted by Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on the same charge as the other Defendants, and had been duly identified as being the person named in the indictment. He exhibited considerable displeasures to Agent over Commissioner Walker's attitude, and stated he did not desire to have any trouble with Commissioner Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent.

BDE:JVV

Chicago, Illinois  
May 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL  
AGENT IN CHARGE, E. H. PURVIS:

On Monday, May 7, 1934, at 10:00 A.M. in the office of United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois Agent appeared on the request of the United States Attorney, Chicago, & Assistant Attorney General Joseph Keenan, for the removal proceedings against McLaughlin, Senior and Junior, Vidler and Delaney. The Government was represented by First Assistant United States Attorney Hausenauer. McLaughlin, Senior and Junior were represented by Attorney Parrillo and Vidler and Delaney were represented by other counsel.

On request of of defendant's attorneys, the hearing was continued until 2:00 P.M. the same date.

At the designated time, the hearing was resumed with all of the above named officials and attorneys being present. Mr. Hausenauer introduced certified copies of commissioner's complaints and warrants issued in St. Paul, and a certified copy of an indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota. Hearing was then begun as to McLaughlin, Senior.

Agent was the first Government witness placed on the stand. Agent was placed under oath and then in answer to questions by attorney Hausenauer, stated his name, title and identified McLaughlin, Senior, by pointing him out in the court room, as being the individual about whom he testified before the Grand Jury in St. Paul. Agent was then questioned at great length by Attorney Parrillo, who was belligerent and antagonistic. His obvious purpose was to have Agent repeat exactly what testimony he had given before the above mentioned Grand Jury. The questions became of such a nature, that immediately upon each question being asked, Agent hesitated, knowing that objections would be made by Mr. Keenan or Mr. Hausenauer. (Objections were made in every instance, some of which were sustained by the commissioner, and others were not. Agent concluded that the commissioner either did not know the law or such law as existed was distasteful to him and would not apply in his court.

Finally after about an hour on the stand, Parrillo asked Agent a question, substantially as follows: "Did you give testimony before the Grand Jury at St. Paul that McLaughlin, Senior had conspired to kidnap and transport from one state to another, and hold for ransom, one, Edward Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota?"

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This question was immediately objected to by both Mr. Keenan and Mr. Hausenauer. The commissioner made no definite ruling and asked that the question be repeated by Parrillo. It was repeated, in substance, many times, and each time objections were made by Mr. Keenan and attorney Hausenauer. Finally the commissioner ruled that Agent must answer the question. Agent answered "No."

As Agent sees it, there was no other answer he could have given, unless he had stated that he refused to answer at all. Certainly he could not answer "Yes", as he had testified before the Grand Jury at St. Paul only to admissions made to Agent and Agent H. D. Brown (who was doing the actual questioning in Agent's presence); that he McLaughlin had obtained money from a man named "Slim" and another whose name he did not know at a Chicago hotel.

The hearing was adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M., after the Government had established the identity of the defendants to be removed. Commissioner Walker stated he would hear arguments by defense attorneys and the Government on Wednesday, May 9, 1934.

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Respectfully submitted,

M. C. FALKNER,  
Special Agent

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I. O. #1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Investigation indicates that I. V. Kindell was intended victim of a confidence game on trip to South Bend, Ind., with W. H. Beam, in March, 1933. The sum of about \$3300. cash is the only amount actually counted by Beam and Kindell, however, they saw packages of money purported to contain between \$150,000 and \$249,000. but the contents of these packages were never examined by Kindell or Beam. Florence and Harry Williams unknown in Glasgow, Ky., except she had prescription filled by L. C. Ellis, druggist, Glasgow, April 26 and informed him they were from Des Moines, Iowa and passing through to see Kentucky caves.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Division letter dated May 5, 1934; telegram from Kansas City office, 5-13-34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p><u>AT ANSONIA, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mr. W. H. Beam was interviewed and stated that he was Postmaster at Ansonia, until 13 years ago; that his wife has been Postmaster since that time and holds the office at present; that he helps her in the Post Office considerably since he left the Sheriff's office, January 7, 1933, after serving as a Deputy four years; that about March, 1933, during the bank holiday, I. V. Kindell came to him and told him that he had a deal on to sell a garage building to one GEORGE WILLIAMS, who was an agent for a bus company which intended operating buses from Ohio to the World's Fair; that this garage building would be used to service the buses of this company for the Ohio buses of the company; that he had an</p>			
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appointment to go with George Williams to South Bend, Indiana, to complete the deal and get a draft in payment of the property; that he wanted him (Beam) to go along to keep him company; that I. V. Kindell has made about \$75,000 to \$85,000 in the last few years and is a very sharp business man and had often taken him along on trips to Michigan to purchase used automobiles, at which times Kindell would readily buy 7 and 8 cars at one time and take them to Ohio where he would dispose of them and it was in this manner that he made considerable of his money.

Mr. Beam advised that after he had been invited to take the trip to South Bend, Indiana, George Williams asked Kindell why he was taking Beam along and Kindell told him that he was only going as far as Fort Wayne, however, on their arrival at Fort Wayne, Mr. Beam said he went to call on a friend, but did not find the friend home and then told Williams that he would continue the trip with Kindell, and come home with him, which did not please Williams.

On their arrival at South Bend, Indiana, they all registered at the best hotel in the city, however, Mr. Beam did not recall the name of same. Williams tried to separate Kindell and Beam, but they had agreed to stay together until the negotiations for the garage were completed. They both registered under their own names, but the room they occupied Mr. Beam does not recall. The following morning they met another man whose name Beam did not recall (named Charles Stone, obtained from Kindell) who was supposed to be one of the officials of the supposed bus company and he talked with them about their hotel accommodations in Ansonia, Ohio, and other matters. They all went to breakfast together in the hotel grill. About the time they had eaten part of their breakfast Stone who stated his home was in Detroit, Michigan, said he recognized a man sitting by the window in the grill as a Detroit Judge and went over to his table and introduced himself loudly enough that they all heard their conversation that ensued. The supposed Judge was introduced as Judge Mahoney, of Detroit, and told them he was on a secret mission in South Bend, Indiana; that he was affiliated with John J. Baskob, the financier and former Democratic National Committeeman, and was making commitments for him as several others of his agents do in out-of-the-way places; that he had a seat on the South Bend Stock Exchange and offered his membership card for examination as evidence of the fact; Judge Mahoney told them that Baskob had several agents out making commitments in order that his true position in the market could not be learned; that he was not supposed to tell anyone about his business, but he recognized Mr. Stone as a very good friend and would let Mr. Stone and his friends in on a "good thing". Mahoney suggested that they buy a certain stock and sell it an hour or so later when there would be a profit in same. He handed \$100.00 to Kindell and told him to make the deal on the exchange, but Kindell refused to accept the money and let George Williams take the money to the stock exchange and play on a certain stock. In an hour or so Williams returned with \$300.00 and said that they had sold the stock and paid Judge Mahoney back and still had \$300.00 clear which was Kindell's and Beam's money since the money was loaned to them and played on a tip for their benefit. The \$300.00 was left in the room with Kindell and Beam for a few minutes and they examined same. In a few minutes Judge Mahoney gave them a tip on another stock and both Kindell and Beam denied that the money belonged to them and for that reason would not play it on the exchange and again Williams finally consented to make the play for them. He returned in about an hour and gave Kindell \$3100.00 in bills and told him the last tip had netted him that much money; that the cash absolutely belonged to him.

Williams, Mahoney and Stone all left the room again and left the money with Kindell and Beam for about 20 minutes and they counted it and found same to be genuine. There were a few minutes elapsed when they got another telephone call from Judge Mahoney, giving them information on a stock that a good deal of money could be made on if they would put up the \$3100.00 and since he knew they did not have the money or the credit he would loan them \$50,000.00 since he had a standing credit up to \$700,000. Again Kindell and Beam stated that they had no interest in the money and they could do as they liked with it. Williams again took the money over to the stock market and just about closing time was supposed to have sold the stock he had bought with \$3300.00 and credit loaned him by Judge Mahoney, and when he came back to the hotel room where they were he said that he had made \$249,000.00 in the market that last time.

Mr. Beam stated that Judge Mahoney, Williams and Stone then all came to their room and told them that they had experienced difficulty in getting the money from the stock exchange due to some mistake in the credit arrangements, but had finally made satisfactory arrangements to get the money but they would have to raise \$50,000.00 or give the bank that much security on the side or it would be necessary to return the money. They explained that the deal should never have been made with Mahoney's credit and it would be necessary to straighten the matter out to keep him from losing his connection with Raskob. About a half hour after the exchange closed two men came to Kindell's and Beam's room, according to Beam, with two uniformed officers and they had two suitcases with what they stated was \$249,000.00 in currency and they emptied the money which was wrapped in money wrappers on the bed.

Mr. Beam stated that they told Kindell and him that the full amount belonged to him if he could establish a \$50,000.00 credit with the bank in South Bend the following day, and asked him what amount he could raise the following day; that Kindell told them he could only raise about \$15,000. and they then suggested that Beam help him raise the money. They suggested that if they would raise \$25,000.00 they would arrange to give them part of the money and he told them he could raise about \$5,000. The two men who brought the money remained and seemed to be very well acquainted with the first three and working with them. The five men departed and left Kindell and Beam in the room with the money lying on the bed and they were both afraid to touch it or count it. Mr. Beam stated that he saw what looked like about 30 different packages with one hundred bills on the outsides, but he did not know if the money was genuine or counterfeit. After leaving Kindell and Beam with the money for about 30 minutes, these men all returned and left with the money. However, when they departed they told Kindell that they would get in touch with him through him (Beam) who had a telephone and if they were able to raise \$8,000 tell the party on the wire to reserve room 8; if they could raise \$22,000 tell them to reserve room 22, and if they could raise \$29,000 engage room 29 and so on whatever the amount they were able to raise; that they would then be given instructions where to meet them and they would give them the money for whatever security they could raise. They impressed upon their minds that any amount would be welcome and to let them know by telephone what the amount would be. They also made Kindell and Beam swear that they would not deposit the money in the bank, when turned over to them. Mr. Beam and Kindell were promised that they would be able to make a fortune if they

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would help finance the future operations of Williams, Stone and Judge Mahoney; that the money they had made that day would only be a beginning of what they would ultimately make in the "stock market".

Mr. Beam stated that he and Kindell really believed that the money was either fictitious or part of a kidnaping ransom and for that reason they were afraid to go through with the deal. He stated that it had not occurred to him to notify the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, until recently when he read in the papers about some of the kidnaping money being recovered in Chicago and thought that the money shown to him and Kindell might be part of some kidnaping ransom and therefore notified the Division.

Mr. I. V. Kindell was interviewed and stated that he had a deal to sell a garage building for his father-in-law in Ansonia, while the bank holiday was on; that he went to South Bend, Indiana to get a draft from one of the owners of the new company; that when he did meet a Charles Stone, he made out a draft for \$3500.00 on a New York Bank and told him that he would hold same until later in the day when he would hear from his partners and could then pay the remaining \$2500.00 agreed on as payment for the garage building. He stated that he was never given the first draft but stayed around the hotel where his room was paid for by George Williams and friends as well as the meals for both himself and Beam. He stated that he understood the amount to be \$150,000, which Williams, Stone, Mahoney and two other men brought to their room; that although the money was left with Beam and himself for about a half hour they did not examine any of it, but he thought it might be counterfeit; that he doubts that there was more than \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00 cash at any time in the room of genuine money and for that reason became suspicious. He thought they were trying to sell them a large amount of money at that time for a small price, but was afraid of getting some marked money which would cause him trouble or that it was counterfeit. He now believes that it was a confidence game that they were attempting to operate. He verified the information given by Mr. Beam, otherwise. They did not talk with Williams or friends the following day when they were telephoned three times.

The descriptions were obtained from Mr. Beam:

	George Williams	Charles Stone	Judge Mahoney
Name	George Williams	Charles Stone	Judge Mahoney
Height	5' 8"	6'	5' 11"
Weight	135 lbs.	220 lbs.	160 lbs.
Age	40	60	40
Hair	Dark brown	Dark grey	Black
Build	Medium	Muscular	Medium
Complexion	Medium	Light	Light
Eyes	Brown	Grey	Dark
Nationality	American	Mexican or Greek	American
Race	White	White	White
Peculiarities	None noted	Twitched mouth	Nervous

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Name	Frank (4th man)	Fifth man
Age	50	35
Height	5' 7"	5' 10"
Weight	185 lbs.	140 lbs.
Build	Stout	Slender
Hair	Dark brown	Dark
Eyes	Brown	Dark
Complexion	Dark	Dark
Glasses	Tortoise shell	None
Scar	1" on right cheek bone	
Race	White	White

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent

A. C. Russell:

AT GLASGOW, KY.

Agent interviewed Mr. J. H. Branstetter, Postmaster, who advised that he did not know any person by the name of Florence Williams or Harry Williams. He checked his records and made inquiry among the employees of his office and advised that Florence and Harry Williams were unknown to all of them and were not receiving any mail at that post office.

However, Mr. Branstetter advised that Mr. L. C. Ellis, local druggist, advised him that he had received a telephone call from some point in the State of Missouri making inquiries regarding Florence Williams for whom he had filled a prescription a few days ago. He could not give any further information.

Mr. C. L. Ellis, Druggist, advised that on the afternoon of April 26, 1934 a woman giving the name "Florence Williams" called at his drug store getting a prescription filled which had been written by Dr. C. G. Yellis. He stated that the bill amounted to \$1.75 which she paid in 5¢ pieces; and that she was a total stranger to him and to his judgment was not a native of this section of the country. However, he did not question her as regards her home and she made no statements as to her home.

Mr. Ellis stated that he had received a long distance telephone call from the police at Cabool, Mo., making inquiries regarding Florence Williams, stating that she had been arrested with evidence indicating that she had secured some medicine at his drug store and that he gave the police all the information he had as to her identity.

Mr. Ellis further stated that he had heard from indirect sources that Florence Williams was accompanied by a man whom he did not see and he did not see the car they were driving, not giving the matter any attention at the time.

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Dr. C. G. Follis was interviewed and advised that on the afternoon of about 4-26-34 a woman giving her name as Florence Williams called at his office wanting treatment for several boils on her neck. He gave her a prescription, which she got filled at the local drug store operated by C. L. Ellis. While examining Florence Williams, he asked her where she lives, to which question she replied that she lived at Des Moines, Iowa, stating that she was in this section of the country seeing the caves, meaning Mammoth Cave, and other caves in this country and was only passing through Glasgow.

Dr. Follis stated that Florence Williams was accompanied by a man when she called. When he went to take her into his private office for the examination he asked her if the man was her husband, in answer to which question she replied, after hesitating, in the affirmative. He stated that he did not pay much attention to the man but invited him to come into the private office which he declined to do. He could not give any description of this man, except that he had black, curly hair and was about 33 years of age.

Dr. Follis stated that he was under the impression that these people were not natives of this section. He also advised that he charged Florence Williams \$2.00, which sum she paid entirely in 5¢ pieces.

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Suite L, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
May 8, 1934

Mr. Dewey L. ...  
Assistant Postmaster  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

...  
in connection with the case of Alvin Karpis  
I would greatly appreciate your placing a cover  
on the letter ... from your office, for a  
... this ...

Very truly yours,

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

WFT:B

cc - Division

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 9, 1934.



Mr. M. F. Glynn,  
c/o Lafayette Hotel,  
Rockford, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1215;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, I.O.#1219;  
Et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the memorandum which you submitted to me on May 8, 1934, in which you state you plan to cover all the towns located in each particular county and then submit a report covering your investigation in all towns in a particular county.

Such procedure is deemed unsatisfactory. It is desired that you group your towns in smaller groups than a county and that you submit reports immediately upon completing the investigation of a small group of towns.

Special Agent J. R. Welles has informed me that an extensive survey of fire stations has been made throughout the State of Wisconsin and that Mr. J. Floren, Superintendent of Fire Prevention, of the Wisconsin State Industrial Commission, at Madison, Wisconsin, has data which contains the location of all fire sirens throughout the State, as well as the practices used in managing same and the periods at which sirens are tested.

It is noted you will cover Madison, Wisconsin and it is desired that you at that time secure all data from Mr. Floren with regard to fire sirens in the State of Wisconsin. This will include sirens that are used for other than municipal purposes and will also include the hours at which such sirens are sounded. Particular attention should be paid to the period from January 17, 1934 to February 7, 1934.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division  
St. Paul.  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 9, 1934.



Mr. E. H. Clegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
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

Reference is made to your teletype message of  
May 6, 1934, in which you advise that information has  
been received in Saint Paul that one IZZY WOLFE, who is  
in the transfer business in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a  
friend of Harry Sawyer.

In the belief there might be some connection  
between the "IZZY" who is associated with "Slim" and Doctor  
Joseph P. Moran in Chicago, in the disposal of the Bremer  
ransom money, and Iszy Wolfe, I am transmitting herewith  
the best available photograph of two men standing beside  
a large Cadillac Sedan. The man on the right-hand side  
of the automobile, dressed in black, has been identified  
as "IZZY", who was in company with "Slim" in Chicago at  
the time the Bremer ransom money was being passed. You may  
find it possible to have this photograph shown to parties  
who know Iszy Wolfe, so that his identity as the "Iszy"  
wanted in Chicago may be established.

Very truly yours,

KFM:TMH  
CC:Division  
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M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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

THT:EK  
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May 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 64,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

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:



Kindly furnish this office with a copy of this list.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓

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

May 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. # 1218, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is made to the letter of  
Acting Special Agent in Charge E. E. Beckwith, dated May 8,  
1934, wherein information is set out relative to MRS. BASKER  
which had been obtained from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it is accordingly requested that you will  
advise be placed on all mail received by MRS. VOSSUM.

Very truly yours,

H. M. CLEGG,

Inspector

WHL:AGY

CC Division  
Chicago

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

May 10, 1934

United States Attorney,  
St. 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:

In connection with recent arrests made in the above entitled matter in Chicago, certain ransom and other money was found on the individuals hereinafter named, in the amounts set out. This is submitted for your information, in view of the fact that certain of the defendants involved in the present removal proceedings at Chicago have requested the United States Commissioner, through their attorneys, to return certain of the money not positively identified as Bremer ransom money. This money is being held at the Chicago Office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, for such disposition as you or the court may direct, and in order that you may arrive at a decision in reply to the requests of the defendants to the court, the following information is submitted:

When John McLaughlin, Jr. was taken into custody, the following money was found tucked under the hat band of his hat:

Bremer ransom money - \$85.00  
Ten and twenty dollar bills  
not Bremer ransom money - 250.00

John McLaughlin, Jr. admitted that he had obtained this money from his safe deposit box located in the safe deposit vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade, on the morning of April 28, 1934, the date of his arrest. This money, he stated, had been given him by his father, John McLaughlin, Sr.

When John McLaughlin, Jr. was searched, there was also found in his pockets \$35.00 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills.

When William E. Vidler was taken into custody, there was found on his person, the following money:

Bremer ransom money - \$2,525.00  
Bills in denomination from one  
to one hundred dollars, not  
Bremer ransom money - 540.00

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In connection with the \$560.00, which has not been identified as Bremer ransom money, it should be stated that Vidler has admitted changing other ransom money at Chicago banks and has been identified on one or two instances by bank tellers as having so changed ransom money.

At the suggestion of the United States Commissioner and United States Attorney in Chicago, fifty dollars of this \$560.00 has already been turned over to Mrs. William E. Vidler, wife of the defendant, Vidler.

There was found in the possession of Phillip Delaney a pawn ticket, number 299738 of the Illinois State Pawners Association, Ltd., 140 North Dearborn Street, showing that a diamond ring was deposited as collateral for a loan of \$75.00 on April 23, 1934. The defendant, Delaney, has made a request through his attorney for this ticket.

A letter containing the above information is also being addressed to the United States Attorney at Chicago, in view of the fact that the removal proceedings here are being conducted under the jurisdiction of his office, and the fact that the requests for the money and ticket are coming to him and the United States Commissioner here, and because you might desire to confer with him in issuing instructions to the Chicago office of the Division of Investigation with reference to the requests being made by the defendants for the return of certain of this money and the pawn ticket referred to.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHR:FVV  
CC: Division  
St. Paul

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

May 10, 1934

Hon. Dwight H. Green  
United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218; ARTHUR H. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Dear Sir:

KIDNAPING

In view of the requests being made of the court and your office for the return of certain of the money found in the possession of the defendants in the above entitled matter, presently being held in Chicago for removal to St. Paul, there is submitted hereinafter a list of the money found in the possession of these defendants at the time they were taken into custody in Chicago, as well as a description of a pawn ticket which defendant Delaney has requested the court be returned to him.

When John McLaughlin, Jr. was taken into custody, the following money was found tucked under the hat band of his hat:

Bremer ransom money -	\$ 85.00
Ten and twenty dollar bills, not Bremer ransom money -	250.00

John McLaughlin, Jr. admitted that he had obtained this money from his safe deposit box located in the safe deposit vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade, on the morning of April 28, 1934, the date of his arrest. This money, he stated, had been given him by his father, John McLaughlin, Sr.

When John McLaughlin, Jr. was searched, there was also found in his pockets, \$55.00 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills.

When William E. Vidler was taken into custody, there was found on his person, the following money:

Bremer ransom money -	\$2,625.00
Bills in denomination from one to one hundred dollars, not Bremer ransom money -	560.00

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In connection with the \$560.00, which has not been identified as Bremer ransom money, it should be stated that Vidler has admitted changing other ransom money at Chicago banks, and has been identified on one or two instances by bank tellers as having so changed ransom money.

At the suggestion of the United States Commissioner and your office, fifty dollars of this \$560.00 has already been turned over to Mrs. William E. Vidler, wife of the defendant, Vidler.

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The United States Attorney at St. Paul has been advised of the requests of these defendants for the return of some of the money not positively identified as ransom money, and this office will await instructions of your office and the United States Attorney at St. Paul, pending disposition thereof.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HHR:FVV  
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CC: Division ✓  
St. Paul

P. O. Box 700  
Portland, Oregon

May 9, 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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated  
April 24, 1934, requesting photographs of Thomas S.  
Flanders, Robert E. Dunn and Charles LaRoy Kelso. En-  
closed herewith is one copy of photograph of Thomas S.  
Flanders, Seattle PD #17111, Robert E. Dunn, Seattle  
PD #17108, and Charles LaRoy Kelso, Dallas PD #10554.

Copies of these photographs will be found  
attached to copies of this letter indicated for the  
St. Paul office and the Division.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith blue slip for  
Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, which was transmitted  
to the Division by Inspector H. H. Clegg.

You are advised that it will be necessary to  
submit this blue slip with an expense voucher, although  
a special voucher containing only this item may be sub-  
mitted.

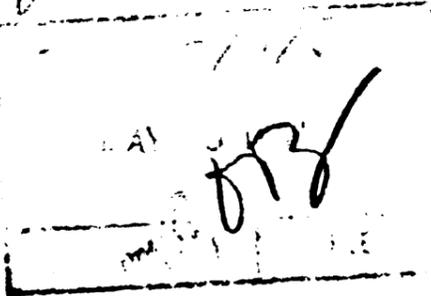
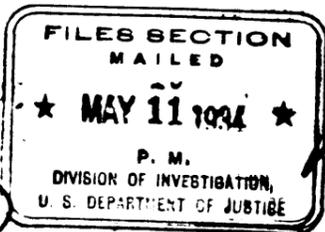
It is requested that you contact Agent Forten-  
berry as soon as possible, in order that this blue slip  
may be submitted to the Division for payment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #555107.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

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

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

1. A loud stationary siren sounded early each weekday morning and at almost the same time a whistle, which appeared to be a factory whistle, also blew. This siren never sounded but once on Sunday, which was possibly the second Sunday of victim's captivity (January 28th) and at that time sounded perhaps three or four times.

2. A whistle which appeared to be a factory whistle, and also appeared to be stationary, blew each weekday morning and evening at about dusk, which whistle never blew at midday nor on Sunday.

3. A church bell rang each Saturday in the late afternoon, which bell again rang each Sunday morning several times, indicating several services.

4. A second church bell rang each Sunday morning once, indicating one Sunday morning service. No church bell was heard at any other times.

5. Railroad trains passed constantly, but many trains passed in the early morning and about dusk.

6. What appeared to be a shifting locomotive engine was heard daily at various times and was close enough to the hideout for the victim to hear the discharge of steam from the exhaust.

7. Airplanes were heard most of the days of victim's captivity, but not every day. Their noises appeared to have no regularity as to the time of day when heard.

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Characteristics Which Distinguish Location of Hideout House.

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

Peculiarities of Hideout House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food which was furnished victim and concerning which, when hideout is found, investigation should be made to establish identification.

Meats:

Veal, pork, chicken, steak, and oysters.

Canned Fruit:

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

Biscuits:

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

Other Foods:

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

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

Other Peculiarities:

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

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

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, Calif., dated May 7, 1934, in the case entitled FRANK C. JACKSON, with alias; BETTY JACKSON, with aliases, Victim - White Slave Traffic Act, where it is noted Victim is alleged to have made the statement which she claims was utterly without basis or fact and merely to increase her own importance, that she, Victim Jackson, knew Edward G. Bremer and had been on a party with Victim Bremer the night prior to his kidnaping in St. Paul.

Although thorough interview of both Subject Jackson and Victim Jackson in that case developed no information in connection with this case, it was learned that Victim Jackson had been very friendly in Minneapolis with one Helen Clark, alias Helen Brady, whose husband, Harry Clark, alias George Brady, is reported to operate a beer parlor at 13th. and Nicollet Sts., in Minneapolis, Minn., and that Helen Clark is also reported to have made statements regarding the Bremer case.

While it is not believed that the Subject or Victim in the Jackson White Slave Traffic Act case have any information or connection with the Bremer case, your attention is called to the above report indicating their departure from Minneapolis, Minn., about Jan. 20, 1934 for whatever action you may deem advisable.

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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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/10/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/24/34 5/3/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Paul Hansen.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Phoenix Donald was born and reared near Mammoth Spring, Ark. Information obtained definitely points to the fact that he is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, and is a desperate and dangerous individual. He has a sister living near Mammoth Spring, Arkansas and another sister living in Salem, Ark.

John F. [redacted] private detective, Leavenworth, Kansas, is apparently a contact man for the Barker gang. Cover placed on mail of Phoenix Donald.

**REFERENCE:** Letters from Inspector H. H. Clegg to the Division, dated April 16, 1934 and April 20, 1934.  
Letter from the Kansas City Office, dated April 23, 1934.  
Letter to Inspector H. H. Clegg from the Oklahoma City Office, dated April 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. S. A. King, Postmaster, Salem, Arkansas, advised that he has been Postmaster at Salem, Arkansas for twelve years and has known Phoenix Donald for approximately ten years. He said that Donald was reared near Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, and is unquestionably the same person as Bill Weaver and Bill Scott who is now alleged to be associated with the Barker mob. Donald left Mammoth Spring, Arkansas immediately following the shooting of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri a little over a year and one-half ago. He advised that Donald's parents are dead. He has one sister, Mrs. Nellie Frazier who lives near Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, and another sister, Mrs. W. T. Bowling, who lives in Salem, Arkansas. The husband of Mrs. Nellie Frazier is dead, [redacted] the son of a deceased sister, is living with Mrs. Frazier. Mrs. W. T. Bowling is known as "Bue". She has five

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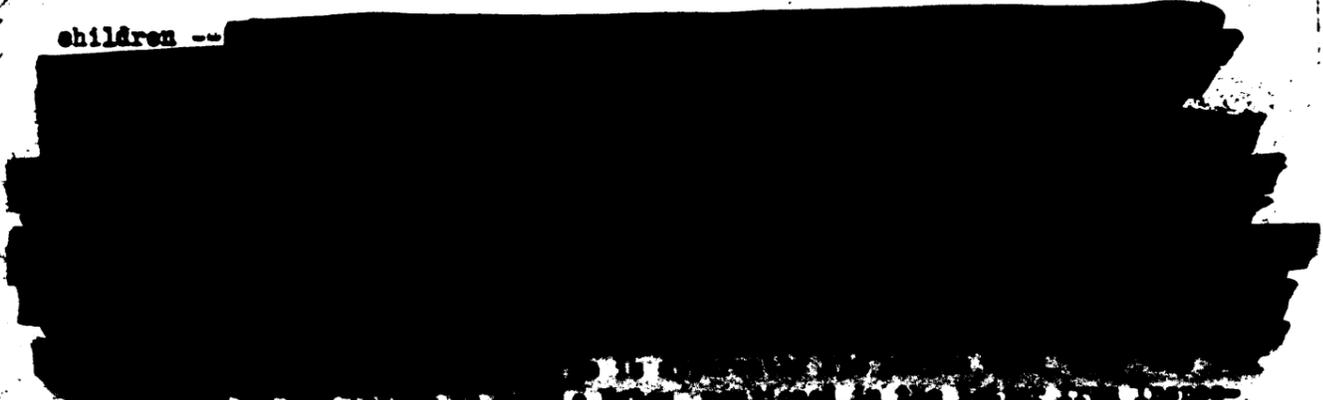
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speaking of the letter to Mrs. Bowling, mailed in the letter from Inspector Glegg to the Division dated April 16, 1934.

Mr. King advised that about one year ago, Mrs. W. T. Bowling and her daughter [redacted] left Salem, Arkansas, supposedly for Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. W. T. Bowling left with them, but returned in a few days. Mrs. Bowling and [redacted] remained away for one to two months. Mr. King said that it is generally felt that Mrs. Bowling was visiting with her brother, Phoenix Donald, during the time she was away from Salem, and this fact is almost definitely confirmed in Mr. Glegg's letter, dated April 16, 1934. [redacted] has been a year [redacted] there.

Regarding the [redacted] Mr. Glegg's letter, Mr. King said that about four or five months ago, a small package came to Mrs. Bowling which was addressed in the handwriting of Phoenix Donald and mailed in the twin cities. Mrs. Bowling is running a small cafe in Salem, Arkansas which, though small, is the leading cafe in the town. The writer observed while eating at this place, that Mrs. Bowling would wear about a thirty-eight bust dress, and that she was wearing a green waitress uniform. Mr. Glegg's letter [redacted] to obtain three of their waitress uniforms either tan or green, size thirty-eight bust.

Mr. King advised that the Bowling family in Salem, Arkansas generally speaking is a good family, although Mr. Bowling's reputation is a little questionable with some people. Mr. Bowling was Sheriff of that county when Sheriff Kelly was killed in West Plains, Missouri. During the search for these killers, the Bowling home was raided by Missouri officers in the hope of arresting Donald and some of his associates. It is Mr. King's idea, and this idea is confirmed by several other persons interviewed in Salem, Arkansas and in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, that none of the Bowling family would aid in apprehending Donald. From Mr. King's observation of this family, he says that he believes they are all rather fond of Phoenix Donald, and that he has probably helped this family and also his sister, Mrs. Frazier, considerably. Just before Bowling was to make his settlement, he being county collector and Sheriff, he was reputed to

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be \$5,000.00 short; that he disappeared from Salem, Arkansas for a few days, and when he returned, he had the cash to make the proper settlement. Mr. King said that people who know of this generally feel that Bowling contacted Donald and that Donald helped him make up this shortage. It is quite generally held according to Mr. King, that as Donald has, in all probability, helped Bowling, that Bowling will help Donald in any way he can and would not hesitate to harbor him.

Mr. King also advised that about four or five weeks ago, Mr. Bowling received a letter mailed in Fort Worth, Texas, addressed in the handwriting of Donald. He said there was no return address on this letter, but he is satisfied the letter had been addressed by Donald, as he is sure he knows Donald's handwriting. A letter was addressed to the Dallas Office, dated April 27, 1934, advising them of this fact. It is felt that while this in no way can be considered as definite information, that the Dallas Office might give this information to police officers in Fort Worth, Texas who might be on the lookout for Donald or any of his known associates.

The reference letter from the Kansas City Office advised that Sheriff L. G. Langston of Salem, Arkansas secured a photograph of Felix Donald. Sheriff Langston advised, upon being interviewed, that he was referring to Phoenix Donald and he confirmed practically everything which was given by Mr. King concerning this person. Sheriff Langston is a little bitter toward Bowling, as Langston is running for re-election as Sheriff and collector of the county, and Bowling is running for the same position. Sheriff Langston is apparently reliable, and is a willing worker, but is rather an inexperienced officer. He was given four photographs of Donald, as well as photographs of the other suspects in this case. He promised to cooperate with this Division fully, and advised that he will transfer any information which he receives to the Oklahoma City Division Office immediately upon receipt of it.

At the suggestions of Sheriff Langston and Postmaster King, the writer secretly interviewed Mr. J. M. Wood who is a close neighbor to the Bowling family. Mr. Wood is reputed to be an honest and reliable citizen, and definitely promised to cooperate with the Government by watching the Bowling home closely, and reporting any suspicious movements or suspicious strangers who call there immediately to the Sheriff at Salem, Arkansas who, in turn, will report same to the Oklahoma City Division Office.



calls there. Sterling, in turn, will notify the Oklahoma City Division Office.

Mr. Sterling said that Riley Thornton's father (first name not known), is now alleged to be living in Shreveport, Louisiana, but as Donald was never friendly with him, he does not think they would be in communication with each other at present. Mr. Sterling said that he knew of a certain girl or woman in West Plains, Missouri who was closely connected with Donald at one time, but he could not remember her name. He said that if he were in West Plains, Missouri, he could ascertain the name of this woman and her location by certain informants which he knew. In the interest of economy and to expedite this matter, authority was secured to proceed to West Plains, Missouri with Mr. Sterling. While he and the writer were seated in the Sheriff's Office there waiting for the Sheriff to return, Ella M. V. Williams, a reporter with the Daily Quill, a newspaper of West Plains, Missouri, came in the office, and without disclosing the writer's identity, Mr. Sterling ascertained from this person that the friend of Donald whom he was thinking of was known as the Caldwell woman, and that her name is Viola Asher. She left West Plains, Missouri about a year or a year and one-half ago and went to Oklahoma, but has now returned and is living about nine miles out of West Plains, Missouri, probably southeast.

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No further inquiry was made in West Plains, Missouri, as the writer did not understand the connection of the officers there, and that investigation will be requested by the Kansas City Office. Inspector Clegg requested that a cover be placed upon the mail of all relatives of Phoenix Donald, in the interest of economy, as the writer passed through Paducah, Missouri, Post Office, and that a cover be placed upon the mail of Donald's relatives. This mail cover to the Kansas City Office, and to make replies thereto.

As it was Mr. Sterling's impression that Donald probably received some mail at Thayer, Missouri, Spring, Arkansas, Mr. Sterling and the writer called on Mrs. Erwin at Thayer, Missouri, in this regard who advised that she had never received mail at that address. When making inquiry concerning Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Erwin advised that one Carol Lee Sissler, a daughter of Mrs. Boulah Weller of Thayer, Missouri, was a very close associate of Karpis when he and the Barkers were operating their hideout near Thayer, Missouri before the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri. Mrs. Erwin said that she was familiar with the handwriting of Carol Lee Sissler, and that she had seen a letter from her in the handwriting of Carol Lee Sissler, which was in the handwriting of Carol Lee Sissler, and was received at Thayer, Missouri, on March 27, 1935. This package was received by Mrs. Erwin, and Mrs. Weller received a card with a picture of an apartment house at 121st Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which handwriting was also that of Carol Lee Sissler, and about all Mrs. Erwin remem-



that the occupants of this car had some machine gun practice on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1934, near Salem, Arkansas.

In company with Sheriff Langston, the writer interviewed Mr. J. E. Holt, proprietor of Mammoth Spring Motor Company, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, who advised that on Easter Sunday while he and his wife, with another couple, passed a 1933 or 1934 Model Ford V-8 Coach with Kansas license tags, which was occupied by two men and a woman. He said, however, that he nor his wife nor their friends got a look at these occupants and could not identify them by photographs or otherwise. They did not get the tag number and Holt thinks that none of them could recognize any of these persons if they saw them again. As they talked about the incident, Holt said that they thought it could have been Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker and some other man companion. Holt is personally acquainted with Phoenix Donald, and agreed to notify Sheriff Langston if he received any information whatever concerning him.

An investigation was made in the vicinity of where the alleged machine gun practice was staged by interviewing Ed Burris who lives about six miles northeast of Salem, Arkansas, Elmer Poulson, who lives about four miles northeast of Salem, Arkansas, and Ode Duke, who lives with C. H. Michael, his father-in-law, about two miles north of Camp, Arkansas. Duke is the person who heard the shooting, and contrary to the alleged hearsay reports of the other persons, he said that only seven or eight shots were fired by either a man or woman who occupied a 1933 or 1934 Model Ford V-8 Sedan or Coach. This, he said, was on the property of James M. "Doc" Grandle. Duke said that these seven or eight shots were fired in rapid succession, and he could not tell whether they were fired with a machine gun or an automatic pistol or a revolver. Duke had looked for some of the shells where this firing took place, but had been unable to find them. Poulson said that he picked up two or three shells from where this shooting took place and that they were .38 special shells. He gave them to his young baby and his wife took them away from the baby and through them away for fear the baby would swallow them, and he could not find them when the writer was there. Mr. Ed Burris picked up an empty box of Peters' .35 shells for Winchester .35 calibre, Model 1905 rifle. This box was brought to the Oklahoma City Office, but it is thought to be of no value since there is nothing on the box indicating where it was purchased. Burris also said that there was one empty box of 12 gauge shotgun shells picked up where this shooting took place, but he had thrown this box away and did not remember where it was. Although Burris lives within about a quarter of a mile from where this shooting is alleged to have taken place about daylight Easter Sunday morning, he said that he did not hear the shooting. About nine o'clock a. m. when Burris and his wife left their farm in a car to go to Salem, Arkansas, they passed the persons who are alleged to have done this shooting as they were just leaving from eating a lunch about half way between his place and what is known as the Republican Highway. Both Burris and Mrs. Burris said that they did not get a look at either one of these persons, and could not identify them by photographs and would not recognize either of them if they saw them again. There were, however,

two men and one woman in this car and it was a new Ford Sedan or Coach with Kansas license tags, though they did not remember the number of the tags. Inquiry was made in this vicinity as to whom persons who are outlaws or gangsters might contact without success, and due to the unreliable and indefinite information in this matter, it was not thought necessary to make a further check in the matter.

Special Agent F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Office prepared a memorandum for the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al.; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, dated March 27, 1934, setting out that information was given to him by Jim Brown, special officer for the Indian Service at Anadarko, Oklahoma, that Mrs. Denny Swan had advised him that her husband was now living near Compton, Arkansas, and was maintaining a hideout for criminals there; that she had been there when some persons were there whose presence she did not approve, and she had requested Swan to get rid of them, and he had told her that they were too "hot", but that he would eventually get rid of them.

In company with Deputy Sheriff Boen of Harrison, Arkansas, the writer interviewed Mr. Will F. Burge, proprietor of the General Mercantile Store at Compton, Arkansas, who is a reliable person, and he advised that Swan makes whiskey and that several persons, local in character, visit with him and do a lot of drinking and gambling, but that these callers are local residents, so far as he knows, and he has never heard of any strangers being there. He said that Swan has a one-room shack with a small lean-to on it, and he would not have any room to accommodate anyone besides himself and his mother who is living with him at present. Burge said that none of the persons in the vicinity of where Swan lives, which is about three miles northwest of Compton, Arkansas, would be reliable persons to contact. He knows of one person, however, who has apparently had some trouble with Swan, and who, he thinks, will give some information concerning Swan if he is approached in the proper manner. He will approach this informant when the opportunity presents itself, and endeavor to learn some information concerning the activities around the place Swan operates, and if any information of value is obtained, he will notify the Oklahoma City Office.

Miss Mary Petree, Postmistress at Compton, Arkansas, said that she had not heard of any hideout being maintained by Swan; that Swan had never called for mail for any other person other than himself, and that no mail had come for any person in care of Swan.

In the letter from the Oklahoma City Division Office to the St. Paul Office, dated April 19, 1934, it will be observed that Hal L. Norwood, an Attorney General of Arkansas, was one of the persons who wrote letters requesting that Phoenix Donald be granted a parole. Mr. John H. Caldwell, now Assistant Attorney General to Norwood, lived in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas and practiced law there at one time, and now maintains a residence in Newton, Arkansas. He was interviewed at Little Rock, Arkansas, and said that he personally wrote the letter asking that Donald be paroled, and that the Attorney General signed it. He said that he is

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satisfied that the other persons who recommended a parole for Donald did so as a result of the political connection of W. T. Bowling, then Sheriff at Salem, Arkansas, and State Senator William H. V. Wahlquist, printer at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. Mr. Caldwell said that General Horwood knew nothing of Donald, though he, Caldwell, has known him practically all of his life. He said that he is satisfied that W. T. Bowling, Donald's brother-in-law, is in touch with Donald, and that if such a thing could be possible, a strict surveillance of Bowling would lead to the location of Donald. Caldwell said that while he hated to admit it, that he, nevertheless, was forced to admit that he is afraid of Donald because he regards him as a killer, and if Donald or any representative from him came to the Attorney General's office again and asked for any kind of a letter, it would be given him without any questions asked. Caldwell said that he would like to see Donald caught, and if he receives any information whatever concerning him, he will be pleased to relay it to the Oklahoma City Office.

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[redacted] advised that John T. Glynn, a private detective at Leavenworth, Kansas, negotiated for the release of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis [redacted]

[redacted] said that it is his opinion that Glynn is a contact man or a "go between" for this Barker mob. [redacted] that "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis are unusually close to each other, and he believes that where one is the other will be.

[redacted] advised that George H. Killinger left the Oklahoma Penitentiary about one year after Davis on an extension leave, and is now out on a parole status. [redacted] said that Killinger would do anything for money; that he is a very close friend of Volney Davis. Killinger, he said, is now operating a cafe at 1506 Washington Street, Houston, Texas. [redacted] is of the opinion that Killinger may be used as a "go between" or a contact man for Davis or the Barkers, and he suggested that he be checked and watched.

[redacted] will also talk with two convicts who are now incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary concerning the Barker gang and their activities.

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[REDACTED] stated to not be well acquainted with Glynn, and does not know anything about his connection with the Barker gang, except that he feels he must be some sort of a "go between" for the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the writer feels that he will probably be reliable, and that the information he gives can be relied upon. He has promised to cooperate with the Government by giving the writer or the Oklahoma City Division Office any information he receives concerning the Barkers or any of their associates. He will be contacted again in the future by the writer along these same lines.

The letter from the [REDACTED] office to [REDACTED] St. Paul, dated April 19, 1935, [REDACTED] Oklahoma State Penitentiary corresponded with Ray Frazier, Chief of Police at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1925. Mr. Frazier is now operating a cafe on Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and advised, upon being interviewed, that he was not a relative of the deceased husband of Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Donald. Mr. Frazier advised that he remembered Phoenix Donald well, and did a lot of work to apprehend him previous to his conviction and sentence to life imprisonment at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Mr. Frazier produced a signed statement made by Blackie Thompson, commonly referred to in Oklahoma as one of the three fishermen who escaped from the Oklahoma penitentiary in 1933, and has since been apprehended and convicted in Texas for bank robbery, and sentenced to be electrocuted. This statement contains information regarding the robbery of several banks wherein Blackie Thompson participated. Of interest in this particular case, Thompson states that he and Bill Scott (who is Phoenix Donald) robbed a bank at Bristow, Oklahoma July 2, 1924, and secured \$6,700.00. The statement further shows that on this same date (which date is thought to be in error), Bill Scott (who is Phoenix Donald), Blackie Thompson and Joe Clayton, alias Joe Coal, robbed a bank at Avery, Oklahoma, and engaged in a gun battle with officers near Drumright, Oklahoma where they killed U. S. Lennox, an officer from Drumright, Oklahoma, and seriously wounded Jack Ary, Chief of Police at Drumright, Oklahoma. Chief Ary, however, has recovered and is the present Chief of Police in Drumright, Oklahoma. It was for this murder that Blackie Thompson and Phoenix Donald were sentenced to the Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma for life.

Mr. Frazier advised that the Mrs. Georgia Donald, alleged wife of Donald, is a sister to the alleged wife of Blackie Thompson. Their home, he says,

was in Oilton, Oklahoma, and as noted by the list of correspondents of Phoenix Donald while he was in the penitentiary, the last address of his alleged wife was Oilton, Oklahoma. Inquiry will be made by this office at Oilton, and Drumright, Oklahoma in an effort to locate Georgia Donald, the alleged wife of Phoenix Donald. At the present time, it is not felt that an interview with Blackie Thompson in the Texas State Penitentiary would produce any results, as it is felt that his contact with Donald has probably been lost since Donald was released from the Oklahoma Penitentiary. This information, however, is set out as it may be desired to interview Thompson in the future. It may be desirable also to interview his alleged wife [redacted] although she may not feel disposed to lend any help at this time in view of the fact that her lover is under a death sentence in Texas.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd of Dallas, Texas, dated March 7, 1934, contains information that Rusty Cahill, ex-prize fighter, Pampa, Texas, stated that he received a letter three or four months ago from the Universal Credit Company of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma inquiring as to the whereabouts of Harry Campbell. Inquiry at the Universal Credit Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, revealed the fact that the name of Harry Campbell does not appear on their records, either in the pending, satisfactory or unsatisfactory accounts.

With reference to Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated March 22, 1934, and letter from Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934, please be advised that Special Agent R. H. Butterworth of the Oklahoma City office caused a check to be made at the office of the State Automobile License Bureau at Little Rock, Arkansas concerning all the automobiles mentioned in Inspector Rorer's letter, but none of these automobiles had been registered there during 1933 or 1934. There is also no record there of any of the suspects in this case registering any automobiles during these two years to date. A list of the motor numbers and the names and aliases of the suspects in this case were left with Mr. W. A. Moore of that office, and in case any of these automobiles are attempted to be registered in Arkansas, or in case any of the suspects should attempt to register any automobile there during 1934, the Oklahoma City Office will be notified by telephone.

This same investigation and check as made by Special Agent Butterworth was made by Special Agent F. S. Smith at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

With reference to letter from [redacted] dated April 11, 1934 [redacted] at Harry [redacted] Sullivan, Route 1, Special Agent W. E. Marshall of the Oklahoma City Office made an investigation at Marlow, Oklahoma, and after making a proper check through the Postmaster, rural mail carrier, Chief of Police and employer of Sullivan, Agent Marshall interviewed Sullivan personally. Sullivan advised that he had known Mildred Campbell since about 1928 or 1929, and that he met her when he was working for the Stuckey Construction Company in Pampa, Texas. He said that he had heard Mildred speak of her ex-husband, Harry Campbell, but he had never known Harry

Campbell and has never seen him. He has never heard Mildred speak of the whereabouts of Harry Campbell, and Mildred's ex-husband is not a topic of conversation between them. Sullivan viewed the photographs of the suspects in this case, but said that he could not remember ever having seen any of them.

With reference to the last paragraph of the letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Division, dated March 31, 1934, Special Agent F. M. Birch ascertained at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, that Sam Coker, Number 14023, was paroled from that penitentiary January 11, 1931, and that his parole was revoked on February 13, 1931, and he was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary June 19, 1931, and is at present incarcerated there. Agent Birch interviewed Sam Coker, who advised him that he knew Volney Davis and Arthur Barker while they were in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and he became acquainted with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis when he was paroled. He said that he was arrested with these two persons and Joe Howard in a beer joint near Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said that Joe Howard is still wanted by the officers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that he is hanging close around Tulsa, and that Captain George Stewart and Sergeant Earl Gardner of Tulsa, Oklahoma had knowledge of Joe Howard's whereabouts. Carl Weaver of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Coker advised, and Tom Knight of Claremore, Oklahoma were the attorneys who represented Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Joe Howard in the matter of making bond at Okmulgee, Oklahoma on their being returned there from Tulsa, Oklahoma following this arrest.

With reference to the letter dated April 4, 1934 from Oklahoma City to Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, in line with the information contained above in the inter-

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at 1506 Washington Street, Houston, Texas, will make a discreet inquiry concerning George H. Killinger who is operating a cafe at that address and who is alleged to be a very close friend of Volney Davis, in an effort to obtain some information that will lead to the location and apprehension of members of the Barker gang.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at West Plains, Missouri will make some inquiry through proper channels concerning Viola Asher, known as the Caldwell woman, who is alleged to have been a very close friend of Phoenix Donald at one time, ~~at~~ ~~Moehkoneg, Missouri,~~ ~~At Kansas City, Missouri, make a discreet investiga-~~  
Mr. and Mrs. ~~at~~ ~~At Kansas City, Missouri, make a discreet investiga-~~

tion in the vicinity of 1405 West 61st Terrace, concerning Carol Lee Sisler who is alleged to be a very close and intimate associate of Alvin Karpis in line with the information contained in the body of this report. At Leavenworth, Kansas, if such has not already been done, will make discreet investigation concerning John F. Glynn, private detective there, who is alleged to have, and apparently does have a very close connection with the Barkers and their associates.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oilton, Drumright, Tulsa, Sapulpa and Pawhuska, Oklahoma will continue the investigation in this case.

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Laboratory Report

May 10, 1934.

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, signed by C. W. Lucas.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office

Date received: May 1, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination: May 4, 1934.

Examination by: C.A. Appel

The signature of C. W. Lucas was compared with those of various individuals of the Barker Karpis group and it is believed that Bill Weaver probably wrote the name. This opinion of course is for investigative purposes only inasmuch as there are very few points in which comparisons may be made. In the "W" along there are several individualities which appear to be similar and it is on this that the opinion is expressed.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.  
1218 - FUGITIVE, et al;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

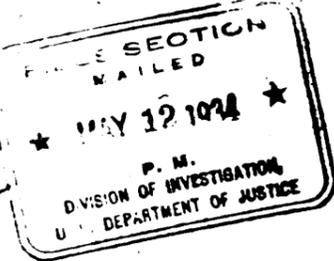
Dear Sir:

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 May 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure: #554735



May 12, 1934.

Mr. H. E. 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 May 8, 1934, transmitting an original communication addressed to Mrs. Myrtle Weston of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the accompanying envelope in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Upon examination in the Division laboratory one latent fingerprint was developed on the letter and was found to be identical with the impression of your right middle finger. Five latent prints appeared on the envelope, of which one was eliminated as being that of your right thumb. None of the remaining latent fingerprints are of sufficient detail to permit search through the single fingerprint file. However, they have been compared with the fingerprints of William Weaver, our file #17920, with negative results.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	
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MR. LESTER	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. ROBER	

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Lee called this office and advised that he was Secretary to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and that Mr. Ickes had a letter from Mr. John J. McLaughlin, of Chicago, requesting that he intercede in his case. This is the McLaughlin who is under arrest in the Bremer kidnaping case. Mr. Lee advised that the Secretary wanted to acknowledge McLaughlin's letter and advise him that the matter was being turned over to the Attorney General by him. Mr. Lee requested Mr. McLaughlin's address, which I gave to him - 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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1900 Bankers Building  
105 W. Adams  
Chicago Illinois

May 11, 1934.

Mr. J. A. Murphy  
Woodstock Hotel  
Woodstock, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the memoranda you have recently submitted looking toward the location of the Bremer Hideout have been received and have been examined.

I note that in certain instances you have failed to examine houses personally, and if this has been done by you, you have failed to mention this in your memoranda. This must be done. It is essential that you make personal inspection of houses in the towns visited, and you must not rely upon the opinion of older residents. Their information has been found faulty on numerous occasions.

It is desired that you interview Wall Paper Hangars, and stores handling wall paper, in the belief that someone may recall having papered a house with paper fitting the description of that which you carry.

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*Edward J. Bremer*

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It is desired that you give very close attention to every detail in this investigation, and see that every town is properly covered.

I wish to be advised promptly as to your movements, where you may be reached telegraphically and where you may receive your mail.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 21, 1934, reporting the results of a survey made at various towns in Illinois and Whitewater, Wisconsin, with a view to locating the town where Bremer may have been held. There have been received from the Chicago office photostatic copies of the plat maps obtained from Mr. Ralph V. Brown, Walworth County Attorney, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, which show in detail the streets and railroads for the city of Whitewater, Wisconsin. There have been indicated on the maps the locations of several houses which will be discussed hereinafter.

With reference to the sounds heard by Bremer, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1934, wherein it is noted that there are present at Whitewater, Wisconsin, nearly all of the sounds heard by Bremer during his confinement. It does not appear, however, that these sounds are coincident with times indicated by Bremer. The fire siren at Whitewater blows at 12 o'clock noon daily, except Sundays, instead of in the morning, as has been indicated by Mr. Bremer. In this connection, it is noted on page 6 of Inspector Rorer's report dated February 20, 1934, that "Bremer usually got up at approximately 10 a. m." It is not clear whether he slept until this time or remained in bed. In the event Bremer slept each morning until 10 o'clock, it is possible that the 12 o'clock siren may have been referred to as having blown in the morning. Furthermore, it is noted in the report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 5, 1934, that the schedule of trains, as set out on page 2, indicates that two trains passed through Whitewater around 10 o'clock each morning, one eastbound and one westbound; that during most of the day a freight train is in the vicinity of Whitewater, and the switch engine moves through the switch yard, which is the entire length of the town, placing cars on sidings. Trains numbers eight and thirty-seven, as listed in the schedule, are drawn by a gasoline locomotive, which stops at Whitewater at 9:50 a. m. on its eastbound trip, and at 7:16 p. m. on its westbound trip. This gasoline locomotive in approaching and leaving the town of Whitewater blows a siren, which has a sound characteristic of all gasoline locomotives, and also rings a bell in staccato time, which is also

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characteristic of these locomotives and can be heard from any point in the town. On page 2 of Inspector Rorer's report dated February 20, 1934, it is noted that Mr. Bremer stated that a short time after the blowing of the factory whistle, "he heard what appeared to be a horn, or whistle, which was on a moving object, but he is unable to give any information indicating whether this sound came from a bus, a truck, or a small railroad truck. He stated that, at the time, he wondered if it could be on one of the small electric, or gasoline propelled, railroad trucks. He cannot describe this sound and stated that he does not know whether it was a horn, or whistle. Further questioning failed to elicit any additional information concerning this sound, which would lead to identify it as belonging to a bus, a truck, or a railroad conveyance. He does not know whether this sound was heard on Sundays". It is possible that trains numbers eight and thirty-seven, which are drawn by a gasoline locomotive, give the sounds referred to by Bremer. It is suggested that he be permitted to go to one of the local railroad stations at St. Paul where one of these gasoline locomotives can be found for the purpose of determining whether the sounds are the sounds to which he refers.

The town of Whitewater does not have the "frequent trains in the morning and afternoon" to which Mr. Bremer had reference, but there is some question as to what he meant by "frequent". It is noted that this sound of a gasoline propelled conveyance referred to above was heard shortly after the factory whistle. At Whitewater, the Libby, McNeil and Libby Condensery has a factory whistle which blows at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. and does not blow the usual noon whistle. Bremer stated that he heard such a factory whistle which blew in the morning and afternoon, but which did not blow at the noon hour, but it appears that the gasoline locomotive does not arrive at Whitewater until approximately three hours after this factory whistle blows.

With reference to the church bells, it appears from the report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 5, 1934, page 9, that the sounds of church bells are present approximately coincident with the times indicated by Bremer, with the exception of the Saturday afternoon bell. In this connection, it has been learned that the German Lutheran Church was holding revival services during January, and that its bell rang on January 27, 1934, at 3:30 p. m., which is the second Saturday that Bremer was held victim. It did not ring on the previous or following Saturdays. This same bell also rings on Sunday mornings. Bremer, however, states that he heard a bell on each Saturday after-

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noon, which he placed at approximately 6 p.m.

There was also present at Whitewater considerable airplane flying on the part of four amateur fliers, as reflected on page 8 of the report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 5, 1934. In this connection, it is noted that T. N. Waters, one of the fliers, did considerable flying in the late afternoon of January 27, 1934. This coincides with Bremer's statement.

In addition to the above sounds, it has also been ascertained that the fire siren at Whitewater sounded three times at about 11:15 a.m. on January 23, 1934, for a country fire. This information also coincides with the statement made by Bremer in that he also heard such a siren on the second Sunday that he was held victim.

Of all the reports thus far submitted covering investigations conducted at various towns in Illinois and Wisconsin, there have been no reports setting out information relative to sounds which in any way approximate the sounds as indicated by Bremer as do the sounds that are present at Whitewater, Wisconsin, and therefore a thorough and exhaustive investigation should be undertaken in that vicinity.

The investigation previously conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown during the period March 24 to March 31, 1934, as reflected in the report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 5, 1934, indicates that certain houses were entered and examined, but does not identify these houses for the benefit of those Agents who will conduct further investigations in this vicinity. In a later report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 20, 1934, there are set forth the results of the investigation conducted by Special Agent Brown relative to the home of Will Shaw at Whitewater, Wisconsin, it being noted that this house was called to the attention of the St. Paul Division office by County Attorney Ralph V. Brown on April 5, 1934, as a possible hideout where Bremer had been held. Without knowing that Special Agent Brown had made this investigation, the undersigned, accompanied by Special Agent McIntire on April 17, 1934, went to this house for the purpose of exhibiting photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang to Mrs. Will Shaw, mother of Ethel Shaw, the latter having been interviewed by Special Agents V. W. Peterson and K. R. McIntire, and the undersigned, on April 16, 1934, at Janesville, Wisconsin, as reflected in the report of Agent McIntire dated April 28, 1934. Ethel Shaw, as well as her sister-in-law, Mrs. Leroy Shaw, had previously identified photographs of the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis as resembling members of a

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suspicious group of men who had frequented Whitewater during January and February in a black Buick sedan, Lincoln sedan, and a Ford coupe. When the undersigned, accompanied by Agent McIntire, entered the home of Will Shaw, it was observed that the floor plan of this home very nearly coincides with the floor plan drawn by Inspector Rorer based on information furnished by Bremer, with the exception that there is no bedroom between the living room and the toilet. The undersigned has drawn a sketch of Will Shaw's home, and after reviewing the statement made by Bremer it is noted that the location of the various rooms and sounds heard by Bremer can be reconciled with this house. For a general description of this house, reference is made to the report of Special Agent McIntire dated April 20, 1934.

Mrs. Will Shaw corroborated the statements made by Ethel Shaw and Mrs. Leroy Shaw, and partially identified the photograph of Volney Davis as a tall, blond fellow who came to the door of her home on the occasion when the Pitts sisters were there, and endeavored to have them accompany the group of suspicious men above referred to; that they endeavored to have Ethel Shaw accompany them, but she refused to go. Mrs. Shaw could not place the date, but stated that it was some time during February on the day when Walter Johnson of the Gridley Dairy came to visit them. After the Pitts sisters departed with these men, their uncle, known to Mrs. Shaw as Eliss, came to get them, but they had already gone. Mrs. Shaw also partially identified a photograph of both Barkers, but could not give a description of any of the men, except to state that they were tall, heavy and broad-shouldered men. Of course, this description does not fit members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

It is noted that the living room had recently been papered, and in response to questioning, Mrs. Shaw stated that both the living room and the kitchen had recently been papered by Eddie Geen. On April 17, 1934, the writer, together with Agent McIntire, interviewed Geen, who stated that his first name is Larry, at 422 Clay Street, and he stated that he had papered the living room and kitchen of Will Shaw's home for its owner, Roy Cain; that he did not believe there was any paper on the living room prior to the time he papered the room. A sample of the wall paper identified by Bremer was exhibited to him, and he stated that he could not recall having seen any paper of this design. After interviewing Geen, the writer and Agent McIntire proceeded to the home of Roy Cain on James Street, but were advised by Mrs. Cain that Mr. Cain

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an opportunity to examine several houses which he will point out for purposes of permitting a representative of this Division to make a personal examination. The wall paper identified by Bremer was also exhibited to Mr. Winn.

The floor plan, as well as the wall paper, were exhibited to Donald Hackett, Gus Novak and Albert Gunderson, who made the house to house survey in the southeast section of Whitewater, but they were unable to indicate any home which had been entered by them which would coincide with the descriptions furnished. It is suggested that Donald Hackett be further interviewed with respect to this matter for the reason that he exhibited unusual interest and willingness to cooperate.

County Attorney Ralph V. Brown, when interviewed by the writer at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, stated that he had been giving the question of locating the hideout considerable study since he was interviewed by Special Agent R. D. Brown, and loaned the writer the use of his plat map for the county of Wallworth, which in some instances indicates the property owners of sections and lots. The plat maps covering Whitewater have been photostated, copies of which have been transmitted to the St. Paul office with a copy of the letter of the Chicago office dated April 20, 1934. Attorney Brown stated that as the result of his study, and bearing in mind the various sounds heard by Bremer, he is convinced that the hideout is located in the vicinity of Whitewater, Wisconsin, and possibly in the southeast section. The writer endeavored to obtain the names of reliable persons located in the southeast section of Whitewater who would be likely to cooperate with the Government in locating the hideout, but Mr. Brown could not furnish such names. He stated that as a result of his own inquiries and observation, however, the house described by Bremer could possibly be located in the Tripp and Posey's Subdivision of block 10, south of Milwaukee Street; that in this vicinity at the corner of Milwaukee Street and Dann Street, there were two dogs, one of which was shot subsequent to the time Bremer was held victim, and that possibly these dogs were the ones heard by Bremer; that the floor plan as described by Bremer could very easily be the first floor of some house on the side of a hill, where it would be necessary to go down steps to enter the house through the kitchen. The writer, accompanied by Agent McIntire, however, did not see such a house when the section indicated by Mr. Brown was surveyed. It is suggested, however, that further investigation be conducted in this particular section. There is being transmitted to the Chicago and

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St. Paul offices the plat map of Whitewater, with appropriate markings on it indicating the various points discussed above. There are also being transmitted to the Chicago and St. Paul offices photostatic copies of the floor plan of Will Shaw's house, and a drawing of the floor plan as described by Bremer and revised in accordance with the letter of the St. Paul office addressed to the Division dated March 27, 1934, reflecting an interview had with Mr. Bremer by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson.

It is suggested that the reports of Special Agent McIntire dated April 5, April 20 and April 28, 1934, be reviewed in connection with this memorandum, and that a further intensive investigation be conducted at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

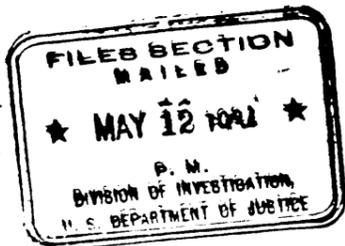
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I have read Mr. Newby's memorandum of May 9, 1934, with considerable interest, it dealing with the effort to locate the so-called Bremer hide-out. I do want every effort made to locate this place as soon as possible. If Mr. Newby has any suggestions or ideas concerning the matter, I would like to have the benefit of them, and I of course will authorize the detailing of any Agent or Agents to concentrate upon this particular problem. If Mr. Newby considers it might be desirable to have the use of an army plane for a short period of time to make a survey of any surrounding territory in the vicinity of any town which Mr. Newby believes might fit the description furnished us by Bremer, this can, of course, be arranged. In other words, I do want the closest attention to be given to this matter, because it is imperative that we locate this hide-out at an early date.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Division of Investigation

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

May 12, 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 No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division letter dated April 25, 1934 addressed to me at St. Paul in the above case, relative to a letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of April 18, 1934 by MR. C. D. BROWN, Manager of the Brown Protective Service, 710 National Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Copies of MR. BROWN'S letter were attached to the letter of reference.

On May 8, 1934 I interviewed MR. BROWN at his office. He could furnish no information which had a bearing on the BREMER case, but merely desired to furnish general information to the Division in connection with bank robberies in which he had conducted investigation during the past 28 years while Manager of the Protective Department of the Minnesota Bankers Association. All of MR. BROWN'S information was of a general nature and he spent much time dwelling upon the fact that he had been ousted by the Minnesota Bankers Association through efforts of the underworld and the connivance and jealousy of local police and State politicians.

Without affording any definite information to confirm it, he stated that Melvin Passolt, head of the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is unreliable and is closely allied with Tom Brown, detective on the St. Paul Police Department, and with LEON GLECKMAN, the Twin Cities underworld leader. He stated that he cannot furnish any definite information of irregularities on the part of Passolt, but that he is convinced, due to the close affiliation of Passolt with Brown and Gleckman that Passolt cannot be trusted.

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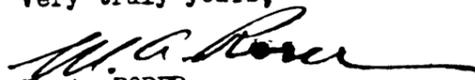
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He stated further that [REDACTED] who was formerly St. Paul City Clerk and candidate for the City Council in St. Paul, has in the past been a go-between for stolen bonds, and that it is his belief that in several instances when banks were robbed of bonds that the robbers turned them over to a local underworld character by the name of SAM TARRAN, who in turn would deal through [REDACTED] with representatives of the sureties companies. MR. BROWN could furnish no definite information, however. MR. BROWN advised that Richard Lilly, President of the First National Bank of St. Paul is a close personal friend of LEON GLECHMAN.

He further advised that Emmett Casey, alias Emmett Doran, formerly operated a tavern in St. Louis Park near Minneapolis, which was a known hangout for hoodlums; that Casey's place recently burned but that Casey is now operating a similar tavern on Superior Boulevard near the old Wigwam in Minneapolis, and that this place may be considered a hoodlum hangout.

He advised further that Bill McMillan, a detective on the St. Paul Police Department, has a cottage on Crane Lake near Harding, Minnesota, and that Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department, has one nearby. MR. BROWN could afford no information indicating definitely that any criminal has ever used either of these cottages for hideouts, but he stated that in view of Tom Brown's close affiliation with the underworld that it is possible that either of these cottages may be used as a hideout. It is the belief of BROWN that neither of the aforementioned cottages can be reached by road but only by boat.

In view of the Division's recent letter indicating that the known names of the bank robbers are to be secured with a view toward placing their fingerprints in the single finger print files, arrangements are being made to secure the cooperation of MR. C. D. BROWN in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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1900 Bankers Building  
105 W. Adams  
Chicago Illinois

May 11, 1934.

Mr. M. W. Glynn  
Canfield Hotel  
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

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*Edward H. Bremer*

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I wish to be advised promptly as to your movements, where you may be reached telegraphically and where you may receive your mail.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 11, 1934

Mr. E. E. 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, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Mr. Clegg:

There are transmitted herewith copies of memoranda dated April 21, 1934 and May 9, 1934, containing data concerning the town of Whitewater, Wisconsin where victim Bremer may possibly have been held by his kidnapers. There is also transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the plat map of Whitewater, Wisconsin, referred to in the memoranda with appropriate notations thereon. Photostat copies of the floor plan of Will Shaw's house and a drawing of the floor plan of the hide-out, as described by Bremer, and revised in accordance with the letter of the St. Paul Office addressed to the Division dated March 27, 1934, reflecting an interview with Mr. Bremer by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, are also enclosed herewith.

This data should be carefully reviewed by the Agents assigned to conduct further investigation with respect to locating the town wherein Bremer was held victim, and it is suggested that a further and exhaustive investigation be conducted at Whitewater, Wisconsin. The owner of the house wherein Will Shaw resides should be interviewed for the purpose of fully developing the reason for re-papering the house. Investigation should be made with respect to the dogs referred to by County Attorney Ralph V. Brown, for the purpose of ascertaining why one of the dogs was shot, and the exact date this occurred.

There is transmitted herewith an analysis sheet wherein every day of the three-week period during which time Bremer was held victim is accounted for, and is further set off in half-hour periods, twenty-four hours each day, and it is suggested that by the use of this

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analysis sheet, it be determined by further questioning of Mr. Bremer the approximate time the various sounds and incidents reported by him occurred. It will not be necessary to put down the exact time, but it can be determined by the use of such a chart when sounds occurred with respect to each other, such as the day before or the day after an incident that he clearly remembers.

The investigation with respect to locating the town wherein the hide-out is located should be pressed vigorously in view of the fact that most of the towns in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin are summer resorts and their population will increase several times within the near future, thereby making it more difficult to conduct a general investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc-Chicago

MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On April 14, 15 and 16, 1934, accompanied by Special Agents K. E. 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. E. 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 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ immediately after identifying ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 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.

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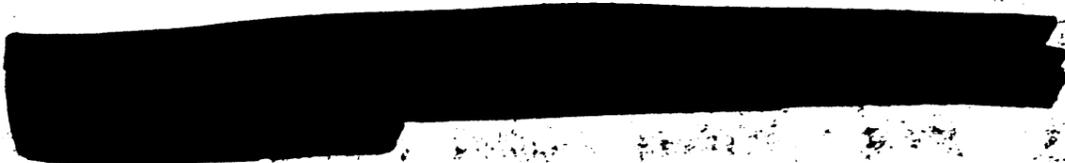
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In view of the information furnished by Mrs. Shaw, her daughter and daughter-in-law, Agent V. W. Peterson was sent to Milwaukee and Greenbay, Wisconsin for the purpose of interviewing the Pitts sisters and the Shaw brothers. The results of these interviews 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 allowance 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.

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May 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to my memorandum of May 12, 1934, concerning the removal of the McLaughlins from Chicago to St. Paul, I have just received word that United States Commissioner Walker at Chicago has held both of the McLaughlins, both Senior and Junior, and Delaney and Vidler for removal to St. Paul, but he postponed the filing of his findings with the Court until twelve noon, May 15th, so as to permit the defense attorneys opportunity to file writs of habeas corpus. It would seem, from the actions of the United States Commissioner, that while he may be entirely within the law, he certainly is granting every privilege possible under the law to the defense to enable them to prevent the final removal of the McLaughlins and their associates to St. Paul.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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May 14, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the examination being conducted in the  
Division laboratory in connection with the case designated Brekid.

The latent fingerprints in this case have been compared with  
the fingerprints of Matthew McNamara, our file #651155, James Brock,  
our file #65122, Albert Duval, our file #41932, Joseph M. Byrnes, our  
file #768806, James Wilson, our file #2278, Joseph Linto, our file  
#207210, William Leonard, our file #661470, and William Hart, our file  
#248903, with negative results.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Mr. Clegg at St. Paul advised me telephonically this morning that he had been in conference with the United States Attorney in connection with the McLaughlin case. If it is possible to do so, they are considering developing a case of being accessory after the fact, instead of charging McLaughlin in Chicago with conspiracy to kidnap. In this event the case could be tried either at Chicago or at St. Paul. I indicated to Mr. Clegg that I preferred the case to be tried at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

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MR. EGAN	_____
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CHIEF CLERK	_____
MR. ROSS	_____

*Handwritten initials and signatures:*  
SR  
MS - *Stephens*  
*[Signature]*

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May 11, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are quoted below, copies of two telegrams received by me  
at Chicago, for your information:

"CHICAGO ILL MAY 8, 1934.

MELVIN PURVIS  
FEDERAL BLDG DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CHGO

LEST YOU FORGET TO REMEMBER THE WORDS OF OUR FATHER WHO SOME DAY WILL  
JUDGE ALL ACCORDING TO THEIR WORK I REPEAT THEM TO YOU IN BROTHERLY  
LOVE. ANY MAN WHO SHALL CAUSE THE INNOCENT TO SUFFER BETTER HE HATH  
A MILSTONE TIED AROUND HIS NECK AND CAST INTO THE SEA ONLY ONE JUDGE  
OVER ALL AND FOR ALL

UNSIGNED"

"CHICAGO ILL MAY 9 1934

MELVIN PURVIS  
DEPT OF JUSTICE

YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DEFAME THE CHARACTER OF ONE OF AMERICAS FINEST  
BOYS FOR YOUR PERSONAL AMBITION UNLESS JUSTICE IS DONE BY TAKING MY  
INNOCENT BOY OUT OF CASE CLEARED OF FALSE CHARGES YOU FLACED AGAINST  
HIM AND HUSBAND GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE INNOCENCE HERE I WILL GO  
TO WASHINGTON IN JUSTICE FOR ALL AND MALICE TOWARD NONE AM NOT ALONE  
WITH PETITIONS TO PRESENT TO THE UNITEDSTATES SENATE SHOWING CAUSE  
FOR MY ASKING INVESTIGATION OF CHICAGO OFFICE AND YOUR REMOVAL I WILL  
RECEIVE CONSIDERATION THERE FROM MY HUSBANDS FRIENDS WHO RANK AMONG  
HIGHEST WASHINGTON OFFICIALS YOUR REPORT OF THE CASE TO THE OFFICIAL  
FROM WASHINGTON BY NO MEANS END THIS INVESTIGATION IF JUSTICE IS NOT  
DONE BY YOU

RECORDED (Signed) MRS MCLAUGHLIN

Sincerely yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. L. Brennan*  
*Comm. Tit.*  
*for*

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May 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Clegg mentioned the almost hopeless chance of locating the hideout in connection with the Bremer case, in view of our limited personnel. In this connection, Mr. Clegg suggested that we communicate with the Executive Head of the Boy Scouts of America and if he is agreeable to assisting us, that we then confide in the local Scout leaders, describing the house we are looking for. It appears that one of the tests for promotion of Boy Scouts is to describe a place for some one else to locate or else to locate a place described by some one else. Mr. Clegg suggested that one Agent cover a certain number of towns in one day, acquainting the Scout leaders with our problem, and returning to the same towns the following day to obtain the results found by the Scouts, who, of course, would not be cognizant of the purpose of their searches. Mr. Clegg felt that because of the vast territory to be covered and our limited personnel, it would be almost impossible to locate this place without some assistance.

I told Mr. Clegg that his suggestion appeared to have merit, but I felt it should be given very serious consideration before taking such steps.

Very truly yours,

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BELLS SCHOOLS HIGHWAYS AND RAILROADS EXISTED AT HILBERT WISCONSIN  
BESSIE GREEN STATES BILLY WEAVER WAS ONE OF BREMER KIDNAPPERS AS WELL  
AS THE FIVE SUSPECTS

MR PARNELL MANAGER OF APARTMENT 1299 GRAND AVENUE HERE STATES THAT IN  
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 MR. LESTER  
 CHIEF CLERK  
 MR. ROBE  
*Newby*

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COMMISSIONER WALKER TODAY HELD BOTH MCLAUGHLINS, DELANEY  
 REMOVAL ST. PAUL BUT POSTPONED FILING HIS FINDINGS WITH  
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RE BREKID REFER TO CHICAGO TELETYPE BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAROLD NATHAN 4-27-34. FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS BASED ON CERTIFIED COPIES COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM US ATTORNEY ST PAUL FILED BEFORE U S COMMISSIONER EDWIN K WALKER CHICAGO, AGAINST MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR AND VIDLER ON 4-27-34 AND AGAINST MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR AND DELANEY ON 4-30-34 REMOVAL HEARINGS ALL FOUR CASES SET BY U S COMMISSIONER WALKER HERE FOR 10 AM 5-7-34 WHEN CERTIFIED COPY INDICTMENT FROM ST PAUL CHARGING ALL SUBJECTS PRODUCED BY FIRST ASSISTANT USA HASSENAUER CHICAGO DEFENSE LAWYERS DEMANDED TIME TO STUDY INDICTMENT AND HEARING RECESSED UNTIL 2 PM WHEN DEFENSE ARGUED VALIDITY INDICTMENT. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN IN ADDITION TO HASSENAUER AGENTS BROWN NICHOLS AND FALKNER ST PAUL GRAND JURY WITNESSES AGAINST THESE SUBJECTS PRESENT TO TESTIFY. THESE SUBJECTS SAME PERSONS THAT TESTIFIED AGAINST SUBJECTS ST PAUL GRAND JURY. ATTORNEY JOSEPH R/ROACH REPRESENTING MCLAUGHLINS OBVIOUSLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND CONDUCT IN DEFENDING CLIENTS THIS HEARING DISGRACEFUL ALTHOUGH COMMISSIONER WALKER FAILED TO REQUEST HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM HEARING. WHEN AGENTS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THESE SUBJECTS AS PERSONS THEY TESTIFIED AGAINST IN ST PAUL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INSISTED PROPOUNDING QUESTIONS CONCERNING NATURE OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY THEM BEFORE ST PAUL GRAND JURY. AGENT FALKNER COMPELLED BY U S COMMISSIONER WALKER TO ANSWER FOLLOWING QUESTION "DID YOU GIVE TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY AT ST PAUL THAT MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR HAD CONSPIRED TO KIDNAP AND TRANSPORT FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER AND HOLD FOR RANSOM ONE EDWARD BREMER OF ST PAUL MINNESOTA". REGARDLESS OF REPEATED OBJECTIONS BY HASSENAUER AND KEENAN THAT SAME NOT COMPETENT SINCE IDENTITY ONLY NECESSARY FEATURE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT HEARING IN REMOVAL CASES ON INDICTMENTS. MESSRS KEENAN AND HASSENAUER ATTEMPTED TO HAVE THIS QUESTION QUALIFIED BY THE ADDITION THAT AGENT FALKNER HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY THAT BREMER RANSOM MONEY HAD BEEN FOUND IN POSSESSION OF AND TRACED TO MCLAUGHLIN SR WHICH QUALIFICATION

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WAS NOT PERMITTED THE COMMISSIONER AND AGENT FALKNER WAS FORCED TO ANSWER THE ORIGINAL QUESTION AS TO QUESTION AS PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER HAD GIVEN BEFORE GRAND JURY ONLY AS TO ADMISSIONS MADE TO AGENTS BROWN AND FALKNER BY MCLAUGHLIN THAT HE HAD OBTAINED MONEY FROM TWO STRANGE MEN IN A HOTEL IN CHICAGO WHICH MONEY HE HAD CONVERTED INTO BILLS OF C DENOMINATIONS AND WHICH MONEY HE KNEW TO BE HOT AND ASSUMED TO BE PART OF HAMM OR BREMER KIDNAPING RANSOM MONEY AGENT FALKNER'S TESTIMONY HAD BEEN BUT PART OF THE GENERAL PICTURE AND AGENT FALKNER ASSUMED IT TO BE THE PROVINCE OF THE GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE COMPLETE PICTURE MADE A CONSPIRACY CHARGE AS CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENT. AS TO THE QUESTION PROPOUNDED AGENT FALKNER ANSWERED NO AND AGENT FALKNER SUBSEQUENT TO THE HEARING WAS TOLD BY U S ATTORNEY HASSENAUER THAT HIS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WAS THE ONLY ONE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. COMMISSIONER WALKER SUSTAINED FURTHER OBJECTIONS BY HASSENAUER AND KEENAN WHEN QUESTION THIS NATURE ASKED AGENTS BUT FAILED TO DEMAND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REFRAIN FROM ASKING SUCH QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCT THEM ONLY QUESTIONING INVOLVED WAS PROOF OF IDENTITY WHICH WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED THROUGH AGENTS TESTIMONY BY HASSENAUER. AT 5-30 PM HEARING ADJOURNED AS GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF IDENTITY PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER WALKER CALLED FOR BRIEFS BY GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE CONCERNING VALIDITY INDICTMENT TO BE ARGUED 5-9-34 ON WHICH DATE ARGUMENTS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALKER REQUESTED TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER UNTIL THIS MORNING. WHEN DEFENDANTS AGAIN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM AND HE REQUESTED FURTHER TIME UNTIL MONDAY MAY 14 AT 3-00 PM TO CONSIDER FURTHER AND SEARCH ADDITIONAL CASES. HASSENAUER OBJECTED TO FURTHER DELAY AND INSISTED GOVERNMENT'S CASE OF IDENTITY HAD BEEN PROVEN BUT COMMISSIONER WALKER REFUSED TO RENDER OPINION UNTIL MONDAY AND REMARKED THAT HE BELIEVED HE WOULD RENDER OPINION IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT AS TO SOME OF THE SUBJECTS INDICATING HE WOULD NOT DECIDE FAVORABLY IN CASE OF AT LEAST ONE OF SUBJECTS. HASSENAUER EXPRESSED OPINION TO AGENTS BROWN AND FALKNER THAT COMMISSIONER WALKER WOULD FAIL TO ORDER REMOVAL OF MCLAUGHLIN JR. COMMISSIONER APPEARED TO INSIST UPON A DISCLOSURE OF THE ENTIRE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE ST PAUL GRAND JURY ALTHOUGH IDENTITY WAS ONLY QUESTION INVOLVED

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CORRECTIONS IN TELETYPE SENT ONE PM TODAY RE BREKID LINE 4 DATE SHOULD  
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COMMISSIONER WALKER APPEARED TO INSIST" ETC.

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SAC CHICAGO

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME DUPLICATION IN MESSAGE SENT AT 1-00 PM  
HAVE YOU CHECKED THE FIRST PAGE OF THAT MESSAGE

YES OPERATOR WHO TRANSMITTED ADVISED THAT IN TYPING LINE 13 LAST WORD  
SHE STARTED IN REPEATING PREVIOUS LINE. LINE 13 LAST WORD IS BEGINNING  
OF REPEATED PORTION OMIT THAT WORD AND ALL OF LINE 14 THEN START LINE  
15 WITH WORDS ST. PAUL GRAND JURY. ATTORNEY JOSEPH R. ROACH, ETC.  
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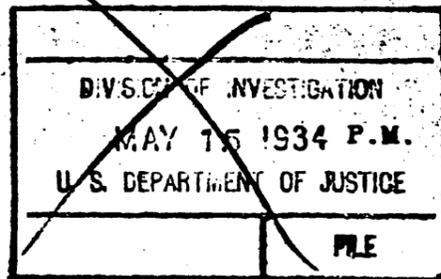
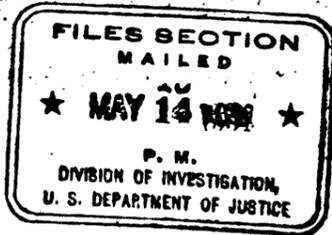
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I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I have just directed to the Attorney General, concerning the removal of the McLaughlins from Chicago to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 



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May 12, 1934.

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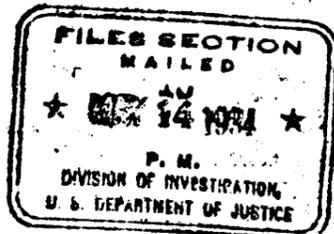
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REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: May 15, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 9-12, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: Roger L. Main
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases Identification Order 1818; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Ed Rudick not at Miami, Florida, at this time. Narcotic charge on which he was arrested on March 7, 1934, dismissed by United States Commissioner, Miami, Florida, March 16, 1934. Rudick lived for short time at Hollywood, Florida, with woman who answers description of female who lived with him in New York City. Papers in house also indicate one Joseph Haller visited Rudick. Rudick now thought to be in Chicago, Illinois. News dealers at Miami, Miami Beach, and West Palm Beach, Florida, unable to identify photographs of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis as having purchased Minneapolis or Saint Paul papers and no information available as to individuals who during winter season called for papers of these cities.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the New York Division Office dated April 27, 1934, and Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, Saint Paul, Minnesota, to the New York Division Office, dated February 23, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Mr. George Coyle, Narcotic Inspector, Miami, Florida, advised that on March 7, 1934, he arrested Ed Rudick at the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida; that at the time Rudick was living at 1441 Jackson Street, Hollywood, Florida, where he had

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rented a house from Aline B. Newhall; that Rudick's arrest was brought about by the discovery of a package of morphine that had been directed to Joseph Haller, Post Office Box 193, Miami, Florida. This package, according to Mr. Coyle, should have been addressed to Post Office Box 193, Hollywood, Florida; that when morphine was discovered in the package at the Miami Post Office he kept the parcel post window under observation until this package was called for by a bellboy from the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach; that he shadowed this bellboy to the Fleetwood Hotel and there arrested Rudick; that Rudick denied any connection with the package, insisting that the notification card that the package was in Miami had been forwarded to his Post Office Box in Hollywood and that he merely sent the bellboy for the package. He denied knowing Joseph Haller, the person to whom the package was addressed.

Mr. Coyle stated that he then proceeded to Hollywood, Florida, and ascertained that Rudick was living at 1441 Jackson Street, and he, in company with the Sheriff of Broward County, Florida, raided this residence and they found a woman who claimed to be Rudick's wife, who was about twenty-eight years old and was generally of the same description as the woman mentioned in the letter from the New York Office as having resided with Rudick at the Milebrook Apartments, 61 East Sixty-Sixth Street, New York City.

Mr. Coyle stated that Rudick was placed in the Dade County Jail, Miami, under a commissioner's complaint and a hearing was had on the complaint on March 16, 1934, at which time Rudick was dismissed by the United States Commissioner because of lack of evidence; that Rudick and the blond woman traveling with him immediately departed from Hollywood, Florida, and they have not been in this vicinity since; that before leaving Rudick informed him, Coyle, he intended to return to Chicago.

Mr. Coyle stated further that the raid on the premises at 1441 Jackson Street, Hollywood, disclosed numerous papers bearing the name of Joseph C. Haller, Charles Hartman alias George Burns; that he also found a passport bearing number 561042 issued in the name of Joseph C. Hartener at New York City on May 15, 1928; that Haller is a well known confidence man and also cocaine addict.

Mr. Coyle examined the Identification Order Number 1196 of Bernard Phillips and stated that the photograph of Joseph C. Haller which appeared on the passport in no way resembled Bernard Phillips. He further stated that all of the papers found in Rudick's house were delivered to Rudick's attorney, Mr. Dan Chappell of Miami, Florida.

A memorandum was made by Mr. Coyle of some of the papers found in the house occupied by Rudick and the following information was obtained from this memorandum:

Paper bearing name of Eli Rudick, care Silverman's Place, 4150 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago.

Part of a telegram dispatched from Chicago, Illinois, conveying the following message:

MY PHONE NUMBER IS KEYSTONE  
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Paper containing name of Ben T. Wright, 1101 North Park Street, Chicago.

Garage bill with letterhead as above to E. Rudick, 3651 Lawrence Avenue, for repairs to Ford Tudor sedan, 1933 license, Illinois, 840990, amount \$5.78.

Lease of premises 1441 Jackson Street, Hollywood, Florida, between Eli Rudick and Aline B. Newhall.

Copy of telegram from the money order department of the Western Union, New York City, March 6, 1934, to Eli Rudick, 1441 Jackson Street, from Charles Haller, which conveyed the message sending you \$200, leaving tomorrow, regards.

This memorandum of Mr. Coyle's also indicated that an automobile license was issued to Joseph C. Haller, 25 Central Park West, New York City for a Studebaker sedan which was New York, 1933, 4 Y 1697; also operator's license to Joseph C. Haller, 470 West End Avenue, New York City; card bearing name Sheriffs and Police Officers Association issued to Charles J. Haller; card Associated Official News Service - 1933 - issued to Charles J. Haller; card Oakdale Riding Club, Chicago, 1933, to Charles L. Heller; card 1932 Chicago Club, 502 Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, issued to Joseph Haller.

The memorandum also indicates that a number of blank checks were found in Rudick's residence. Mr. Coyle could not furnish any other information concerning Ed Rudick or his companions.

Several attempts were made to interview Aline B. Newhall, proprietor of the premises at 1441 Jackson Street, Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Newhall has not to date been contacted but further efforts will be made and Identification Order 1196 - Bernard Phillips, will be displayed for the purpose of ascertaining whether he observed Phillips in association with Ed Rudick.

Investigation has been completed at Miami, Miami Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida, in which the following news dealers were covered concerning the purchasers of Minneapolis and Saint Paul newspapers during the winter of 1934 subsequent to the Bremer kidnaping:

Hipodrome Cigar Store and News Stand  
7 and 9 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami

Townley's Cigar Store  
79 East Flagler Street - Miami

Post Office Cigar Store  
46 Northeast First Avenue - Miami

Beach News Depot  
450 Collins Avenue - Miami Beach

Village Shoppe  
1448 Washington Avenue - Miami Beach

World News Company  
17 Ocean Drive - Miami Beach

T. O. Steele  
1101 Fifth Street - Miami Beach

Mathison News Company  
105 South Dixie Highway - West Palm Beach

World News Company  
Sheen Building, 222 1/2 Clematis Avenue - West Palm Beach

Post Office News Company  
15 Post Office Arcade - West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach News Company  
112 North Olive Street - West Palm Beach.

At all of the above places Identification Orders 1218 and 1219, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker, respectively, were displayed and no one could identify either individual as having been purchasers of the papers of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. All of the above news dealers advised that they only received two or three copies of Minneapolis and Saint Paul papers and most of these were generally returned unsold; that they did not recall of any regular callers for these papers and the papers sold were to persons who were winter tourists in South Florida.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** At Chicago, Illinois, is requested to endeavor to locate Ed Rudick alias Eli Rudick through the information set forth above, which was obtained from papers found in premises occupied by Rudick at Hollywood, Florida, and if located interview him to determine the circumstances under which he became acquainted with Bernard Phillips; his activities with Phillips; the last time he has seen Phillips, and, if possible, Phillips' present address. It is noted photograph of Rudick was furnished the Chicago Office with copy of Division letter dated May 7, 1934, to the New York Office.

**NEW YORK OFFICE:** Is requested to endeavor to locate Joseph C. Haller, at 25 Central Park West, New York City, and 470 West End Avenue, New York City, and through him endeavor to obtain information as to the present address of Ed Rudick. In view of

the apparent close association between Haller and Rudick it may be possible that Haller, if located, will have information concerning Bernard Phillips, and that fact should be kept in mind in the course of interviews with Haller.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: Will make further attempts at Hollywood, Florida, to interview Aline B. Newhall for further information as to the associates of Eli Rudick while he lived at 1441 Jackson Street, Hollywood, Florida.

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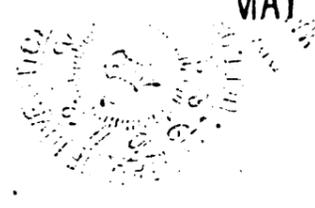
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NOW IN SAINT PAUL IS DIVISION FINGERPRINT EXPERT WHO MADE IDENTIFICATION  
LATENT PRINT GASOLINE CANS KANSAS CITY OFFICE HAS BEEN TELEGRAPHICALLY  
REQUESTED FURNISH YOU NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER WHO PHOTOGRAPHED ALVIN  
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On April 23, 1934 information was received by the Chicago Office of this Division to the effect that an individual had appeared at the Uptown State Bank of Chicago, Illinois and presented \$900, consisting of five dollar bills and \$100, consisting of ten and twenty dollar bills to be exchanged for ten \$100 bills. The suspicion of the Assistant Cashier who handled this transaction was aroused because he recalled the same individual having made a similar request about a week before. He thereupon compared the numbers of the five dollar bills with those of the numbers of the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case, which had previously been submitted to this and all other banks in Chicago by the Division, and found part of the money exchanged to be identical with that of the Bremer ransom money. As a result of this information, a circular, confidential letter was directed to all banks in the Chicago district, advising that the Bremer ransom money was being exchanged in Chicago.

On April 26, 1934 an individual, later identified as William E. Vidler, called at the First National Bank and exchanged some money. The tellers of the bank having recalled the circular letter sent out by the Chicago Office immediately reported same and stated that the individual exchanging the money might be located at a certain address. Whereupon, Agents of this Division immediately proceeded to the address in question and succeeded in locating Vidler who was taken into custody. He had in his possession at that time \$3,185, \$2,265 of which was identified as part of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping case. A comparison of the fingerprints of Vidler with those in the Division's Identification Unit disclosed that he was received on March 3, 1920 on a charge of larceny to serve a sentence of from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Vidler, after being questioned considerably, disclosed that he had obtained this money from John J. McLaughlin alias "Boss" McLaughlin, a political leader on the West Side of Chicago. McLaughlin was also taken into custody and later his son, Jack McLaughlin, was arrested at the Board of Trade in Chicago and \$300 was found concealed in his hat, \$85 of which was identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, young McLaughlin stated that his father had given him \$260 of this money at the time of the Bank Moratorium in March of 1933. This, of course, was obviously incorrect in that the Bremer ransom money was not passed until February of 1934. He later made a signed statement admitting that his first

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statement was false, and stated that about \$200 of the \$300 found in his hat was given to him by his father on April 25 and April 28, 1934 with instructions to keep same in his safety deposit box until he received further instructions from his father.

William E. Vidler in a signed statement admits exchanging over \$30,000 for McLaughlin.

Philip Delaney, an associate of Vidler, has also been taken into custody and admits in a signed statement driving an automobile transporting Vidler and McLaughlin to various banks where Vidler exchanged money, and that he, Delaney, personally exchanged \$24,000 in bills given to him by McLaughlin.

The Senior McLaughlin refused to make any statement until informed that his son had been taken into custody. Whereupon he advised that he met one Frank Wright, a Chicago confidence man and underworld character, in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel at Chicago and that Wright had suggested to him that he exchange this kidnaping money; that he again met Wright in the Sherman Hotel about three weeks ago and that Wright introduced to him two men, known as Jones and Smith, at the Irving Hotel; that these men told McLaughlin they recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for powerful Mid-West gangsters and that they had \$100,000 to be exchanged, and that he, McLaughlin, agreed to exchange this money on a five per cent commission basis, and that he began to exchange this money on April 17th through Chicago banks, assisted by his friends Vidler and Delaney who did the actual exchanging.

McLaughlin states that the money was sometimes delivered to his home and that he sometimes obtained it from the Irving Hotel from Smith and Jones. He agreed to exchange \$100,000 and was later advised that there were \$200,000 more available, and was advised that the first \$100,000 was that of the Hamm kidnaping ransom, and that he understood the other \$200,000 was that of the Bremer kidnaping money.

Complaints have been filed against John McLaughlin, his son, William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney at Chicago, Illinois and it is expected that they will be indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota the forepart of this week.

Efforts, of course, are being made to identify and locate the individuals known as Wright, Jones and Smith referred to by McLaughlin.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

W. E. Vidler  
H. E. Delaney  
as  
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HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH EXECUTIVE STANDARD OIL COMPANY FOR AN AGENT TO BE EMPLOYED AT A S O CO STATION ADJOINING A GARAGE BELONGING TO FRED BARKER SQ THAT AGENT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER STATIONS OF S O CO AND HE WILL RECEIVE FROM ~~MANAGER~~ A SMALL WEEKLY SALARY TO BE REFUNDED TO THE S O CO EXECUTIVE PRIVATELY IN ORDER THAT THE AGENT CAN WATCH THE GARAGE OF BARKER FOR MEMBERS OF THE BREKID GANG SUGGEST THAT SOME AGENT WITH SOME EXPERIENCE ALONG THIS LINE BE SENT HERE WHO IS NOT KNOWN IN THIS VICINITY FOR SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT BELIEVE THAT AGENT C O LAWRENCE HAS BEEN HERETOFORE SUGGESTED BY DIVISION PLEASE HAVE WHOEVER CAN BE CONVENIENTLY BE SENT HERE FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPORT TO ME FROM STATION BY TELEPHONE AT OFFICE IN ORDER THAT HE MAY NOT BE SEEN AROUND OFFICE

*Edward G. Bremer*

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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May 8, 1934.

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Dear Homer:

Here is a night letter that has just reached me from John J. McLaughlin, of Chicago, who I believe has been implicated in the kidnaping business. I don't know why this man has the effrontery to solicit my interest. I don't presume to say whether or not he has become a kidnapper but I do know that he has always been a crook and he knows that I know that he is a crook. Otherwise, this deponent sayeth not.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Harold L. Ickes  
Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. Homer S. Cummings,  
Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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HAROLD ICKES SECY INTERIOR  
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I WOULD CONSIDER IT THE GREATEST FAVOR ANY MAN EVER DONE  
FOR ME IF YOU WILL SEE ATTY GENL CUMMINGS FOR ME I AM NOT  
GUILTY OF THE CHARGE THEY HAVE GIVEN ME AND MY SON IS AS  
INNOCENT AS YOU PLEASE TRY AND HELP ME I NEED IT PURVIS  
AND HIS AGENTS HANDLED ME VERY ROUGH KNOCKED MY TEETH OUT  
AND ARE NOW TAKING ME TO STPAUL ON CONSPIRACY OF KIDNAPPING  
WHICH I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT AND MY SON WHO IS ONLY SEVENTEEN  
YEARS OLD AND A CHILD INNOCENT AS YOU I DONT KNOW THE ATTY  
BUT I THINK HE INVESTIGATED THE CASE HE WILL FIND I AM NOT  
GUILTY STPAUL IF I GO THERE MEANS A HIGH BOND FOR ME AND  
MONEY FOR LAWYERS WHICH I HAVE NOT GOT SEE IF YOU CAN  
HELP ME BY HAVING BONDS REDUCED AND CASE HELD IN CHICAGO  
UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATION HOPING YOU WILL HELP ME  
IMMEDIATELY AND I WILL NEVER FORGET IT NOT A MINUTE TO  
LOSE IF YOU WILL SINCERELY YOURS

JOHN J MCLAUGHLIN.

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

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May 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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Mrs. Gibson is the mother of Subject  
HARRY CAMPBELL'S wife, and it is requested that appropriate invest-  
igation be conducted at Toledo, Illinois, to ascertain the identity  
of Elizabeth Stewart.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
May 17, 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, I & S, P. 18,  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

While conferring over the telephone with Sheriff  
Denn Rogers of Topeka, Kansas, on another matter, the Sheriff ad-  
vised that he had learned through an informant that Alvin Karpis  
owned a half interest in a pool hall located in Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma, in the basement under a hotel. The name or location of  
the hotel or pool room not being known more definitely by Sheriff  
Rogers at the present time, although he expects to get further in-  
formation in this respect at a later date from his informant.

You will recall from reports submitted by this  
office in the above captioned case that Sheriff Rogers is parti-  
cularly anxious to bring about the location and apprehension of  
Karpis in connection with an attempted bank robbery in Topeka,  
Kansas.

The above information, the source, is being fur-  
nished you for whatever present investigation you believe advisable.  
As soon as further information is obtained from Sheriff Rogers re-  
lative to the location of the above mentioned pool hall, the same  
will be furnished to you. It is Sheriff Rogers' understanding  
that a partner of Karpis, whose name is unknown to Sheriff Rogers,  
is operating the pool hall in behalf of Karpis and himself.

Very truly yours,

E. W. GERRY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Clegg:*  
*I think this clears*  
*up your inquiry?*  
*HHC*

H. H. CLEGG

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Bldg.

Detroit Michigan

May 16, 1934



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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with alias, I.O. #1219  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated April 25, 1934 relative to Wilbur Pettijohn and interview with Clarence Arnn.

Clarence Arnn, 9808 Lamont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Chapman on May 15, 1934 at which time Arnn stated that it was in August or September 1933 that he saw Wilbur Pettijohn in Cleveland and that if he said he saw him in December, 1933 he did not mean to say this but meant August or September.

Arnn was positive that he saw Pettijohn in Cleveland in August or September 1933, stating he saw him at East 101st and Euclid Avenue, at which time Pettijohn was driving a Buick Coupe and had a blonde woman with him; that "Jimmy the Wop" told him that he saw Pettijohn in Cleveland about February 1, 1934, after the Bremer kidnaping, although Arnn does not pretend to have seen Pettijohn at that time.

It appeared that Arnn was merely attempting to make of himself a confidential informant with a view of obtaining compensation or rewards for any criminals he might name. Agent Chapman states there is no question of Arnn having stated that Pettijohn was in Cleveland in December, 1933 as on the occasion of the first interview with Arnn, a newspaper containing an item relative to the Charlotte, N.C. mail robbery was examined and that item stated that the robbery had occurred in November, 1933 and it was at this time that Arnn stated that Pettijohn had been in Cleveland in December, 1933 and he, Arnn, then suspicioned that Pettijohn had been in the Charlotte mail robbery as it had occurred a short time prior to Pettijohn being seen in Cleveland, Ohio.

During the interview with Arnn on May 15, 1934 he stated that he had furnished information to the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland relative to a Post Office robbery. Agent Chapman was advised by Mr. Sylvester Hettrick, Post Office Inspector, Cleveland, Ohio, that Arnn had been furnish-

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ing him information which proved valueless and on two occasions Arnn informed him that he was working with a gang and that they expected to break into a warehouse on a certain night. Hettrick had police planted in the warehouse on two successive nights but no one appeared and Arnn then informed him that the robbery had been given up. Hettrick had secured funds from the Post Office Department to pay Arnn for information but Arnn has failed to appear for the funds and will not be paid should he appear.

From the above it is apparent that Arnn is unreliable and untruthful and no further contact will be made with him in the absence of instructions relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

*M. W. Meekins*  
M. W. Meekins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Inspector Rorer, St. Paul

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-14-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/4, 5, 9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. E. PHOENIX</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES RENAUD advises he has no specific information or leads concerning those who participated in the kidnaping of victim. He says that he is a former member of the Catholic Church and is now a member of the Seventh Day Adventist faith; that on account of the fact that he changed his religious belief, the Catholics for the past year have engaged in a conspiracy to kidnap and kill him; that he believes his former partner, one Larson, is party to this conspiracy, but he has no definite information on this point. He further states that on account of the fact that these people have tried to kidnap him he believes they are the ones who kidnaped Mr. Bremer. Renaud admits that at no time has he been kidnaped or been physically injured by anyone and states that he has received the above threats not from the kidnapers direct but from "Mother Forsyth" of Chicago, his foster mother, who in turn claims that the Catholic Church is at the bottom of his trouble.

**DETAILS:**

The investigation covered by this report is based on a letter dated April 28, 1934, from Mr. A. J. McDougall, Prosecuting Attorney of Gaylord, Otsego County, Michigan, to former Municipal Judge Judson F. Going of Chicago, said letter having been turned over to this office by Judge Going upon its receipt. In addition to containing leads on the instant case, the letter contained information pertaining to the

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Lindbergh kidnaping case. Only the investigation covering the lead-up  
pertaining to the instant case will be set forth in this report. In  
his letter Mr. McDougall advised that Charles Renaud, alias Charles  
Reno, alias William Bond Forsyth, Jr. of Vanderbilt, Michigan, who  
is now a prisoner in the Charlevoix County Jail, Charlevoix, Michigan,  
on a forgery charge, informed him subsequent to the kidnaping of vic-  
tim that he could prove that the following men participated in the  
above crime:

Jimmie Harikus, Chicago, Illinois.  
Raymond Larson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Dr. Risjord, Milwaukee or Chicago,  
Frank Bennett, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Jimmy Haines, Gary, Ind. or Chicago, Ill.  
Eugene Bishop, Chicago, Ill.  
Jimmy O'Brien, Chicago, Ill.  
Ralph Bradford, Chicago, Ill.  
Jerry Kauffman or Hoffman, Flint, Mich.

No specific addresses of the above persons were furnished by Mr.  
McDougall in his letter other than as above indicated.

#### AT GAYLORD, MICHIGAN.

Agent interviewed Prosecuting Attorney A. J. McDougall,  
who stated that subsequent to the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, Charles  
Renaud, who claims to be an inventor of Vanderbilt, Michigan, informed  
him that he knew the names of the parties who kidnaped Mr. Bremer and  
furnished him with the names of the above referred to individuals who  
he claimed were in the plot. No specific addresses of these parties  
were furnished by Renaud. Mr. McDougall stated that Charles Renaud  
is now confined in the Charlevoix County Jail at Charlevoix, Michigan,  
where he is being held in default of a two thousand dollar bond on a  
forgery charge. His case will not come up in the State Court at  
Charlevoix until May 28, 1934.

#### AT CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN.

Charles Renaud, upon being interviewed by agent, in the  
presence of Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Fitch of Charlevoix County,  
Prosecuting Attorney McDougall, and Sheriff Floyd Ikens of Charlevoix  
County, stated that he is forty years of age and is the son of John  
and Emma Renaud, who reside on a farm near Vanderbilt, Michigan; that  
he was born seven miles West of Pinconning, Michigan, however, most  
of his adult life has been spent in Chicago and vicinity. He stated

that he used to work in the barber trade at Chicago, however, in recent years he has been engaged in mechanical engineering work in Chicago. He claims to be the inventor of a new submarine device, the automatic synchronous clutch and brake control, a rear axle fluid brake, and a mechanical dish washing machine. He stated at the present time he has applied for patent for the above inventions, but admitted that up to date none have been granted to him.

Upon being questioned by agent and the above officials, Renaud admitted that he has no information whatever concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. He stated that when he talked to Mr. McDougall and told him that he could prove that the above referred to individuals participated in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, he did not mean what he said; that the reason why he made the above statement to Mr. McDougall and named the above individuals was the fact that he believed these individuals are at the bottom of a plot to kidnap and kill him; that he figured that if these persons would plot to kidnap and kill him they would do the same to Mr. Bremer. When asked by agent to state whether or not he had ever been directly threatened with violence, or had ever been kidnaped, or had sustained physical violence at the hands of any parties, Renaud admitted that he had not. He stated that all of the threats received by him came through his foster mother, Mrs. William Bond Forsyth, of Chicago, hereinafter referred to as Mother Forsyth. He further stated that Mother Forsyth had written him of these threats and that he actually believed them. He further stated that he and Mother Forsyth are convinced that the above threats are the result of the fact that early in 1932 he changed his religion from the Catholic Church to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the latter religion being that of Mother Forsyth. He pointed out that all of his own people are devout Catholics, several of his uncles being Priests, and a number of his aunts being Nuns; that his family is angry with him because he changed his religion and he knows that the Catholic Church is "trying to get him".

Renaud further stated that along about January 1st, 1932, he and his former business associate, Raymond Larson, of Chicago, were working on their invention, known as the automatic synchronous clutch and brake control, at a machine shop near 29th and Indiana Avenue in Chicago. He cannot recall the name of the machine shop owner, however, he stated that Larson and he paid the owner of the shop \$105.00 a month rent for space to work in the place; that he had known Larson for only about a month prior to the first part of 1932, and stated that he had no information whatever as to Larson's antecedents or where he came from.

He stated that along about January, 1932, he and Larson had their invention at the office of Dr. Charles Leffler, a physician at 30 West Randolph Street; that Dr. Leffler was giving him blood treatments and he and Larson figured that if they moved their invention to the doctor's office they might find somebody who would take an interest in same; that along about January 1st, 1932, Mrs. William Bond Forsyth, a patient of Dr. Leffler, was introduced to Larson and himself by the doctor. He stated that Mother Forsyth took a great interest in Larson and himself and invited them to move over to her property located at 2975 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago. He stated that Mother Forsyth owned the Dr. C. H. Berry Company, manufacturers of cosmetics, located at 2975 South Michigan Boulevard; that she is a very wealthy woman and a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her husband, Mr. William Bond Forsyth, is an old man past eighty years of age, and spends most of his time at the Forsyth Villa located at Uslis, Florida. Mother Forsyth is a woman past sixty years of age.



Renaud further stated that although his correct name is Charles Renaud, he is also known as Charlie Reno, the name Reno being the American pronunciation of the French name Renaud. He stated that sometime in December, 1932, at the request of Mother Forsyth and her husband, he went into court before Judge Kuntz at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, and had his name changed from Charles Renaud to William Bond Forsyth, Jr.; that the reason why Mother Forsyth had him change his name was the fact that she feared his enemies would kill him and she thought that he would be better protected by taking the name of William Bond Forsyth, Jr.

Renaud further stated that when Larson and his wife, the former Dorothy Frieda Henke, and himself moved to Mother Forsyth's

place in Chicago, he and Larson worked on their invention, and his wife, Dorothy, worked in Mother Forsyth's laboratory; that along about March, 1932, he and Larson made a trip to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of perfecting their patent; that they remained in Washington about twelve days and returned to Chicago, stopping at Annapolis, Maryland; that shortly after their return to Chicago from their trip East, Mother Forsyth ran Larson off her premises on account of his habitual drunkenness and general degeneracy. He stated he has not seen Larson since and has no information as to his present whereabouts.

Following the above, Mother Forsyth sent him to her summer place at Muskegon, Michigan, in order to protect him from his enemies. In December, 1932, he and his wife accompanied Mother Forsyth to Florida, where his name was changed to William Bond Forsyth, Jr. He and his wife remained in Florida until about February, 1933, when they left Florida and drove North, stopping for a few days at Detroit and Chicago, and then proceeded to the Twin Cities, stopping at St. Paul. The object of this trip to St. Paul was for the purpose of his assuming management of the Downtown Garage in which Mother Forsyth held an interest, which garage is located about two and one-half blocks from the Nickolett Hotel in Minneapolis. However, he and his wife remained in the Twin Cities for only about six days when they proceeded to the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Renaud near Vanderbilt, Michigan. They remained on the premises of his parents from March, 1933, until January 1, 1934, when they left his parents' home, and from January 1st, 1934, to date they have lived in a trailer near Vanderbilt. He admitted that during the above period of time he and his wife have received a monthly allowance from Mother Forsyth and they have lived upon same during this time.

Renaud further stated that on December 26, 1933, he paid a visit to Chicago and saw his friend, Dr. Leffler; that Jimmie Hair, who is also a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, told him in Dr. Leffler's office that he had better watch out for Larson; that Larson was out "to get him". He stated that at that time Jimmie told him Larson was in Milwaukee, however, he gave him no specific address. He also stated that Larson had a man by the name of Dr. Risjord with him; also that Larson was associated with the following persons: Frank Bennett, Jimmie Haines, Eugene Bishop, Jimmie O'Brien, Ralph Bradford, and a fellow named Jerry Kauffman or Hoffman; that he did not know the specific addresses of these persons but that he has in the past seen them. He stated that he figured that if these persons were out to get him they would certainly get other people and when he read of the Bremer kidnaping he figured that these were the men who did the job, although he has no information whatever to prove it.

The following description of Jimmie Harikus was furnished agent by Renaud:

Name:	JIMMIE HARIKUS
Age:	25 yrs.
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Sallow; smooth shaven.
Nationality:	American of Greek extraction.
Occupation:	Is now a law student; supposed to be working in the office of one Volekus, an attorney in Chicago.

The following description of Raymond Larson was furnished agent by Renaud:

Name:	RAYMOND LARSON
Age:	44 yrs.
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Build:	Medium slender
Hair:	Blond, almost bald
Complexion:	Light
Glasses:	Wears glasses occasionally.
Peculiarities:	Pointed nose and very talkative.
Nationality:	American of Swedish extraction.

The following description of Renaud was obtained by agent as a result of personal observation and interrogation:

Name:	CHARLES RENAUD, alias Charles Reno, alias William Bond Forsyth, Jr.
Age:	40 yrs.
Height:	5'8"
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Chestnut
Eyes:	Grey - right eye out and replaced by glass eye.
Criminal Record:	Claims to have been arrested at Flint, Michigan, about 12 years ago for operating a still; fined \$300.00 and sentenced to 72 days imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction.

Following the above interview with Renaud, agent interviewed Mother Forsyth in the office of Prosecuting Attorney Fitch, Mother Forsyth having come to Charlevoix for the purpose of visiting Renaud in jail. She stated she is the wife of William Bond Forsyth, who is past eighty years of age, and resides at the Forsyth Villa at Usula, Florida; that she owns the Dr. C. H. Berry Company, manufacturers of cosmetics, 2975 S. Michigan Boulevard, Chicago; that in addition to owning the above business she is financially interested in other property, among which is the Downtown Garage located about two and one-half blocks from the Nickolette Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. She stated in addition to being interested in the above businesses she is active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church; that virtually her entire life has been devoted to the salvation of souls; that along about January, 1932, she first met Charles Renaud and his partner, Mr. Raymond Larson; that she became very much attached to these men and requested that they move over to her property on South Michigan Avenue. At the time Charles Renaud brought his wife, Dorothy, and the two made their home at her place. She stated that on account of the fact that Larson turned out to be a drunkard she forced him to leave her premises sometime in March or April, 1932. Mother Forsyth stated further that on account of the fact that Charles Renaud changed his religion from the Catholic faith to that of the Seventh Day Adventist she has for the past two years received many threats from unknown persons against his life, however, she was unable to state the names and addresses of any persons who made these threats. She believes that these threats came from persons affiliated with the Catholic Church on account of Charles' conversion to the Seventh Day Adventist faith. She also thinks that Charles' former partner, Larson, may be behind them. She admitted that during the past two years she has written numerous letters to Charles Renaud advising him of these threats, however, she knows of no instance where Charles has been kidnaped or where he has sustained bodily harm from anyone during this time. Mother Forsyth further stated that for the purpose of giving further protection to Charles, she took Charles and his wife to Florida along about December, 1932, and had his name legally changed from Charles Renaud to William Bond Forsyth, Jr.; that Charles and his wife remained at her place in Florida until about February, 1933, when she sent them to Minneapolis for the purpose of having Charles manage her garage there, however, Charles and his wife remained in Minneapolis for only about six days when they went to the home of his parents at Vanderbilt, Michigan. They remained at Vanderbilt from approximately March, 1933, until January, 1934, when they took up their residence in a trailer on the streets of Vanderbilt. Mother Forsyth stated that during this time she has supported Charles and his wife by means of a monthly allowance. Mother Forsyth stated that at no time did she ever hear Charles discuss the Bremer case and if he has any information relative to the parties who participated in the kidnaping she has never heard him discuss it.

Mother Forsyth further stated that she has recently been in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of participating in litigation involving the Downtown Garage, which is now in the hands of a receiver. She stated she has \$100,000.00 invested in this business, and that the attorney who represents her there is Mr. Peter Kanuchui, First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. Concerning the party James Harikus, referred to previously in this report, Mother Forsyth stated that this person is also one of "her boys"; that he is a Greek lad who is now studying law in Chicago and that she is helping him through school. She does not know his present address but stated he can always be reached through her inasmuch as he is one of her converts. At the present time Harikus is employed by an attorney named Volokus of Chicago as a law clerk. She does not know Volokus' present address.

In this connection Mother Forsyth further stated that during her lifetime she has converted over forty boys and one hundred girls to her faith; that all of these people, who are now men and women, called her Mother, and she is constantly rendering assistance financially and otherwise to them.

#### AT VANDERBILT, MICHIGAN.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Dorothy Renaud, who stated she is the common law wife of Charles Renaud; that at the present time she is living on the charity of Mother Forsyth, the latter having supported Charles and herself since the date of his conversion to the Seventh Day Adventist Faith in the first part of 1932. She stated that since Charles first met Mother Forsyth the latter has written him numerous letters telling him of threats which she has received against his life from his enemies. Mrs. Renaud stated that she has never been able to learn the names of Charles' enemies and thinks the whole thing is merely the imagination of Mother Forsyth. She knows of no instance where Charles has ever been kidnaped or injured by anyone. She further stated that she has never heard her husband discuss the Bremer case and that if he has any information as to those who participated in the plot he has never revealed same to her.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Emma Renaud, mother of Charles Renaud, who stated that along about January 1st, 1934, Charles and his common law wife left her farm and have been living in a trailer on the streets of Vanderbilt; that from about March, 1933, to January 1st, 1934, Charles and his wife made their home at her place, however, the two families could not get along and on the first of the year Charlie moved out. She further stated that she has seen Charlie several times since January 1st, 1934, and at no time has she ever heard him discuss the Bremer case.

She said that Charlie seems to be very much taken up with his new religion and was so strong in renouncing the Catholic faith that he also renounced his own parents and had himself legally named William Bond Forsyth, Jr. She stated further that Charlie seems to be completely under the influence of Mother Forsyth, and that Mother Forsyth is constantly writing him of threats to kidnap and kill him. She stated that Mother Forsyth has convinced Charlie that the above threats come from his people and from the Catholic Church. However, Mrs. Renaud stated that at no time has any of her family, nor any member of the Catholic Church, so far as she knows, ever prevented Charles forsaking that faith and joining the Seventh Day Adventist. She stated the only time the question was raised was one time during the period of time that Charlie and his wife were at her place; that on this occasion Charles' wife made disparaging remarks about the Catholic Church, whereupon she told her that it was perfectly all right for her to be a member of another faith, but she could not denounce the Catholics in her home; that as long as she and Charlie expected the hospitality of her place, she did not propose to have either one of them slander the Catholics. This is the only time that she ever mentioned to Charlie and his wife anything concerning their new religion.

Mrs. Renaud stated that Charlie's first wife, who divorced him about seven years ago in Flint, Michigan, is known as Mrs. Myrtle Reno, and resides at 5606 Columbine Street, Flint, Michigan, where she is employed in the factory of the Fisher body works.

While at Vanderbilt, Michigan, agent and Prosecuting Attorney McDougall examined the contents of Charlie Renaud's trunk, after having secured the permission of the latter to do so. An examination of this trunk failed to reveal anything whatever of interest to the Bremer case. During the course of this examination, agent read a large number of letters written to Charlie by Mother Forsyth during 1932 and 1933. These letters are voluminous documents, contain pages of biblical references and quotations from the scriptures, and vague stories of threats to kidnap and kill Charlie, which Mother Forsyth claims to have received from unknown persons. The tenor of the letters reflect that Mother Forsyth, for some reason, wants to keep this man in the belief that someone is about to kidnap or injure him.

It is noted that in Mr. McDougall's note to Judge Coing, dated April 30, 1934, he advised that he had recently heard over the radio that a man named McLaughlin had been arrested by the Federal authorities in Chicago for some connection with the Bremer case.

On May 9, 1934, the Chicago Office received a letter from Prosecuting Attorney McDougall enclosing a dollar bill which he stated was taken from the mail sent to Charles Renaud, care of the Sheriff at Charlevoix, Michigan, by Mother Forsyth. Mr. McDougall stated the above had the appearance of having been saturated in some solution and requested that same be analyzed by this office.

In accordance with Mr. McDougall's request, the above referred to dollar bill was transmitted by letter on May 11, 1934, to the Division with a request that an analysis of same be made by the Division laboratory.

McDougall further stated in his note that he had recently been told by Charles Renaud that Mother Forsyth's maiden name was McLaughlin and that there is a possibility that she might be a sister of the McLaughlin referred to above.

Agent interrogated Charles Renaud on the above point and he denied that he told Mr. McDougall that Mother Forsyth's maiden name was McLaughlin. He said that he understood that Mother Forsyth's maiden name was Edna Maud McClosson, and at no time did he tell anyone that her maiden name was McLaughlin.

Agent interviewed Mother Forsyth on the above point and she stated that her maiden name was Edna Agnes Maud Dawson; that she has no relatives by the name of J. J. McLaughlin and in fact does not know anyone by this name.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Detroit Office for their information only.

There being no facts developed to indicate that Charles Renaud is in possession of any information pertaining to the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, no further investigation of the information furnished by Renaud will be made by this office in the absence of further instructions from the Division.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 16, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. GIBSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HONER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the teletype message received from Mr. Clegg at St. Paul indicating the desirability of having an Agent placed at a Standard Oil Filling Station adjoining a garage belonging to Fred Barker, I talked to Mr. Clegg at St. Paul, who advised that he had no choice in the matter; that it was likely to be a long drawn out assignment and that he did not think it required the services of an exceptionally good Agent. Accordingly I will call the Birmingham office and request that Special Agent C. O. Lawrence be directed to report to Mr. Clegg by telephone from the station at St. Paul upon his arrival there.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message dated May 14, 1934, furnishing the description of Big Homer in connection with the reputed member of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

A search has been made through the file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters which is maintained in the Division upon the basis of the description which you furnished and there are transmitted herewith for exhibition to Bessie Green sixty two photographs selected from the file as a result of this search and identified by our numbers as follows:

Edward J. [unclear]

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In addition to the above the following individuals answer in general the description furnished but their photographs do not appear in our files:

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Mr. H. H. Clegg.

Joe Howard, #---, P.D., New York City.  
Carl Edwardson, #E-778, P.D., Superior, Wisconsin.  
George L. Melton, #12931, St. Paul, Greencastle, Indiana.  
Roy Smith, #13361, P. D., Crown Point, Indiana.  
John M. Jensen, #---, P.D., New York City.  
Glen F. Darbyshire, #1541, St. Paul, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
Frank E. Wilbert, #50293, S.O., Seattle, Washington.  
Frank G. Howe, #26941-D-73, P.D., Los Angeles, California.  
Vester L. Best, #35456, P.D., San Francisco, California.  
Jessie Robertson, #---, S.O., Gulfport, Mississippi.  
John Douglass Kitrell, #---, P.D., St. Louis, Missouri.

In connection with the latter named individuals it is suggested that if you are successful in obtaining any of their photographs, copies be furnished to complete the Division file. In most instances form letters addressed to the law enforcement officials who have had these individuals in custody, requesting photographs, have been unproductive of results.

It is requested that when the photographs transmitted herewith have served their purpose they be returned to the Division file.

With regard to your suggestion in the same teletype message concerning Bill Weaver, C. D. Harris, and Pat Reilly, you are advised the fingerprints of these three individuals are in the single fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #370905.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

(COPY)  
(TELETYPE MESSAGE)

DIV INVEST ST PAUL CALLING ON CONFERENCE MAY 8, 1934 10-45 PM

DIRECTOR WASH  
PURVIS OGO

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AGENTS NOW AT MADISON WISC THAT THE ATTORNEY EMPLOYED TO DEFEND THE WIFE OF MRS BABY FACE NELSON WAS SELECTED BY AN ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF PARILLO OF CHICAGO. A WOMAN FIRST CAME TO MADISON TO MAKE THE SELECTION AND A VERY LARGE FEE WAS LATER PAID PERSONALLY TO THE ATTORNEY BY ALVIN KARPIS AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE MONEY PAID WAS BREKID MONEY. THERE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS MOVE AND THE ACTIVITIES OF (John J. McLAUGHLIN IN CHICAGO. NIGHT BEFORE LAST AT TWO AM A CAR WAS IN FRONT OF THE JAIL IN MADISON WHICH THREW A SPOT LIGHT ON THE JAIL AND ONE OF THE JAIL GUARDS THOUGHT ONE OF THE MEN IN THE CAR WAS DILLINGER ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION OF THE STORY. THE INFORMATION RE THE EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL WAS OBTAINED BY AGENT GILLESPIE FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AND HE IS TRYING THROUGH OTHER SOURCES TO GET CONFIRMATION WHICH HE EXPECTS TO GET BY NOON TOMORROW. CLEGG IS PROCEEDING TO MADISON TONIGHT AT 11 PM FOR CONFERENCE WITH U S ATTY WHO HAS BY NOW BEEN FURNISHED WITH A SUMMARY REPORT AS THE U S ATTY SEEMS TO FEEL THERE MAY BE SOME LIKELIHOOD THAT INDICTMENTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED AGAINST THE TWO YOUNGER GIRLS - THAT IS

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AGENTS NOTESTEEN AND GROMM AT PEPHAM WISC HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT A JOB IN THE RESORT LODGE IN OR NEAR WHICH TOMMY CARROLL AND TOMMY MCMAHUS ANOTHER LOCAL GANGSTER HAVE A HIDEOUT.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT TONIGHT HERE REPEATS HIS BELIEF THAT THESE TWO  
AT PRESENT ARE NOW ON A RESORT PLACE OR ADJOINING LODGE ON BIG PINE LAKE  
NEAR PERHAM PLACE SUPPOSED TO BE OWNED BY ONE BEUEN PRONOUNCED BOWEN  
WHO MAY BE AN INDIAN. THE AGENTS HAVE LOCATED THIS PLACE AND HAVE LEARNED  
THAT CARROLL AND MCMANUS ARE NOT IN THE MAIN RESORT LODGE AND THE INFORMANT  
WHOM THEY HAVE SECURED IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING IF THEY ARE IN ANY  
OF THE MANY ADJOINING LODGES

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

MAY 17 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

EXEMPT AUTHORITY GRANTED TO TAP TELEPHONE NUMBER CICERO 678

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Sent 9:20 p.m. by CEK

JEM:BCB

May 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned from Chicago today. He stated that the hearing on the writ in the McLaughlin case will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The Commissioner handed out a written opinion, in which he stated that no evidence had been submitted in the testimony before the Grand Jury. Mr. Purvis is positive that this statement is not true. He is obtaining a copy of the opinion. In open court, off the record, the Commissioner stated that his superiors had indicated to him the gravity of the matter. Mr. Purvis didn't know whom the Commissioner considered as his superiors, and suggested that possibly the Commissioner had received some word from Washington. The bonds were reduced yesterday by the Commissioner, as follows: McLaughlin, Senior, from \$100,000 to \$30,000; McLaughlin, Junior, from \$30,000 to \$5,000; Vidler, and Delaney, each from \$75,000 to \$25,000. The Commissioner stated that he wanted to put his opinion in writing because of the possibility of a writ of habeas corpus. Immediately, an Assistant United States Attorney and Mr. Connaughton indicated that it might be expected that a writ would be filed immediately. Mr. Connaughton appeared at Mr. Purvis' office this morning and stated that there was no need to worry about the writ of habeas corpus because they have plenty of decisions.

I asked Mr. Purvis to keep this office advised of such proceedings in the future.

I called Mr. Purvis' attention to the allegations made by Mrs. McLaughlin to the effect that her husband was suspended from an eighteenth story window in an effort to obtain a confession from him. Mr. Purvis stated that this story had also appeared in the Chicago press.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*John J. McLaughlin*

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May 16, 1934.

Mr. Floyd W. Ikens,  
Sheriff,  
County of Charlevoix,  
Charlevoix, Michigan.

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to the fingerprints of one  
W. B. Forsyth, Jr., which were forwarded to the Division  
with your letter dated May 5, 1934, wherein it was noted  
that this individual may possibly have information concern-  
ing the Bremer kidnaping case.

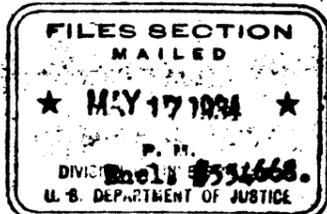
There is enclosed herewith a copy of the criminal  
record as reflected in the files of the Identification Unit  
of this Division relative to this individual.

It is noted from your letter that this individual  
has already been interviewed by a representative of this  
Division attached to the Chicago office.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Director,



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May 17, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 913,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification  
Order #1218; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith copies of an abstract of  
criminal record of Harry "Dutch" Sawyer, Division file  
#421335, who has been prominently mentioned in connection  
with the above entitled case.

Copies of this letter and its enclosure are also  
being furnished to the Kansas City office of the Division and  
it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made with re-  
spect to the arrests reflected by this record for the purpose  
of ascertaining the disposition and all other information in  
connection with the arrests of this individual which may be  
of value to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Attention - Mr. Clegg

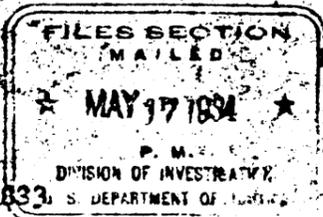
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a photostat copy of a chart prepared at the Division with respect to the cars which are, or have been, in the possession of members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang. It will be noted from this chart that each of the cars, where a description has been furnished, is equipped with six wire wheels.

It is suggested that a study be made of this chart for the purpose of obtaining, wherever possible, additional data with respect to these cars, especially a description and 1934 license plate numbers, so as to facilitate the location and apprehension of the subjects. Any data that is omitted from this chart and now in your possession should be immediately reported to all offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,



Enclosure # 551833

*MRC*

**Kidnaps** May 17, 1934  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Rorer

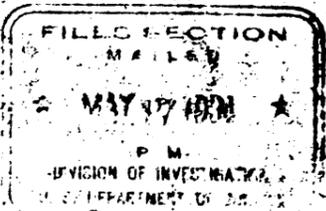
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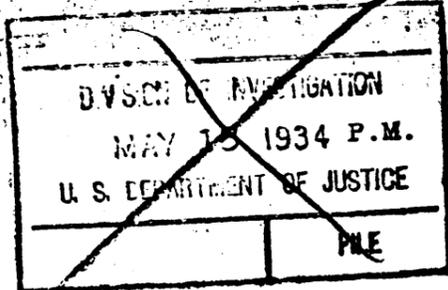
Very truly yours,



Enclosure #54884

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Director.



RE: **May 17, 1934**  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Edwards

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification  
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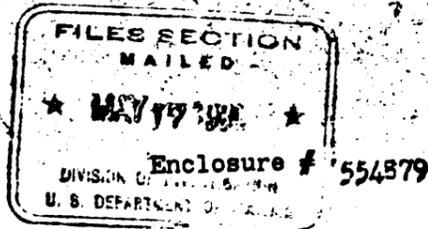
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Very truly yours,

Director.



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REN:ps

May 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Nathan

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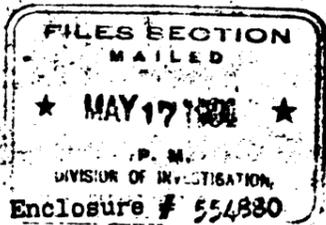
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Very truly yours,

Director.



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May 17, 1934  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Keith

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Chicago May 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Attention - Mr. Quinn

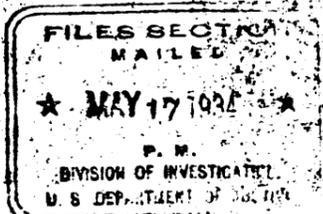
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Very truly yours,



Director.

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May 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Attention - Mr. Glavin

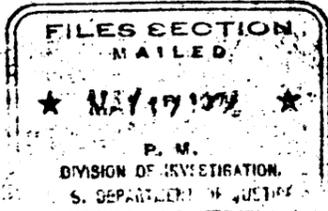
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Very truly yours,



Director.

Enclosure # 554836

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May 17, 1934  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Egan

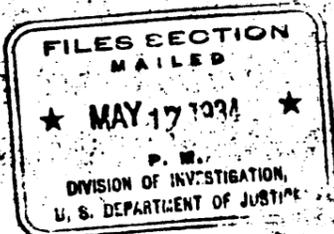
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Very truly yours,



Director,

Enclosure # 554581

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Special Agent in Charge May 17, 1934  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Attention - Mr. Tolson

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification  
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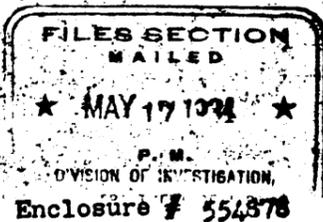
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May 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314, (1)  
Birmingham, Alabama. + ALL Field Offices!!

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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\*Automobiles which are, or have been, in the possession of members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang

attached to 554853 as in original letter.

W. E. TALBOT

Dallas, Texas

May 7, 1934

OFFICE  
SOUTHLAND LIFE BLDG.

MR.	
MR.	
MR.	
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESLER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
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Personal

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Speed:

A very dear friend of ours is related to the McLaughlins who have recently got into trouble with the Bremer case in Chicago. They are particularly concerned with the young fellow, Jack McLaughlin, age 17, who is the one, you will recall, who was found with the \$85 of the money. He works for the grain exchange. Agent Purvis is the man who worked up this case.

Our friend's opinion is that the boy is absolutely innocent, and as the case is liable to be tried in St. Paul it may be that this boy will be involved in a way that will ruin the remainder of his life. I would appreciate very much, Speed, if consistent, if you would advise me the exact status of both father and son, and if they are involved - particularly the boy, and if they don't have clear evidence against the boy, what the chances are to get him back to his family.

Best regards, old Friend.

Sincerely yours,

*W. E. Talbot*

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COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

FLOYD W. IKENS, Sheriff  
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

May 5th. 1934.

Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen: Re: Enclosed prints of W.B. Forsyth, Jr.

Charged with forgery committed December 1933.

Suspected with having Chicago connections. Was convicted in Detroit, Mich. of bootlegging.

Claims to know, or have information as to the Bremmer kidnaping. This has been reported to the Chicago office and an investigator from there has been here.

Claims to be an adopted son of Mrs. W.B. Forsyth of Chicago. This is likewise being checked.

Report is requested as quickly as possible.

Bound over to the May term of Circuit Court here convening May 28th. Bond of \$2000 not yet provided.

Respectfully,

*Floyd W. Iken*  
Sheriff. Charlevoix County, Mich.

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Colonel W. E. Falbet,  
Southland Life Insurance Company,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of May 7, 1934, advising that a friend of yours is related to the McLaughlins, who have recently become involved in the Bremer kidnaping case at Chicago, and advancing the opinion that the son of Mr. McLaughlin is absolutely innocent.

I can assure you that this case was investigated quite carefully and that before any action was taken toward effecting the arrest of McLaughlin, Senior, and McLaughlin, Junior, every angle of the case was carefully reviewed and it was the opinion, not only of the investigating Agent in Charge, Mr. Purvis, but of the prosecuting attorneys, as well as those of us at Washington who reviewed the case, that both the McLaughlins were involved in this matter. It is, of course, true that the father was more deeply involved in the case than the son, but from the evidence obtained, there is no doubt in my mind that both are guilty of violation of the Federal Statute in this matter. Steps have already been taken at St. Paul resulting in the indictments being returned against both father and son, and removal proceedings are now pending in Chicago for the removal of the father and son, together with their confederates in this matter, to St. Paul for trial. I think I can assure you that there has been no precipitous action in this matter, and that all of the evidence was carefully weighed before formal action was taken against them.

With expressions of my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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RE: ED

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

May 18 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

BREKID ASSOCIATED PRESS AND UNITED SERVICE DISPATCHES DATED DUBUQUE IOWA  
AND CHICAGO ILLINOIS MAY 17 1934 RESPECTIVELY REPORT THAT FEDERAL AGENTS  
HAVE LOCATED THE BREMER HIDEOUT WHERE JOHN DILLINGER AND ASSOCIATES HAD  
RECENTLY BEEN IN HIDING IMMEDIATELY FURNISH DIVISION ALL DETAILS  
RELATIVE TO DISCLOSURES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY AGENTS

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

May 17, 1934.

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

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping REOCBDEI

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to telegram and letter received from your office dated May 7, 1934 and May 8, 1934 respectively to the above entitled case.

This is to advise that on the night of May 7, 1934 the St. Louis, Mo. Police Dept. raided the house at 2518 Forest Park Blvd., which is known to them as a house of prostitution, and placed under arrest Clara Schildroth, 21, Daisy Greer, 26, Lois Strange, 25, and Billie Louise Riley, 21, all inmates of this house.

On May 8, 1934 Special Agent D. W. Maher of this office exhibited to the aforementioned persons a group photo of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, together with a photo of Paula Harmon. At the time the group photo was exhibited the names were covered on same. All of the girls, with the exception of Billie Louise Riley, stated they had never seen anyone resembling the photos referred to and that they had never heard of nor seen Paula Harmon.

Billie Louise Riley, however, stated that she was married to Theodore Riley, with whom she resided at 1092 Center St., Beaumont, Texas previous to one year ago when they separated and she went to live at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Caller, 225 Wall St., Beaumont, Texas, but that she writes her husband occasionally. She stated that she knows Paula Harmon very well; that Paula also uses the name of Paula Woods; that one year ago last January she received the information that Paula Harmon, alias Paula Woods, was living with her, Billie's, husband, Theodore Riley, at either 952 or 962 Center St., Beaumont, Texas; that on receipt of this information she phoned Paula, phone number 6855, and asked her if it was true she was living

with her husband, Theodore, and when Paula answered in the affirmative she replied to Paula "I hope you will have better luck with him than I did" and that was the last she had heard from Paula Harmon. She stated she positively does not know where Paula can be located, but that her relatives, names unknown to her, all reside at Fort Arthur, Texas.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 17, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I have addressed to the Attorney General today, advising of the latest developments in the McLaughlin case at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I wanted to advise you of the latest developments in the McLaughlin case at Chicago. Attorneys for the defendants filed writs of habeas corpus on last Tuesday morning. United States Commissioner Walker reduced the bonds of the defendants as follows: McLaughlin, Senior, from \$100,000 to \$30,000; McLaughlin, Junior, from \$30,000 to \$5,000; Vidler and Dalaney each from \$75,000 to \$25,000. I will advise you as soon as I receive word as to what decision is made by the Court upon the writs of habeas corpus.

Respectfully,

Director.

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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

*John H. McLaughlin*

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May 17, 1934.

**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEELAN**

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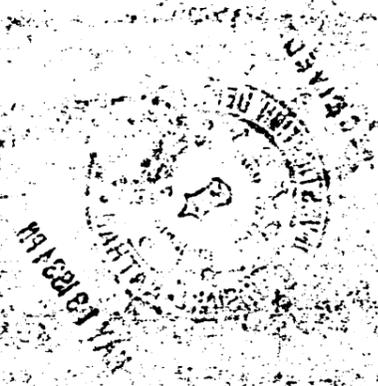
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Director.

Incl.

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Respectfully,

Director.

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

FILE NO. **7-45**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cincinnati, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-19-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5-19-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. E. Thornton C.E.</b>
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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Theodore "Ted" Lehr has two pairs of welder's glasses in his possession. Unable to state which pair purchased from Sutton Garten Co. of Indianapolis. No lenses now in the frames. Lehr claims never to have worn glasses. Lehr claims never to have worn glasses. Lehr now employed by Freyn Bros. Plumbing Co., Indianapolis. At present working at Narcotic Hospital, at Lexington, Kentucky.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 4-20-34.

**DETAILS:** AT LEXINGTON, KY.

Mr. Theodore "Ted" Lehr, 360 Church St., Apartment 11, Lexington, Ky., now working at Narcotic Hospital at Lexington, Ky., under direction of Freyn Bros. Plumbing Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, exhibited the remains of a pair of welder's glasses to agent. This pair had no lenses in them. Lehr stated that he often replaced the lenses as they are fragile. Lehr has another pair in his possession and is unable to recall which pair was purchased from Sutton Garten Co. Lehr stated that he paid cash for his purchase at Sutton Garten Co. and does not recall using the name of Freyn Company in purchasing them. He paid \$2.50 for the pair. Lehr does not wear glasses, and states that he has never worn glasses and that he does not wear other glasses under his welder's glasses. Lehr does not recall the date of his purchase, but states it was about two years ago, and that he knows he purchased one pair from Sutton Garten Company.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE, at Kokomo, Ind., will investigate as requested in report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-13-54.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/17/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/9-10/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. J. Murphy</b>														
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 2218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1218; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>														
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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent E. E. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 4/23/34.																	
DETAILS: Investigation disclosed herein was conducted by Special Agents M. F. Glynn and J. A. Murphy in an unsuccessful effort to locate the hideout house.  Investigation was made in the following towns by Special Agent M. F. Glynn on May 9 and 10, 1934, in the State of Illinois in an effort to locate the Bremer hideout, without results:  <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Pecatonica</td> <td>Camp Grant</td> <td>Alworth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seward</td> <td>New Milford</td> <td>Kewanee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cherry Valley</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>				Pecatonica	Camp Grant	Alworth	Seward	New Milford	Kewanee	Cherry Valley							
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Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to all parties interviewed in this report: Sam Farrer, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Dorothy Klayman, G. Hata, Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Tom Parrell, Curly Glouse, Maurice Brown, Ted, Edward and Mrs. M. Weaver, Harry Sawyer, Joe Callura, Morris Roisman, Paula Roisman, Mr. Weisman, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, and Alvin Karpis.

AT PECATONICA, ILLINOIS:

The following information was secured from Acting Postmaster J. P. Dalley. This town has a population of 1,160 people and is located on a paved county highway, midway between Durant and Beard, Illinois. It has one factory, a milk factory, which blows a whistle at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. each day of the week except Sunday. It has a fire siren which blows daily, except Sunday, at 6:00 P.M. only. This siren is blown by the telephone operator. This siren also blows in case of fire. Mr. Dalley was shown photographs of individuals mentioned in the first paragraph of this report; he was unable to identify any of them. He was unable to give any information of value which might lead to the location of the hideout.

Father W. V. Reedy, Pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, advised there are five churches in Pecatonica, namely: the Congregational Church which rings a bell every Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M., at 10:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. every Sunday morning and at 7:30 P.M. every Sunday evening; The Methodist Church has a bell which rings on the same day and same time as the Congregational Church; the Swedish Lutheran Church has a bell which is rung at 10:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. every Sunday morning; the German Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church have no bells.

Father Reedy stated further that none of the churches ring bells on Saturday afternoon or evening. Father Reedy was unable to identify any of the suspects' photographs.

Wm. Colliton, Station Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad advised that the following trains pass through this town daily:

Passenger  
East-bound 4:23 P.M.

West-bound 11:16 P.M.

Freight  
East-bound 6:15 P.M.

West-bound 4:50 A.M.

Mr. Colliton stated that there is very little switching done in the railroad yards here. In addition to being Station Agent Mr. Colliton is also the Western Union telegraph operator. He was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him.

Ross Fleming, Manager, Central Illinois Gas & Electric Company, stated, when interviewed, that he has read all meters in Pecatonica for the past four years. He was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him and was unable to give any information that might lead to the location of the hideout after he was shown a specimen of the wall paper and plans of the hideout.

William Christian, Night Constable, was unable to give any information of value. He failed to identify any of the photographs. His records failed to reveal that there was a fire in Pecatonica on or about January 28, 1934.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals and they were unable to identify any of them:

GROCERS AND DRUGGISTS

August Peterson, Arthur Afflerbaugh, O. G. Anderson, Arthur Woodruff and manager of the A. & P. store.

GASOLINE STATION OPERATORS

Gust Sewalson, Henry Meyer, Kate Colby, William Moth.

A list of all known aliases of Harps, Davis, Campbell, Kate Barker, Arthur and Fred Barker, were submitted to the Postmaster and his lady assistant, however, they could not recall anyone having received mail under the proper names or aliases.

AT NEW MILFORD, ILLINOIS:

Interview with Clarence Nelson, proprietor of the S. & W. Oil Station resulted in the following information. There is one church in this town, the Methodist Church, which has no bell. There is no postoffice, all mail is delivered from Rockford, Illinois, which is five miles directly north of this point. There are no factory whistles or sirens in this town. On clear days when the wind is from the north, it is possible to faintly hear the Rockford, Illinois factory whistles. This town has no railroad; however, some two years ago it was served by the C. B. & Q. R.R. which now operates a gasoline

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engine train once a day through this point which does not stop. This town has a population of approximately 250 people and is located on Highway #51 which runs from Beloit, Wisconsin to La Salle, Illinois, via Rockford, Illinois.

Photographs of all suspects mentioned in the first paragraph of this report were exhibited to the following individuals in New Milford:

Clarence & Larry Nelson, S. & W. Oil Station Operators  
John Davey, operator of the Davey Grocery Store  
John Sebastian, Barber  
Gordon Miller, Grocer & Oil Station Operator

None of the above named individuals were able to identify any of the photographs exhibited to them.

E. F. Mills, Meter Reader, Central Illinois Gas & Electric Company, was exhibited a specimen of the wall paper said to be in Bremer's room where he was held captive, also the house plans were shown to him; however, he was unable to identify same. Mr. Mills stated he had read all meters for his company in New Milford for the past six years and is quite familiar with the interior of practically all of the houses in New Milford. Mr. Mills was unable to identify any of the photographs which were shown to other citizens of New Milford.

AT ALWORTH, ILLINOIS:

This is a hamlet of 10 people located on a gravel road some 12 miles southwest of Rockford, Illinois. It has no churches, factories or stores. It is served by the Illinois Central Railroad and according to Mr. Lichtenberg, the Station Agent, the following trains pass through here daily:

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.....PASSENGER TRAINS

5:12 A.M.	5:58 P.M.
11:46 A.M. this train stops	8:59 P.M.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.....FREIGHT TRAINS

7:39 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
11:20 A.M. (local)	9:10 P.M.



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Farmers J. Reynolds and T. A. Rabbit were exhibited photographs of all suspects mentioned in paragraph one of this report and they were unable to identify any of them.

AT CHERRY VALLEY, ILLINOIS:

This is a town of 500 population, located on Route 25 halfway between Rockford and Belvidere, Illinois. It has two churches, Methodist, which has a bell that rings only at 9:30 A.M. and 9:55 A.M. every Sunday morning. The other church, which is Catholic, has no bell. It has no factory whistle; however when the wind is from the west the Rockford, Illinois factory whistle can be heard. There is a siren in this town which blows every day at noon only, except Sundays. This town is served by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad which operates two trains daily. A train arrives at 11:00 A.M. going west from Chicago and returns at 5:30 P.M. going east to Chicago. This information was secured from T. A. Healy, the Postmaster. All of the photographs of suspects named in paragraph one of this report were exhibited to Mr. Healy and he was unable to identify any of them. Other phases of this case were discussed with Mr. Healy; however, he was unable to give any information of value.

Photographs of all suspects in this case were exhibited to the following:

- C. W. North, Ted Taylor, Earnest Kraus, Grocers
- Chas. Swatek, Joe Hart, Chas. Poplam, Oil Station Operators

None of the above mentioned were able to identify any of the photographs in question.

Horace H. Poulton, Meter Reader, Central Illinois Gas & Electric Co., was unable to identify any of the photographs or give any information of value regarding the Bremer hideout.

Miss R. Wiley, Telephone Operator, stated that she blew the town siren every day, except Sunday, at 12:00 noon; that she also blows the siren in case of a fire. She searched her records and same failed to reveal that there was a fire in this town on January 28, 1934.

AT SEWARD, ILLINOIS:

The following information was secured from Assistant Postmaster, Grover Aurand. This town is located on a paved highway about 12 miles southwest of Rockford, Illinois. It has a population of 125 people, has no factory whistles or sirens. Sometimes the noon-day siren sounded at Byron, Illinois, may be heard here. There are two churches in this town, namely, the Congregational Church, which rings a bell only at 9:30 A.M. and 9:55 A.M. every Sunday morning. The Methodist Church rings a bell at 9:45 A.M. and 10:10 A.M. only on Sunday mornings. Photographs of all suspects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Aurand and he was unable to identify any of them. Various phases of this case were discussed with Mr. Aurand but he was unable to give any information of value.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited to the following individuals; however, they were unable to identify them:

John Moth, Robert Palmer - Garagemen & Oil Station Operators  
J. F. Eickman, Railroad Station Agent

It should be noted that there is only one grocery store in this town and that is owned by Mr. Aurand, aforementioned.

E. F. Mills, Meter Reader, Central Illinois Gas & Electric Co., was interviewed at New Milford, Illinois. He stated he reads all meters in Seward and has done so for the past six years. He was unable to give any information of value. House plans and suspects' photographs were exhibited to him to no avail.

According to J. F. Eickman, Station Agent, Illinois Central Railroad, the following trains pass through this town daily:

<u>FROM CHICAGO</u>	
<u>Passenger Trains</u>	<u>Freight Trains</u>
5:35 A.M.	7:49 A.M.
7:20 A.M. (local)	11:30 A.M. (local)
2:35 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
7:20 P.M.	9:20 P.M.

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TO CHICAGO

Passenger Trains

5:35 A.M.  
7:20 A.M. (local)  
3:35 P.M.  
7:20 P.M.

Freight Trains

7:45 A.M.  
11:30 A.M. (local)  
3:50 P.M.  
9:20 P.M.

Mr. Eickman stated further that all east and west bound trains meet and pass each other at this point, and that there is very little switching done in the railroad yards, and that whatever switching takes place is done by the two local freight trains.

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On May 9 and 10, 1934, Special Agent J. A. Murphy conducted the following investigation:

AT BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS:

Belvidere, Illinois is a city of 8,000 people, located in Boone County on Highway #5 about 15 miles east of Rockford, Illinois. R. E. Downes, Assistant Postmaster, who has been a resident of Belvidere for more than forty-five years, stated:

Trains: The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad runs through Belvidere, the trains operating between Freeport and Chicago, Illinois. In January, 1934, there was only one west-bound train per day through Belvidere, and that arrived at 11:53 A.M. The only other train through here was an east-bound due at 5:16 P.M. These were the only two trains with the exception of a freight train which was made up at Rockport and reached Belvidere between noon and 3 P.M. on week days, not running Sundays. The freight engine generally did some switching in the vicinity of the National Sewing Machine Shop at Belvidere during the early part of the afternoon. Sometimes, switching was done at the depot and at the Dean Milk factory.

Whistles: There is only one factory whistle in the city, that of the National Sewing Machine Co. which blew at the following times: 7:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., Noon, 12:45 P.M., 1:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. There are no other whistles in the city.

**Sirens:** There are no sirens of any kind in the city, the fire station not having either a siren or other form of alarm to warn the public of fires. Neither factory whistles nor sirens of adjoining or nearby towns can be heard in Belvidere.

**Church Bells:** There are two Baptist churches, two Lutheran, and a Catholic church in Belvidere, which have bells and toll at various times each Sunday morning. Only the Catholic Church bells ring on Saturday afternoon. Reverend Leo Binz of the St. James Roman Catholic Church advised that the bells of this church ring on week days at 7:00 A.M., Noon, and 5:00 P.M. The ringing of the bells is always the same, there being three sets of three tolls with a pause of a few seconds between each set; after these nine tolls, there follow eighteen distinct tolls.

**Airplanes:** Mr. Downes further stated that before the recent cancelling by the Government of the air mail contracts, there was a plane bound from St. Paul to Chicago which stopped at Rockford and passed either over Belvidere or slightly to the eastward at approximately 9:30 A.M. each day. There was also a westbound plane which passed over Belvidere about 5 P.M. each day and this also stopped at Rockford. There have not been any regularly scheduled planes passing over this city since the cancelling of the contracts, but occasionally a privately owned plane from the McChesney Airport at Rockford will pass over the city. However, it is Mr. Downes firm belief that there were not any planes of this sort flying around in January or February of this year.

**Houses:** Mr. Downes was furnished with all known data pertaining to the hideout and he in turn supplied this information to all of his carriers and office clerks; all of them were unable to suggest any house in the city which would suit these circumstances. Photographs of the various individuals believed possibly to have some connection with this case were exhibited to Mr. Downes, Postmaster E. L. Andrews, and General Delivery Clerk Harvey Miles, but none was recognized as familiar.

**METER READERS:** Mr. W. C. Kitchen, Assistant Manager of the Illinois Northern Utilities Co., 512 South State Street, furnished the following information relative to the districts and towns covered by his office:

Belvidere, Caledonia and Garden Prairie, Illinois, are covered directly from this office and the light and gas meters are read by

M. M. Morse and Donald Johnson.

Kirkland, Kingston, Burlington, Hampshire and Genoa, Illinois are covered out of the Genoa office and the meter readers are Calude Glass and Floyd Steda.

Marengo, Union and Hantley, Illinois, are covered out of Marengo; the meter readers are Harold Ward and Carl Ferguson.

Chemung, Capron, Poplar Grove and Harvard, Illinois, are covered by the Harvard office and the meter readers are William Holliday, R. Robertson, and Lester Boone.

The various photographs were shown to Mr. Kitchen, who stated that the one of "Doc Eaton" appeared to be familiar. He could not elaborate on this statement.

Agent Murphy thoroughly discussed with M. M. Morse and Donald Johnson, the meter readers covering Belvidere, Caledonia and Garden Prairie, the various facts and circumstances known about the Bremer hideout; however, each was unable to offer any suggestion as to a house in these places as answering the necessary elements. They professed to be acquainted with each house and building in their district which is served with gas or electricity. Neither recognized any of the photographs as persons familiar to them and neither could say that he ever saw wall paper similar to that known to have been hanging in the Bremer hideout.

Agent called upon Greer Hal, Manager of the Belvidere Lumber Co., and Robert Burrows, his assistant; Andrew J. Barney, Manager of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co.; and O. H. Wright and Charles Countryman of the O. H. Wright Lumber Co. These concerns are the only ones in Belvidere which handle lumber. None of these individuals recognized any of the photographs or names of the various subjects of this case with the exception of Charles Countryman, who stated that the photograph of "Doc Eaton" seemed to be familiar. He could not say whether he had ever sold him lumber or whether he had seen him recently. He suggested that Agent contact one Art Dempsey, a finance man at 518 1/2 South State Street. This was done but Mr. Dempsey was unable to single out any picture as familiar to him.

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Photographs were shown to several store clerks in Belvidere as well as Sheriff Harriett K. Smith and Deputy Sheriff Robert Smith, but they were unable to recognize any of the individuals.

Sheriff Smith stated that a house occupied by one Joe Smith in the west end of Belvidere was of a suspicious nature, and therefore Agent called at this place. Upon inspection it was found to be located adjacent to an abandoned milk factory, and bounded on the north and west by railroad tracks. On the south side is the Kishwaukee River. The house itself is of two stories, with a basement. It is of wood construction and contains about nine rooms. Under the pretext of seeking a lot for building a cottage, and from observations Agent ascertained that there are two dogs at the place, one a Boston Terrier and the other an Irish Terrier; four or five children were about the place; an empty wooden barn is at one side of the house; one of the basement windows was barricaded with wood from the inside. However, there was no entrance to the basement or cellar except by entering the house which means going up three steps before coming to the living room. This house seems to be positively eliminated because electric light connections have never been made at the house, and the nearest electric light wires are about 80 feet away, at the former milk factory. Furthermore, there is no modern plumbing in the house and there never has been. The basement itself is small and dingy with a rough dirt floor. The people presently living in this house have been there for about two years according to Sheriff Smith.

Photographs were shown to all of the attendants at the nine gasoline stations in Belvidere, but none recognized any of the pictures.

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Boyd Watkins, Deputy Sheriff of Boone County, who was formerly an Illinois State Police Officer, assigned for four years to the Boone County territory, stated that he does not know of any location in Boone County which presents the elements incident to the Bremer hideout. Mr. Watkins appeared to have a thorough knowledge of the whole county. He stated that the only towns or hamlets in Boone County beside the City of Belvidere, are Argyle, Caledonia, Hunter, Blaine, Capron, Poplar Grove, Garden Prairie, Herbert and Irene. He further stated that there is no siren anywhere in the county, although he is not positive whether there is one in Clinton, Wisconsin, which possibly may be heard in Hunter, Illinois.

AT CALEDONIA, ILLINOIS:

This is a town of 210 population situated in the northwest section of Boone County, off State Highway #76, which runs from Clinton, Wisconsin, to Belvidere, Illinois. The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad passes through this town and Mr. T. A. Cochran, Station Agent, stated that in January and February of this year the following trains operated through this place:

East-bound

9:42 A.M.  
12:45 P.M.  
2:25 P.M. (freight)  
\* 5:17 P.M.  
\* 7:08 P.M.  
10:05 P.M. (freight)

West-bound

2:30 A.M.  
4:05 A.M.  
7:42 A.M.  
11:45 A.M.  
12:15 P.M.  
5:30 P.M.  
8:04 P.M.

(\* Express trains - - did not stop here)

Mr. Cochran stated that there are neither whistles nor sirens in Caledonia and no factory whistle can be heard here except occasionally when the wind is strong at which time the factory whistle in Belvidere can be faintly heard. The Congregational Church here has bells which ring on Sunday morning but not on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cochran said that he is acquainted with the details of construction of each house in Caledonia and can safely say that none bears any of the characteristics of the Bremer hideout. He was shown all of the available photographs as were John Andrew, who operates the Local Oil Station, and Wilson Kane, the Postmaster, but none was recognized.

AT ARGYLE, ILLINOIS:

This place is a community of about 30 people and 15 houses and is situated along the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. It was ascertained from Dan Ralston, the Postmaster, that only one train passes through here each day; that no whistles or sirens can be heard, no church bells on Saturday or Sunday. The photographs were submitted without recognition. There is no modern plumbing anywhere in Argyle and no house possesses the elements incident to the Bremer hideout.

AT HUNTER, ILLINOIS:

This is a small community several miles from any highway and contains only ten houses which were examined by Agent. No railroad passes within 5 miles of this place, and it was learned from Russell Howard, an inhabitant, that no whistles or sirens can be heard here, not even from Clinton, Wisconsin, where it is believed there are whistles and a siren. Mr. Howard did not recognize any of the photographs.

AT ELAINE, ILLINOIS:

There are only six houses here. There is no railroad or highway within 8 miles, no church bells, or store in the vicinity. The houses were examined by Agent and it was evident they did not possess the necessary characteristics.

AT CAPRON, ILLINOIS:

This is a town of 450 population located on State Highway #173, which runs between Rockford and Harvard, Illinois. It is served by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Robert Marshall, the Postmaster, stated that the following is the schedule of the trains operating through here in January and February 1934:

East-bound

6:45 A.M.  
1:00 P.M.  
\* 5:27 P.M.

West-bound

8:35 A.M.  
\* 11:53 A.M.  
12:00 Noon  
\* 3:25 P.M.  
6:47 P.M.  
\* 8:35 A.M.

\* These are through trains which do not stop.

Relative to whistles, Mr. Marshall stated that when wind conditions are favorable, residents here can hear the factory whistle in Harvard blow at 7 A.M. This sound is rather indistinct and is not heard at any other time. No sirens can be heard here. There are two Protestant Churches in the town having bells which toll on Sunday mornings about 10 o'clock.

Mr. Marshall stated that he does not know of any house in Capron which could possibly be the Bremer hideout. He was shown the several photographs with negative result.

AT POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS:

This is a town of 350 population, located on State Highway #76 which runs from Clinton, Wisconsin, to Belyidare, Illinois.

Mr. O. E. Ray, Postmaster, advised that the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad serves this town and operates the following train through here:

East-bound

7:45 A.M.  
1:15 P.M.  
\* 5:25 P.M.  
\* 7:20 P.M.

West-bound

11:40 A.M.  
\* 12:30 P.M.  
\* 3:20 P.M.  
\* 5:58 P.M.

(\* These trains do not stop)

Mr. Ray stated that the whistle on the building of the Bowman Dairy Co. blows at 7 A.M. and at noon, but not in the evenings. No other whistles or siren can be heard in Poplar Grove.

No church bells can be heard on Saturday, but the bells of the Federated Church can be heard Sunday mornings.

Mr. Ray does not know of any place in Poplar Grove which fits the descriptive data of the Bremer hideout. He was shown the available photographs with negative result.

AT IRENE, ILLINOIS:

This is a small place in the southwestern part of Boone County, with a population of 21 people, who live in 5 houses. The Illinois Central Railroad runs through here and B. Watson, Ticket Agent, furnished the following schedule:

East-bound

6:08 A.M.  
7:53 A.M.  
3:08 P.M.  
8:06 P.M.

West-bound

2:20 A.M.  
10:52 A.M.  
5:15 P.M.  
7:52 P.M.

Mr. Watson stated that no whistles or sirens of any kind can be heard here. The community is about 12 miles from U. S. Highway #20. He says he is positive that none of the houses in Irene was used as a hideout last January. There is no modern plumbing in any of these houses, and it could be observed that they do not answer the description of the place where Bremer was held. The photographs shown to Mr. Watson produced negative results.

AT HERBERT, ILLINOIS:

This is a town of 80 people and 17 houses located about 14 miles from U. S. Highway #20. A railroad runs through this place but no trains go through. There is no postoffice, but there is a church without bells. The houses have no modern plumbing. None of the houses presents any of the elements necessary. No factory whistles or sirens can be heard here, according to Philip Bryan, one of the clerks at the grocery store.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/16/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/23 to 5/15/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE TMH
TITLE Changed: ALVIN KARPIS - aliases: Alvin Karpis, Alvin Korpis, A. Korpis, Ray Karpis, Alvin Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, R. E. Nelson, William R. Lohman, William Lohman, Earl Lyman Burns, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, E. L. Burnes .... I.O. #1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER - aliases: "Doc" Barker, "Dock" Barker, Bob Barker, Claud Dale, Claude Dale, E. L. Murray, H. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter ..... I. O. #1219: J. J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "Boss" McLAUGHLIN ..... FUGITIVE: JOHN JOSE McLAUGHLIN, Jr., aliases; Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin, FUGITIVE: PHILIP DELANEY, alias Williams ..... FUGITIVE: WILLIAM E. VIDLER, alias Williams ..... FUGITIVE: ----- EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ----- VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
Synopsis of Facts:  William E. Vidler, John "Boss" McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and John McLaughlin, Jr., arrested Chicago, Ill. for having passed or conspired to pass, or having in their possession, Bremer ransom money. Investigation conducted at banks in Chicago where money was passed. Signed statements secured from McLaughlin, Jr., Delaney and Vidler, admitting handling "hot" money; "Boss" McLaughlin admitted orally handling such money. Fugitive complaints filed against these four Subjects at Chicago; bonds fixed as follows: \$30,000 for "Boss" McLaughlin; \$25,000 for Vidler; \$25,000 for Delaney and \$5,000 for McLaughlin, Jr. Removal order not signed although Commissioner ordered Subjects held for removal to Saint Paul, Minnesota; remanded to Cook County Jail, Chicago.  - P -			
REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, 5/1/34.			
DETAILS: - Title changed to include alias of "Williams" for Subject Vidler, who admitted using this alias, during an interview with him.			
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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

On April 23, 1934, information was secured from the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, that a party, later identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, had passed large quantities of the Bremer ransom money. Accordingly, the following investigation was conducted:

The information set out herein will be found in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. A. Murphy at the Uptown State Bank:

About 10:15 A.M. today, April 23, 1934, Charles W. Morton, Assistant Cashier at 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 five dollar bills, and \$100.00 in ten and twenty dollar 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 five dollar bills, if not all of them, were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 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 Charles 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 3156 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 in.
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Color not known
Complexion:	Very fair - smooth face
Build:	Plump
Glasses:	Wore dark rimmed tortoise shell glasses
Clothes:	Wore brown felt hat with rim turned down all around; a sporty tan colored topcoat; was neat appearing.
Voice:	Soft
Nationality:	Appeared to be American

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 at 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. Gaskewich stated that upon counting out the bills he found that there was \$900.00 in five dollar bills and \$100.00 in ten and twenty dollar bills. He further noted that practically all, if not all, of the five dollar bills were either Federal Reserve notes or National Currency and all were 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, and it may be stated parenthetically that Mr. Gaskewich told this Agent that he has an intuition and feels confident that this same individual will return to the bank with other money to exchange.

Mr. Gaskewich 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. Gaskewich today, have been set aside by the bank and will be kept for safekeeping and for the assistance of this office if it be 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 results of the comparison will be noted subsequently. It was noticed by Agent that all of the five dollar bills were drawn upon the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with the exception of one, a Federal Reserve note No. 121470735A, 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 and at the time of dictation of this memorandum, it has been ascertained by Agent Scott that a man, answering to the description of the individual who appeared at the Uptown State Bank, also called at the Howard Trust and Savings Bank, 1757 Howard Avenue, Chicago, at 9:15 A.M. today and presented \$1,350.00 in five dollar bills, requesting a one thousand dollar bill, three one hundred dollar bills and one fifty dollar bill, which were given to him. Mr. Hall, 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 the employees at his bank had made a superficial check of the serial numbers on these bills with those contained on the Bremer ransom notes catalogue, and had found at least one hundred of these five dollar bills were identical. Mr. Hall, 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.

It is to be noted that Mr. John Geskewich, after the above interview, came to this office and definitely identified VIDLER as the man who passed the above mentioned money. By letter dated May 2, 1934, and in response to a request from this office dated May 1, 1934, the said bank has expressed a willingness to hold the \$900.00 until such time as it is needed for prosecutive purposes. Mr. John Geskewich, care of the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, will be the proper party to subpoena in the event this money is to be produced in court.

Agent J. A. Murphy has now noted the serial numbers on all the ransom notes in the possession of the Uptown State Bank and has compared such serials with the Bremer ransom lists and has found all the bills to be Bremer money, with the exception of the following:

- National Currency, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., #00556441A ..... \$5.00
- Federal Reserve note of Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California, No. L21470735A ..... \$5.00

The serial numbers on the notes now at the Uptown State Bank are as follows:

Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, or National Currency  
\$5.00 Notes

I00580467A	I00193872A	I00119238A	I00285254A	I00187502A
I00311804A	I00644461A	I00161154A	I00254819A	I00252175A
I00083896A	I00154009A	I00231974A	I00455732A	I00463692A
I00005487A	I00157588A	I00451807A	I00478645A	I00417689A
I00095086A	I00186237A	I00652121A	I00519412A	I00410408A
I00580599A	I00347253A	I00489719A	I00552274A	I00288951A
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I00665219A	I00556441A	I00609049A	I00637600A	I00487294A
I00428002A	I00454906A	I00421275A	I00412223A	I00134752A
I00360541A	I00448223A	I00428355A	I00261597A	I00647742A
I00063532A	I00576985A	I00461616A	I00041106A	I00090739A
I00338302A	I00073074A	I00411078A	I00149183A	I00539698A
I00466819A	I00309909A	I00496683A	I00268820A	I00496661A
I00517135A	I00318849A	I00309119A	I00591511A	I00191771A
I00365415A	I00302889A	I00317380A	I00164080A	I00606296A
I00602984A	I00173320A	I00096268A	I00606535A	I00646892A
I00314670A	I00196577A	I00491590A	I00350750A	I00646424A

Federal Reserve \$5.00 Notes, on the  
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

I05127040A	I04623877A	I03836774A	I06346137A	I06293333A
I05541269A	I06178530A	I06324765A	I04674795A	I04675377A
I04212033A	I06276022A	I06277263A	I06356889A	I05245986A
I04696028A	I06102612A	I06325966A	I05641276A	I06239515A
I06278090A	I04385728A	I06369420A	I05408051A	I05902545A
I03872840A	I06155679A	I06351852A	I00065683A	I06357150A
I05953642A	I04040922A	I05330578A	I04631872A	I06244352A

I05809592A  
I04336152A  
I06078688A  
I06155483A

LR1470735A - Federal Reserve Note  
on San Francisco - 12.

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Further information along this line was secured by Special Agent Charles Jenkins at the Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. His work is as follows:-

Earnest Kilgore, Assistant Cashier, Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, called this office and advised that some of the bills which had been part of the ransom paid in the Bremer Case had been exchanged for bills of larger denomination at his bank yesterday, April 23, 1934.

Agent interviewed Mr. Kilgore, who showed Agent thirty ten dollar bills. Agent made a note of the numbers of the bills, which were Federal Reserve Bank bills of Minneapolis, Minnesota and afterwards compared the numbers on the bills with the list of bank notes paid as ransom in the Bremer Case and found that each of the bills was included in the said list.

At the request of this Agent, Mr. Kilgore will keep these bills separated from other currency in the bank until he is further advised.

Leonard Rabin, Teller at the Main State Bank, stated that about 10:00 A.M., April 23, 1934, a stranger presented himself at his window and asked him if he would accept some five and ten dollar bills in exchange for bills of one hundred dollar denomination. Rabin said that he would, whereupon the stranger produced eight or nine hundred dollars in five and ten dollar bills. At this point, Mr. Rabin asked the stranger if he had an account at the bank and was informed by the latter that he did not; that he was in the liquor business and received five and ten dollar bills in exchange for his wares and that he did not like to carry so many bills of small denomination with him. Rabin then gave him a hundred dollar bill for each hundred of the five and ten dollar bills. About 12:15 P.M., on the same day, the same man again came to Rabin's window and exchanged two one hundred dollar bills. Upon the occasion of the second visit, the stranger asked Rabin if he had many large bills on hand and was told that he did and that anyone that wanted them could get them. Mr. Rabin was of the opinion that the stranger would again call at the bank.

A description of the stranger, as furnished by Mr. Babia, is as follows:

Age: 40 to 45 years  
Height: 5 ft. 9 or 10 inches  
Weight: 180 to 190 lbs.  
Build: Athletic  
Complexion: Ruddy - skin appeared as if it had been exposed to the wind.  
Smooth shaven - no glasses - pleasant manner - wore a tan coat and a tan hat, which was turned up all around.

Arrangements have been made with this bank to inform Agent, who will be present in the bank lobby, if the stranger again presented himself at the bank, at which time he will be taken into custody.

A memorandum made by Agent of the bills now in the possession of the Main State Bank, which were turned in by the stranger, is attached to this memorandum.

The serial numbers on the notes at the Main State Bank, as taken by Agent Jenkins and compared with the Bremer ransom lists, are as follows:-

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis  
Minnesota - \$10.00 Notes.

I00056409A	I0025000A	I00020187A
I00099619A	I00081111A	I00145322A
I00120769A	I00169176A	I00131225A
I00120709A	I00035391A	I00172745A
I00047939A	I00011410A	I00131401A
I00142671A	I00014023A	I00059925A
I00190139A	I00026130A	I00028665A
I00056786A	I00089727A	I00173245A
I00018602A	I00172153A	I00002384A
I00179900A	I00164674A	I00164673A

Though an oral request has been made upon the bank to retain this money in its possession for future use, a written request is also being made.

The following further work was conducted with regard to other banks in Chicago by Special Agent H. L. Scott:-

Agent called the following banks in reference to the list containing ransom bills, dated February 8, 1934.

Previously, Special Agent Chaffetz advised he called the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Lakewood 2190; in reference to this bank, it should be stated that Mr. Budlong, President, called Agent late in the afternoon of April 23rd and advised that they had found approximately thirty-one five dollar bills that checked with the referred to list, but that he did not know where they came from. He suggested that an agent be present in the bank, if possible. This confirms my verbal report to you in reference to this bank.

Reference is also made to the memorandum of Special Agent J. A. Murphy in reference to the Howard Avenue Trust & Savings Bank, which agent also called and found that they had about \$1350.00 worth of these five dollar bills.

On April 23, 1934, Agent telephonically contacted the Aetna State Bank, 2375 Lincoln Avenue, as well as the following listed banks:

The Beverly State Savings Bank,	103rd & Loomis Street,
Boulevard Bridge Bank of Chicago,	400 North Michigan Ave.
Broadway Trust & Savings Bank,	2805 North Clark St.
Chicago City Bank & Trust Co.,	815 West 63rd Street,
Garfield State Bank (closed),	4010 West Madison St.,
Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank,	3916 Broadway Street,
Hyde Park-Kenwood Nat. Bank, (closed)	1525 East 53rd Street,
I. C. Bank & Trust Co.,	1538 East 53rd Street,
Jackson Park Nat. Bank (closed)	1960 E. 71st Place
Lawndale National Bank,	3337 West 26th Street,
Liberty Bank of Chicago,	3158 W. Roosevelt Road,
Livestock Nat. Bank of Chicago,	4150 So. Halsted St.,
Madison-Kedzie Trust & Savings, Bank, (closed)	3158 West Madison St.
Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago,	541 West Jackson St.,
Metropolitan State Bank,	2801 West Cermak Road,
Noel State Bank (closed)	1601 Milwaukee Avenue,
North Avenue State Bank (closed)	600 West North Avenue,
Northwestern Trust and Savings Bank (closed),	1201 Milwaukee Avenue,
Oak Park Trust & Savings Bank,	1044 Lake St., Oak Park, Ill.
Peoples National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, (closed)	1542 West 47th Street,
Pioneer Trust & Savings Bank,	4000 West North Avenue,
Sears Community State Bank,	South Homan & Arthington Ave.

Rogers Park National Bank, 6979 North Clark St.,  
63rd & Halsted Savings Bank, 63rd & Halsted St.,  
Strass Heiman & Company, 2817 North Clark St.,  
United America Trust and Savings Bank, 1200 North Ashland Ave.

On April 24, 1934, Agent, accompanied by Special Agent Charles Jenkins, went to the Uptown State Bank, 1050 West Wilson Avenue, and there contacted Charles W. Morton, Cashier, and appropriate arrangements were made for covering the bank, which was done from 6:30 A.M. until closing time, 5:00 P.M. Agent Jenkins departed at noon on other official matters. The covering of this bank is being assisted by employees of the bank and the bank guard, Pat Foreman. As per instructions of Special Agent T. E. Billings, this bank will be covered on the 25th by this Agent."

With regard to the information contained in Agent Scott's memorandum, relating to the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, the following investigation was conducted at that point by Special Agent J. E. Welles:-

On information from the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 320 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, that there was a probability that notes drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and constituting part of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping, had been exchanged for other notes, Agent Welles proceeded to this bank at 10:00 A.M. April 25, 1934 and remained until closing.

Contact was made with Mr. E. C. Burneister, Assistant Cashier, and arrangements were made to keep a surveillance at the bank and to list and check the notes in question.

Thirty-one Federal Reserve notes, drawn on the Minneapolis Branch, of five dollar denomination, were received from Teller William B. Bleschke. Mr. Bleschke said others had been turned in, possibly on four other occasions, but these were the only ones set aside. All of these notes appear on the list of notes paid in the Bremer kidnaping. A list of same will be set out at the end of this memorandum.

The Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank employs four guards. There is but one entrance to the bank. It has been arranged by Agent, that a bell will be rung should any person try to exchange more of these notes. On the ringing of this bell, the door will be guarded and the person attempting the exchange will be apprehended.

Mr. Bleschke described the person who exchanged the bills, as follows:

Age: 40 Years  
Height: 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Complexion: Fair  
More light grey hair, grey overcoat  
salt and pepper variety;  
Good looking, well dressed, good  
personality;  
At one time told Mr. Bleschke he was  
a bootlegger; that pay-off in small  
bills is customary in Wisconsin;  
Uses very good English.

Mr. Bleschke is positive he can identify this person if he again appears at the bank. Agent Welles will remain constantly at this bank during business hours until further notice.

Following is a list of the numbers of the thirty-one notes:

I00035560A	I00045101A	I00051340A
I00054999A	I00070272A	I00084040A
I00084079A	I00129019A	I00137586A
I00147242A	I00220049A	I00225176A
I00234628A	I00252578A	I00256499A
I00279312A	I00282400A	I00292791A
I00314222A	I00359092A	I00362599A
I00371176A	I00396786A	I00460878A
I00479271A	I00484631A	I00529940A
I00561914A	I00591355A	I00604968A
	I00624635A	

In connection with the above memorandum, it is understood that both Agent Welles and Teller William H. Bleschke have compared the thirty-one five dollar notes against the Bremer lists and have found the money to be Bremer ransom money. Since the dictation of the above memorandum, Mr. Bleschke has witnessed WILLIAM E. VIDLER in this office and positively identifies him as the party who passed and exchanged the above money. Mr. Bleschke furnished Agent Welles with the following signed statement, which is contained in the files of this office:

April 26, 1934.

I, W. H. Bleschke, Teller and Assistant Cashier of the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the above date observed a person in the offices of the Division of Investigation, 1900 Bankers Building. This person is positively the man whom I waited on while acting as teller in the bank.

This man came to the window on Monday and exchanged one thousand dollars in ten dollar bills and one thousand dollars in five dollar bills. I glanced through these bills and noticed they were all on the same bank, namely, the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis. As soon as I heard that bills had been passed at the Uptown Bank, I realized that these were probably the same thing. At that time, I had checked all these bills out to customers. That evening, I figured the bills were being deposited by one customer, so I opened the receiving teller's packages and found thirty one bills of \$5.00 denomination that were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. I checked these bills with the list of Bremer kidnaping notes and found all to check.

I think I waited on this person twice under similar circumstances and from what the other tellers say, I believe he transacted like business in the bank on at least three other occasions. These tellers' names are B. Althaus and L. Kirchoff and there is a probability that one of these men could also identify the person I have seen and identified.

On Monday, when this person asked for an exchange of bills, he told me he occasionally delivered alcohol up in Wisconsin and that's the way they pay up there, using small bills. This statement was voluntary on his part. I asked him nothing as it was just an ordinary transaction for us at the bank.

I have made the above statement to Special Agent J. R. Welles of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice and to my knowledge it is true.

(Signed)

WM. H. ELESCHKE

Ass't. Cashier.

Witness:

John R. Welles (s)  
Special Agent,  
United States Dept. of Justice.

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MR. WILLIAM H. ELESCHKE, care of the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, will be the proper party to subpoena in case the said money is desired in court.

Under date of May 1, 1934, the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank was requested by letter to retain in its possession the \$155.00 above referred to.

The following memorandum discloses investigation conducted by Special Agents H. L. Scott, L. D. Nichols and J.H. Rice, disclosing the taking into custody of WILLIAM E. VILLER on April 26, 1934, and related investigation at the City National Bank & Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois:

This morning, Mr. Fred J. Bauer, City National Bank and Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, called in company with Mr. L. W. Calkins of the same institution and advised in substance that at about 10:15 this morning (April 26, 1934), a party came into the bank and contacted William Zoch, a teller, and presented ten ten dollar bills, requesting to be given in exchange for them one hundred one dollar bills. When asked by Mr. Zoch as to his business, he said he was a bookie. A check of these bills, the numbers of which are listed below, was made by the bank officials, and from the check with the list of ransom notes of February 8, 1934, it was found that all numbers of the notes were on the list with the exception of the last numbered note. The list gives the numeral '8' and the bank note appears as '9':

IO5153932A	IO4945262A
IO4983380A	IO4763722A
IO4687765A	IO4164610A
IO4740698A	IO4317244A
IO4852061A	IO3779126A

At the office there seemed to be some slight question in the minds of the two aforementioned men and they rechecked these notes with the list and they were all found to be included with the exception of the last mentioned note, as aforesetout.

Mr. Bauer stated that the teller would not be back from lunch until 11:15 A.M. and arrangements were made whereby Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. H. Rice were to go to the aforementioned bank and contact the teller and he and Mr. Bauer would go to a client of the bank, who is in the bookmaking business, on the second floor at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, as it was thought that this was probably the place mentioned by the party presenting the bills.

At the bank, pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited, but the teller said that the party in question did not resemble any of these men.

Arrangements were made whereby Mr. Bauer and Mr. Zoch would go with Agents to the aforementioned address, 226 South Wells Street,

and Mr. Zoch would attempt to identify the party who made the exchange. It was found at 226 South Wells Street that the elevator stopped directly in front of the door of the bookmakers, there being no other door or space except the entrance to the bookmakers; therefore, it was necessary for the agents also to go in with the people from the bank.

Upon entering, Mr. Zoch saw a party in there whom he indicated was the party who presented the money for exchange, but when questioned by Mr. Zoch as to his being there, and by Mr. Bauer, this party denied it. Mr. Zoch was not positive in his identification but said that to the best of his belief, the party indicated was the man who had exchanged the bills.

After some further inquiry by Mr. Bauer and Mr. Zoch of their client, it did not appear that any further information could be obtained, as there did not appear to be at the bookmakers, any other people known to the bank officials. All the money in the drawers was checked by Mr. Bauer and Mr. Zoch but it was found to be of no interest.

After Mr. Zoch seemed to be reasonably sure that the party he indicated was one and the same as the man who had made the exchange, the party in question was taken to the Division Office by Agents Rice and this Agent, Agent Nichols remaining with Mr. Bauer and Mr. Zoch from the bank to see if any additional information could be obtained. Later, the party who was brought to the Division Office gave the name of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER and admitted that he was the man who had made the exchange and admitted a previous criminal record and Special Agent in Charge Purvis took Vidler in charge for questioning. About \$3,100.00 was found on him, a large part of which checked with the aforementioned ransom money list.

In contacting the City National Bank and Trust Company, it should be done through Mr. Fred J. Bauer, who has advised that he will keep the ten Ten Dollar bills aforementioned segregated.

On May 1, 1934, the City National Bank and Trust Co., was requested by letter to retain in its possession the \$300.00 in Bremer ransom money referred to.

MR. WILLIAM ZOCH, Teller, City National Bank and Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, will be the proper party to subpoena in case the money is to be presented in court.

The following further investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl, at the following banks: First National Bank, 33 South Dearborn Street; Hamilton State Bank, 3916 Broadway; City National Bank & Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street; Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company; and the National Builders Bank, 228 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Mr. A. C. Miskelly, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, 33 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any of the bank's tellers could identify WILLIAM E. VIDLER as having exchanged ransom money for the release of Edward George Bremer.

Mr. Miskelly caused a photograph of Vidler and also one of John J. McLaughlin, Sr. to be exhibited to all the tellers of the bank, with the result that Mr. Lemorne Hatch, a teller, stated to Mr. Miskelly and to this Agent that on or about April 22 or 23, 1934, a man came to his cage and presented a number of ten dollar bills for which he stated he desired to obtain ten one hundred dollar bills. This person stated that there was \$1,000 in the roll of bills he passed across the counter. Mr. Hatch objected, whereupon this person stated that he had a safety deposit box downstairs and, accordingly, Hatch counted the money and found \$1,020.00 to be the sum thereof. He then passed out ten one hundred dollar bills, together with two of the tens to this person, and about ten or fifteen minutes later, the person returned with another bunch of ten dollar bills and requested ten more hundred dollar bills, stating that he had just taken the money out of his safety deposit box and desired large bills, because the racing season was on. Mr. Hatch counted \$960.00 and thereupon gave the party nine one hundred dollar bills and six ten dollar bills. All of the aforesaid ten dollar bills were placed by Hatch on this counter and cashed out the same day. Hatch does recall, however, that they were not new bills. Mr. Hatch was unable to identify the picture of Vidler which was exhibited to him, stating that this might be the party, but he could not identify him, inasmuch as he did not have a clear recollection of the person's appearance, who exchanged the aforesaid bills. However, he did remember the above transaction, inasmuch as it was unusual.

Mr. A. C. Miskelly thereupon accompanied this Agent to the safety deposit department of the bank, with the result that no safety deposit box was found to be recorded in the name of John J. McLaughlin, Sr. or Vidler. Other employees of the bank advised that they knew McLaughlin and that he had not been in the bank for several months.

Mr. Herbert P. Hoot, Cashier of the Hamilton State Bank, 3916 Broadway, Chicago, upon interview, advised Agent that the week before last, a man came into the bank who somewhat resembled the picture of Vidler, which Agent exhibited, said party showing Mr. Hoot one hundred Ten Dollar bills which he asked Mr. Hoot to state whether or not they were counterfeit, whereupon Mr. Hoot inspected the bills and stated that they were not counterfeit and this person requested that they be exchanged for one hundred dollar bills. Thereupon Mr. Hoot called Arthur Austin, a Note Teller, and requested him to make the exchange. Arthur Austin advised Agent that this person stated he wanted to take the money up north on a deal and the bills being too bulky, he desired bills of larger denomination. Accordingly, Arthur Austin made the exchange, giving him \$700.00 in fifty dollar bills and hundred dollar bills, and the balance of \$300.00 in twenty dollar bills. Mr. Austin stated that about two days later, an agent of this office, name unknown, telephoned to the bank and requested information as to whether or not the bank had exchanged a large denomination of currency for the Bremer kidnaping ransom money. Thereupon, Mr. Austin and Mr. Hoot examined the remaining ten dollar bills, ascertaining that they were Federal Reserve notes of the Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and also that one of the ten dollar bills checked with the list of ransom money. However, Austin stated that no record was made of the ten dollar bill, which has subsequently been passed over the counter, and likewise does not identify the picture of Vidler. Both he and Mr. Hoot explained that they did not have a clear recollection of the man who had requested the exchange of bills.

Mr. M. C. Smeck, Assistant Cashier of the City National Bank, was interviewed at his office, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, whereupon he referred this Agent to Mr. F. J. Bauer. Mr. Bauer advised Agent that none of the employees at the bank had secured any additional information concerning the Bremer kidnaping ransom money since his conference with Special Agent Scott of this Office, which is outlined in Agent Scott's memorandum of April 26, 1934.

Mr. F. C. Venables, Assistant Cashier of the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed, whereupon he caused the photographs of Vidler and McLaughlin to be exhibited to all tellers of the bank, with negative results.

Mr. C. A. Johnson, Head Teller of the National Builders Bank, 228 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, was shown photographs of Vidler and John J. McLaughlin, Sr., whereupon he exhibited same to the other tellers of the bank, likewise with negative results.

The following further investigation was also conducted by Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner at the following banks:-

Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank,  
Pioneer Trust & Savings Bank,  
4000 West North Avenue,  
Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Ave.

Agent interviewed Mr. W. A. Brucker, Cashier, Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, Belmont and Ashland Avenues, who advised that he was familiar with the matter in hand and had both of the paying tellers come to his office to view the photograph of Subject WILLIAM E. VIDLER.

Agent interviewed Mr. W. G. Bleschke, Chief Paying Teller, who advised that the suspect in this case, now known to him as WILLIAM VIDLER, was in his bank on Monday, April 23, 1934 and exchanged three thousand dollars in five and ten dollar denominations, for which he gave him one thousand dollars in one hundred dollar bills and two one thousand dollar bills for the balance. Mr. Bleschke stated that the bills actually received from Vidler were not checked with the numbers of the bank notes paid as ransom money in the Bremer kidnaping case, as the money became mixed with the other money in the cage. Mr. Bleschke exhibited to Agent \$155.00 in currency in five dollar bills, which were taken in by the various receiving tellers during April 23, 1934, and all bills are National Currency and on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the numbers are as follows:-

I00035560A	I00045101A	I00051540A
I00054998A	I00070272A	I00084040A
I00084079A	I00129019A	I00157586A
I00147242A	I00220049A	I00225176A
I00254622A	I00252572A	I00256492A
I00279312A	I00282400A	I00292791A
I00314228A	I00358092A	I00362599A
I00371176A	I00396786A	I00460878A
I00479271A	I00484631A	I00529940A
I00561914A	I00591553A	I00604968A
	I00624635A	

Mr. Bleschke advised that these bills will be held in the bank for future use of the Government in case it becomes necessary. Mr. Bleschke further advised that he had already signed a statement and did not feel that he wanted to sign another statement.

Agent interviewed Mr. Bruno Althaus, Paying Teller, Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, who advised that on April 20, 1934, Suspect, now

known to him as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, was in the above bank and exchanged One Thousand Dollars in five and ten dollar bills for one thousand dollars in twenty dollar bills. He stated that Vidler had a great many fives in the money exchanged and that they were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The photograph of JOHN J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN was exhibited to each of the above tellers and they declared that to the best of their recollection, this man had not been to the bank to exchange currency or for any other purpose.

Agent interviewed Mr. R. H. Lovett, Vice President, Pioneer Trust and Savings Bank, 4000 West North Avenue, who called into his office, Mr. E. Imborski, Paying Teller #6, W. A. Lewis, General Relief Paying Teller, William F. Blum, Paying Teller #7, T. Sawyer, Paying Teller #5, and Mr. E. P. Neumer, Clerk in Charge, and the photographs of William E. Vidler and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin were exhibited to them and they stated that no one answering their descriptions had been in the bank to exchange currency and they could not identify the photographs. Mr. Neumer suggested that if Suspect could furnish information relative to the window at which he appeared and exchanged the currency, it might be helpful in further refreshing their memory. It should be noted here that Vidler claimed he exchanged \$2,000.00 in currency in five and ten dollar bills, at the Pioneer Trust and Savings Bank, April 23, 1934.

Agent interviewed Mr. Leonard Rabin, Note Teller of the Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and exhibited to him the photographs of Vidler and McLaughlin, and he denied ever having seen McLaughlin, but advised that he was positive of the photograph of Vidler as the man who was in the bank on Monday and exchanged currency for currency and is quite sure that he was the same man who was in the bank on Saturday and exchanged currency for currency at that time.

Agent obtained from Mr. Rabin a signed statement to this effect, which is being attached to this memorandum.

Mr. Rabin stated that he had previously informed the office that he thought the amount was \$300.00 and that Subject Vidler was in twice on Monday, April 23, 1934, but after careful consideration of the incident, he stated that the statement covers the incident about as well as he can remember and is absolutely true to the best of his knowledge. Mr. Rabin stated that he managed to retain \$300.00 of the currency brought in by Vidler on Monday and checked the same with the list showing the bank notes paid as ransom in the Bremer Kidnaping Case and that these notes are being retained by the bank for the use of the Government in case it becomes necessary, and advised that Special Agent Charles Jenkins had obtained the numbers of these notes on April 24, 1934, and for this reason agent did not recopy the numbers from the bills."

The following signed statement was secured from Leonard

Rabin:

1965 Milwaukee Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.,  
April 26, 1934.

I, Leonard Rabin, Note Teller of the Main State Bank, making the following voluntary statement to Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and supplement this statement for the one made to Special Agent Charles Jenkins on April 24, 1934, also supplementing the statement made to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and others in his office on April 25, 1934.

On April 21, 1934, around noon time, a man resembling William E. Vidler, came in the bank and desired to exchange \$2,000 in five and ten dollar bills, none of which I now recall being on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, these bills being old and musty looking; that I gave him in exchange one (1) \$500 bill and the balance in \$100 bills.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, around 10 A.M., the man that I now positively identify as William E. Vidler, came in the bank and asked me to give him large bills for \$3,650.00, this amount being in \$5 and \$10 bills, most of which were on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. I gave him one (1) \$1000 bill, two (2) \$500 bills, one (1) \$50 bill and the balance in \$100 bills. Vidler then asked me to exchange another \$1,000, which was in \$5 and \$10 bills, for which I gave him \$500 in \$20's and \$500 in \$100 bills.

I was exhibited the photograph of William E. Vidler by Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner and am positive that this was the man I did business with and exchanged currency for as explained above. After personally seeing Vidler in the office of the Division of Investigation on Thursday, April 26, 1934, and seeing his photograph and recalling the above transactions, I am positive that Vidler is the individual with whom I did business on Monday and am quite sure that he is the same man who came in Saturday. On Monday Vidler asked me to exchange \$4000 for him but after the money was counted, there was only \$3,650.00.

The above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) LEONARD RABIN

Witness (To statement of Leonard Rubin)

Earl Van Wagoner, (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill.

On April 24, 1934, a circular letter was dispatched to all banks in the Chicago territory, informing them of the passing of Bremer ransom money, and requesting them to cooperate with this Division in the matter. Copies of this circular letter have been sent to the Division.

When Vidler was brought to this office on April 26, 1934, his person was examined by Special Agents H. L. Scott, J. E. Rice, L. D. Nichols and T. E. Billings. A considerable quantity of money was found on his person in the sum of \$3,185.00, of which \$2,625.00 proved to be Bremer ransom money, while the remainder was miscellaneous money. The following memorandum is submitted on this angle of the investigation:

When William E. Vidler was brought to this office by Special Agents Scott, Rice and Nichols, a search of his person was made by these agents, together with this agent, and the following articles were found:

Five and ten dollar Federal Reserve Notes, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, total amount ----- \$2,625.00

Miscellaneous bills on other banks, total amount ----- 560.00

A slip of paper on which were written the following addresses:-

\* 116 W. Jackson  
906 So. Halsted,  
400 North Michigan,  
815 West 63rd,  
3621 South State,  
4201 So. Halsted,  
1929 So. Halsted,  
115 West Monroe,  
605 No. Michigan,  
541 West Jackson,

\* 306 S. Michigan  
23 So. La Salle,  
230 So. Clark,  
221 No. La Salle,  
3944 Cottage Grove  
347 West 63rd St.,  
6910 So. Halsted,  
1525 E. 53rd St.,  
4150 So. Halsted,  
222 No. Bank Drive

801 West Madison,  
Wacker & La Salle,  
Homan & Arlington,  
848 West 18th St.,  
400 West Madison,  
1601 W. 12th Street,

1586 E. 63rd Street,  
Monroe & La Salle,  
8255 South Halsted,  
7921 South Ashland,  
735 West 12th St.,  
919 North Michigan.

\* - Certain of the above addressed were crossed out and those remaining legible are marked as indicated above.

City of Chicago Vehicle License for 1934,  
#200508, issued March 29, 1934 to W. E. Vidler,  
8430 North Mozart Avenue, for Chevrolet car.

State of Illinois resident hunting license  
#Q-238792, issued by City Clerk of Crystal Lake,  
Ill., McHenry County, to W. E. Vidler, dated  
Nov. 10, 1933.

Two blank checks on Broadway Trust & Savings  
Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

1 car invoice of Emich Motors Corporation,  
6501 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
telephone Hollycourt 0600, No. 2130, dated August  
22, 1933, showing sale of one new Chevrolet Sedan,  
Serial #1CA8757717, Motor #3814086.

All of the above, with the exception of the money, have been  
placed in an envelope and are attached to this memorandum.

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The following is a list of the serial numbers on the ransom  
notes found in the possession of William E. Vidler, at the time of his  
apprehension:

\$5.00 Denomination  
Total ----- \$75.00

I03587467A  
I04731842A  
I05520674A  
I06299979A  
I05960045A

I04114958A  
I04739900A  
I05896803A  
I06315025A  
I06114854A

I04369475A  
I05153206A  
I05951905A  
I06332515A  
I06146146A

\$10 Denomination  
Total - - - - - \$2,550.00

I00061888	I00747868A	I00960888A
I00958252A	I01107458A	I01272167A
I01651861A	I01757212A	I02235421A
I02528474A	I02656199A	I02871122A
I02898603A	I02900692A	I02994068A
I03190770A	I03288190A	I03333887A
I03371536A	I03585812A	I03402550A
I03459875A	I03471688A	I03480949A
I03540063A	I03540672A	I03555942A
I03575125A	I03592159A	I03638089A
I03644290A	I03710295A	I03710780A
I03736095A	I03792768A	I03794809A
I03797812A	I03810845A	I03816517A
I03872562A	I03876063A	I03882244A
I03893814A	I03927555A	I03943397A
I03972755A	I03993419A	I04002652A
I04037093A	I04039970A	I04069777A
I04082965A	I04088357A	I04092709A
I04114861A	I04150765A	I04186794A
I04143887A	I04164050A	I04178536A
I04184162A	I04196777A	I04204442A
I04206134A	I04222679A	I04225626A
I04231406A	I04231985A	I04247258A
I04251077A	I04260130A	I04270066A
I04272741A	I04276411A	I04295333A
I04297786A	I04312599A	I04322894A
I04324442A	I04325507A	I04327574A
I04331522A	I04338433A	I04344939A
I04354724A	I04356408A	I04358883A
I04365290A	I04385528A	I04398986A
I04403107A	I04405390A	I04415163A
I04423896A	I04424955A	I04434812A
I04438014A	I04461527A	I04461940A
I04462952A	I04476915A	I04482278A
I04531093A	I04542551A	I04559895A
I04578080A	I04583089A	I04588678A
I04593531A	I04596045A	I04605562A
I04618913A	I04618997A	I04635374A
I04636843A	I04655408A	I04701054A
I04713248A	I04720467A	I04761278A
I04786634A	I04795193A	I04812446A
I04861998A	I04911572A	I04915107A
I04918405A	I04931956A	I04933861A
I04942788A	I04944850A	I04963015A

10 Denominations

I04987004A  
I05018450A  
I05031545A  
I05056853A  
I05093017A  
I05107846A  
I05118874A  
I05138334A  
I05157400A  
I05167514A  
I05188695A  
I05199798A  
I05207456A  
I05210594A  
I05226602A  
I05235591A  
I05242253A  
I05249418A  
I05258199A  
I05263920A  
I05268577A  
I05276913A  
I05283162A  
I05285485A  
I05288789A  
I05280449A  
I05322586A  
I05326325A  
I05326335A  
I05326419A  
I05326474A  
I05326570A  
I05327063A  
I05327105A  
I05334426A  
I05337052A  
I05346317A  
I05347487A  
I05369969A  
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I05059984A  
I05095344A  
I05115174A  
I05129830A  
I05140918A  
I05162958A  
I05177924A  
I05189761A  
I05200510A  
I05209215A  
I05222273A  
I05227152A  
I05236607A  
I05246607A  
I05249756A  
I05260721A  
I05264899A  
I05272424A  
I05278784A  
I05284828A  
I05286171A  
I05289138A  
I05321153A  
I05324583A  
I05326529A  
I05326552A  
I05326460A  
I05326477A  
I05326571A  
I05327064A  
I05327138A  
I05336629A  
I05340949A  
I05346451A  
I05369080A  
I05369970A  
I05371054A  
I05371809A

I05009823A  
I05024165A  
I05047156A  
I05062652A  
I05107845A  
I05115754A  
I05157958A  
I05155157A  
I05163343A  
I05179124A  
I05199024A  
I05205202A  
I05209802A  
I05224714A  
I05227134A  
I05238824A  
I05249285A  
I05253820A  
I05262528A  
I05267659A  
I05275163A  
I05283161A  
I05284922A  
I05288573A  
I05293895A  
I05321200A  
I05326256A  
I05326333A  
I05326380A  
I05326464A  
I05326513A  
I05326577A  
I05327066A  
I05331156A  
I05336785A  
I05345743A  
I05346789A  
I05369849A  
I05370056A  
I05371082A  
I05383803A

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Special Agents R. A. Knittle and A. H. Crowl of the Chicago Office compared this list of notes with the Bremer ransom list and will be able to testify that the money found on Vidler was ransom money. This money is now in the possession of the Chicago Division Office and will be retained here until such time as it is needed.

The following is a list of miscellaneous notes and moneys found in the possession of Vidler when brought to the Chicago Division Office; none was ransom money:

\$100 Denomination  
Total --- \$200.00

D000073A - First Nat. Bank & Trust Company, Findlay,  
Ohio, National currency;  
G00031982A - Federal Reserve Note of Chicago, Ill.

\$50 Denomination  
Total --- \$50.00

G01251081A Federal Reserve Note of Chicago, Illinois

\$10 Denomination  
Total \$30.00

I04222061A Federal Reserve Note of Minneapolis, Minn.  
I05284704A  
G17223771A Federal Reserve Note of Chicago, Illinois.

\$ 5.00 Denomination  
Total \$20.00

G36945996A Federal Reserve Note of Chicago, Illinois  
G-38824289A  
G44483629A United States Notes  
C48270034A

\$1.00 Denomination  
Total \$260.00

Serial numbers not listed.

VIDLER provided the following signed statement, same being made to Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. D. Nichols of the Chicago Division Office on April 27, 1934: ..

Chicago, Illinois

April 27, 1934.

I, William E. Vidler, do hereby make this statement to Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. E. Nichols, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, voluntarily and without any force or duress, and without any promise of immunity or reward. I make this statement freely and voluntarily of my own free will because it is true.

My name is WILLIAM E. VIDLER. I am 34 years of age, having been born in Chicago, August 22, 1900.

I have known McLaughlin several years. He came to me Tuesday, April 17, 1934, and said he had some money he wanted changed in large bills. He did not want to go to the bank himself. I said to let me know whenever he was ready. He came to my house at 3001 North Ashland Avenue, Thursday morning, April 18, 1934, and rang my bell and called me downstairs. I came down to the car and he showed me a package of money. McLaughlin had a Ford Sedan. A man by the name of Phil was driving the car. Phil is an associate of McLaughlin.

I asked McLaughlin what the money was and asked him if it was counterfeit money and he said 'No, it is good money'. So he drove downtown and went to several banks as follows:-

Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, where I presented \$2500.00 worth of the bills given to me by McLaughlin, and secured \$2500.00 worth of larger bills in denominations of \$100.00. The teller at the bank objected to changing this money, stating that it cost the bank money to transact that kind of business.

From there, I went to the First National Bank and cashed \$2000.00. The teller gave me the same story there, so I went to the City National Bank and cashed \$500.00. I also cashed \$500.00 of these bills at the Builders National Bank.

I do not recall the exact denominations of the bills I secured at the last three mentioned banks; however, to the best of my knowledge at this time, it was in fifty and hundred dollar denominations.

I went to another bank, the name of which I do not remember and cashed \$500.00. From there, I was driven home and given about \$110.00 by McLaughlin. I wish to state here that all of the money cashed by me at the banks mentioned above, was turned over to McLaughlin by me.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, McLaughlin appeared at the same time at my house and told me he had \$6000.00 more. McLaughlin was again accompanied by Phil, who was driving the car. We drove first to the Hamilton State Bank and changed \$1000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$3000.00, and there I was given \$60.00 by McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, McLaughlin came again with \$6,000.00 and we went to the Uptown Bank and cashed \$2000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2000.00; went to the Main State Bank with the other \$2000.00. McLaughlin gave me approximately \$60.00 for cashing the \$6000.00 on April 21st.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, McLaughlin again came to my house and at this time he had \$11,000.00 in bills, which he desired to have changed. I went to the Howard Trust and Savings Bank and cashed \$1500.00; went to the Uptown Bank and cashed \$1500.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$3000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$2000.00. McLaughlin gave me somewhere in the neighborhood of \$70.00 for cashing the above \$11,000.00 on April 23, 1934.

On Tuesday morning, April 24, 1934, McLaughlin's car was laid up so I drove over to his house. McLaughlin told me the day before, that is April 23rd, that he was putting his car in the garage and I, therefore, went to his house at 3523 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. I went into McLaughlin's house, but he was not ready. I then went and had a tire repaired and returned to the above address, at which time McLaughlin was ready. He came out to the car and we then drove to the Main State Bank and the teller refused to change money for me. However, he did not give me any reason for his refusal, but said he could not do it today. We drove back to McLaughlin's house and he took the money away again. No more money was given to me until Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 1934, when I was given \$3000.00, with the understanding that I was to take it to Louisville, Kentucky to change and return to McLaughlin Friday morning, April 26, 1934. When I arrived downtown Thursday morning, I was apprehended.

On April 19, 1934, when McLaughlin called for me at my home and when I came down to the car to talk to him, Phil was in the car and he heard our conversation about changing the money. I wish to state further that nearly every day while I was with McLaughlin and Phil on the above mentioned occasions, Phil drove to the South Side and parked near 79th and Emerald Avenue, where Phil would get out of the car and walk in the direction of 79th and Halsted, and after approximately a half hour, Phil would return with an envelope and hand it to McLaughlin. I wish to state further that every day after the money had been cashed at the banks, we would drive to Irving and Cicero Avenues, in Chicago, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and walk west on Irving, returning to the car in about twenty minutes. No statement was ever made to me by Phil or McLaughlin as to who was

contacted at these places:

In the beginning of this statement, I said that I asked McLaughlin whether the money was counterfeit money. I wish to elaborate on this statement. In that McLaughlin told me that it was good money but that it was 'hot' money, but that I need not be afraid of it. All of the money given to me by McLaughlin to be changed into larger bills was in five and ten dollar denominations. The arrangement between McLaughlin and myself was that I was to receive 1% commission on the money changed. The first knowledge I had of the nature of this money was information given to me by Mr. Purvis.

At one time during the days I was changing the money for McLaughlin, I asked him how much of this he had and McLaughlin stated it was about \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 more.

(S signed) WILLIAM E. VIDLER

Witnesses:

H. E. Hollis, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

L. D. Nichols, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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The original of the above signed statement has been sent to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota.

WILLIAM E. VIDLER furnished the following information to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis:-

That he is thirty-four years of age and was born in Chicago, Illinois; that he served forty months for auto theft in the Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, having been sentenced in 1920 under the name of William E. Vidler; that he married after serving his term at Joliet and has two children, one a boy, two and a half years old, and the other a girl, one and a half years of age; that he formerly lived at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, second floor east, with his wife's mother, Mrs. Mabel Selle; that he moved from 5001 North Ashland on March 1, 1934 and is now living at 6430 North Mozart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Vidler advised that he met a WILLIAM BURNS on Irving and Crawford, on April 26, 1934, the day he, Vidler, was arrested; that he had met him in front of the McVickers Theatre on Tuesday, April 24, 1934. Vidler explained that Burns was in the Joliet Penitentiary when he, Vidler, was there; that Burns was in on a stickup charge.

This office secured from the person of William E. Vidler, an automobile identification card, issued by the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, covering a Chevrolet Sedan, 1933 model, motor number 3814086. The same is being made a part of this file and bears the signature of William E. Vidler.

On April 26, 1934, Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division, called and informed that WILLIAM E. VIDLER, under Number 6729-D was received at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, on March 5, 1920, from Cook County, Chicago, Illinois and was sentenced to serve a term of from one to ten years on a larceny charge. Mr. Cowley advised that no photograph of Vidler was available.

The following investigation was conducted at the home of WILLIAM E. VIDLER, 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois:

Special Agents J. J. Waters, J. C. White, S. K. McKee, J. R. Welles, Arthur McLawhon, J. H. Rice, A. E. Lockerman and H. H. Reinecke made investigation at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1934, in the east apartment on

the second floor, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Selle and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Vidler. Mrs. Vidler was at home with her two and one-half year old son, William E. Vidler, Jr., and she stated that she had a one and one-half year old daughter, Patricia Ann, who was not at home.

She stated that the Selles were her parents and that the Selles had resided in that apartment for about two years and that she and Mr. Vidler moved in with them about two months ago. She stated that her husband, sometime ago, was in the used car business on Western Avenue. She does not know the address as she has never been to this place of business. She stated that for some time past and at present, he is engaged in selling liquor for himself. She does not know what brand or kinds he sells, or whose products he handles, nor who his customers are.

Mrs. Vidler further stated that she and her husband resided at 6433 Mozart for about a year before moving to the North Ashland address; that their own furniture is at present stored. She stated that her home has always been in Chicago, although she met her husband only several years ago, having been married to him only three years. She stated they were married at Crown Point, Indiana. She further advised that she knows nothing else about her husband's business and that there were no strangers frequenting her apartment.

One unopened envelope was found during the search of the apartment, with the corner card of the Continental Assurance Company, 910 South Michigan Boulevard. The envelope was addressed to "Alvin Jockisch, care of Maybelle Selle, 5001 North Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois." This envelope contained an advertising circular. Mrs. Vidler stated that she did not know who Alvin Jockisch was, but that Maybelle Selle was her mother.

Mrs. Vidler further stated that the only trip she has taken out of Chicago with her husband, was in June, 1933, when she attended a funeral in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband. This was the funeral of a Mr. M. Mann. She further stated that her husband had friends in Texas but she does not know in what city and that he was down there about a year or more ago. She further stated that her husband drives a Chevrolet Coupe, which is financed through the Commercial Finance Corporation, but she does not know where it was purchased.

While Agents were in Mrs. Vidler's apartment, a friend, Mrs. Helen Mann, 6115 North Artesian, Chicago, came in. She stated that she resides with her sister-in-law at the above address. Her sister-in-law's name is Florence Mann; that they have a telephone which is unlisted; namely Briar-gate 7994. Mrs. Mann advised that she is the widow of M. Mann and that her home was formerly in Louisville, Kentucky.

A photograph of William E. Vidler was found in the apartment and it is identical with the William E. Vidler at present in the Chicago Division Office.

Another snapshot, which was found in the apartment was identified by Mrs. Vidler as a friend of their's named Philip Caperilli or Cafferilli (phonetic spelling), who operates a liquor store on Clark Street.

There was also found in the apartment, a letter from Brownsville, Texas, dated November 22nd, addressed to Mrs. Vidler, presumably from her husband. There was also found a letter addressed to Mr. W. E. Vidler, El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville, Texas, which Mrs. Vidler states is a letter she wrote her husband while he was in Texas, but that same was returned as he was no longer there.

The license tags on the car which Mrs. Mann drove up to the apartment while Agents were there was taken. They are Illinois 1934 plates, number 54-709. The car was a dark Plymouth Coupe. This license was found to be issued to Miss Helen Mann, 6115 North Artesian.

The results of the search by the other three Agents, namely, Waters, McKee and Lockerman, will be reported on by them.

The following further investigation was conducted at the home of William E. Vidler:

"In connection with the search of the second floor apartment at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, occupied by Mrs. Maybelle Selle, as well as William E. Vidler and family, the following articles of possible value were found:

Photograph of William E. Vidler;

Checks of Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, found in suit of clothes which Mrs. Vidler advised as the property of her husband;

Business card of Kelly's Garage, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico;

Business card of Hotel Rendon, N. Laredo, Tamps, Mexico;

Business card of Earl's place, Monterrey,

N. L., Mexico;

Receipt from Hotel Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico,

dated 11/26/35, in the name of Sam Krite

and W. E. Vidler;

Notebook containing numerous pencil entries

which appear to be in connection with

the keeping of a book on horse races.

During the search of this apartment, the United States Army Discharge of William E. Vidler was examined, and it was ascertained that he served as a private in headquarters company, 151st Infantry, and was assigned serial #1385958, and was honorably discharged June 6, 1919. It was also noticed that a Student Air Pilot's Permit had been granted Vidler by the Department of Commerce under date of April 8, 1931.

Investigation disclosed that Vidler was the owner of a 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, DeLuxe Model, bearing 1934 Illinois plates #749-425, and the following should be noted:

"On April 27, 1934, Special Agent S. K. McKee, accompanied by Special Agent A. H. Johnson, secured the automobile belonging to William E. Vidler, from the parking lot operated by R. G. Lydy, Inc., 214 West Quincy Street. This car was covered by Claim Check #921.

Interview with C. L. Teske, manager of the parking lot, revealed that Vidler's car, a 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, DeLuxe model, black in color, and bearing 1934 Illinois license plates No. 749-425, was placed in the parking lot at 10:00 A.M., April 26, 1934. There was a charge of \$1.39 against the car, incurred by storage charges and a grease job. These charges were not paid and the car was secured after furnishing the parking company an appropriate receipt. The car was taken to the Clark-Van Buren Garage, 447 South Clark Street, and placed in storage, being covered by Claim Check #32251."

After the automobile of Vidler was placed in the Clark-Van Buren Garage, 447 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, the following examination of the car was made:

"The Chevrolet Sedan automobile of William E. Vidler, bearing 1934 Illinois licenses No. 749-425, was searched by the writer and Special Agent A. H. Johnson, at the Clark-Van Buren Garage, after it had been secured from the parking lot at 214 West Quincy Street, and the papers, which will be found listed below, were found in the car. Search was made only of car pockets and other parts of the car, which were accessible without defacing the car: -

Repair order of Johnson Brothers Chevrolet Co.,  
Marshall, Texas, dated Jan. 12, 1934;  
Illinois road map;  
Airport map of Texas;  
World's Fair Route to Chicago from Arkansas;  
Receipt in amount of \$5, dated Jan. 8, 1934,  
for passage on toll bridge #5 - State of  
Tennessee;  
Receipt for \$5, dated Jan. 12, 1934, for  
passage over toll bridge #5 - State of  
Tennessee;  
Receipt for 50¢, dated Jan. 9, 1934, for passage  
on toll bridge in State of Arkansas;  
Receipt for 5¢, dated Jan. 12, 1934, for passage  
over toll bridge #5 - State of Tennessee;  
Receipt for 50¢, dated Jan. 9, 1934, for passage  
over toll bridge at DeValls toll bridge;  
Receipt for 50¢, dated Jan. 12, 1934, for passage  
over toll bridge at DeValls Bluff;  
Invoice from Emich Motor Company, 6501 North  
Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, covering  
purchase of Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #3814086.

In connection with the 1934 Illinois license No. 749-452, it  
was ascertained, through the office of the Secretary of State, Chicago,  
Illinois, that said license was issued to W. E. Vidler, 6430 North Mozart  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for use on a 1933 Sedan, Motor No. 3814086,  
Serial No. 1CA07-5771."

The papers taken from said car are now in the files of this case  
in the Chicago Division Office.

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Information having been secured from Vidler, that the ransom  
money had been secured by him from JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, the follow-  
ing investigation was conducted:-

"On Friday morning, April 27, 1934, at approximately 10:30  
A.M., Assistant Director Harold Nathan and Special Agents J. J. Waters,  
B. K. McKee, L. D. Nichols, J. C. White, R. A. Knittle and W. C. Jamison,  
acting on instructions of Mr. Nathan, proceeded to 3523 West Jackson  
Boulevard, Chicago, the home of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN.

Upon reaching this address, Mr. Nathan, accompanied by Agents  
Waters, White and McKee, proceeded to the front of the apartment and Agents  
Nichols, Jamison and Knittle proceeded to the rear. Shortly thereafter,

word was sent to the Agents covering the rear of these premises that access could not be gained to the front door and to attempt to obtain access at the rear. At about this time, Agents Nichols and Jamison heard the back door rattling and thereupon proceeded up the steps and pushed the door open, which was found to be caught by a chain. A man was standing in the kitchen, who subsequently identified himself as Donald Frasier, son-in-law of McLaughlin. Agents Nichols and Jamison identified themselves as Federal officers and requested Mr. Frasier to open the door, which he proceeded to do. Mr. Frasier was then requested to precede the Agents to the front door and open that door which he did, and admitted the Agents at the front.

At that time, there were in the house, Donald Frasier, his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. McLaughlin, and Mrs. McLaughlin. They were questioned by Mr. Nathan and Agent Waters and stated that "Boss" McLaughlin was out, but that they expected him to return in about an hour. Mr. Nathan then requested Frasier to accompany him to the Federal Building for questioning, which Frasier refused to do without a warrant. Mr. Nathan and Agent Waters then departed, leaving instructions that the telephone was not to be used and that McLaughlin was to be taken into custody when he arrived.

Shortly after the departure of Mr. Nathan and Agent Waters, Mr. McLaughlin, accompanied by one Philip Delaney, appeared at the front door and were invited to enter. Mr. McLaughlin was taken to a rear room of the residence and was watched by Agent White.

At 12:15 P.M., a young daughter of the McLaughlins returned from school for lunch. Her lunch was prepared by her sister and then Mrs. McLaughlin was seen to take the child to one side and talk with her for several minutes. Mrs. McLaughlin then attempted to send the child back to school, but she was advised that under the circumstances it would probably be better for the child to remain at home and Mrs. McLaughlin, therefore, had the child remain.

During the course of the day, Mrs. McLaughlin volunteered the information that she had a son, Jack McLaughlin, who worked at the Chicago Board of Trade, and who usually returned from work about 5:00 o'clock. At about 4:30 P.M., Mrs. McLaughlin seated herself at a front window and sat there smoking cigarettes. About 5:00 o'clock, she raised the front window and threw something out, remarking as she did so, "I always throw my cigarette butts out in the front yard." Agent Jamison immediately went out to the front and observed a young man on the sidewalk who resembled the photograph of Mrs. McLaughlin's son. He, therefore, inquired of this young man if he was James McLaughlin and when he replied in the affirmative, he was taken into the house. At this

time, Mrs. McLaughlin was standing in the front window, calling to her son not to come in and McLaughlin's sister was trying to reach the front door to give him the same advice.

After taking young McLaughlin into the house, Agent Jamison returning to the front yard and found two pieces of paper. One was a portion of a menu, on the back of which was written, 'Joe Roach, Franklin 5396', with a line drawn underneath. Under that appears the names 'Stansbury' and 'Callahan', State 0700'. The second piece of paper was an envelope bearing a one cent stamp addressed to Mr. J. J. McLaughlin, 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. On the front of this envelope appears the following: 'Go to Roach. Don't come in. Beat it. You will be held prisoner.' On the reverse side is the following: 'Government man here since 10:00 A.M. We are all prisoners. Go to Roach. Papa here waiting for Government man to come back to take him.'

At approximately 6:30 P.M., Agents Waters and Brown, accompanied by a Deputy United States Marshal, returned with a warrant for James J. McLaughlin, Sr., and McLaughlin and Delaney were taken to the Chicago Division Office by Agents Waters and White. Agents Brown, Knittle, Nichols, McKee and Jamison then searched the house and during the course of their search obtained the following documents and papers:

1. Receipt #7868 from the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company, La Salle Street at Jackson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 24, 1934, showing receipt of \$4.00 from Jack McLaughlin for rental of safe No. C-521 in the vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company. This receipt was found in a letter file in a room which appeared to be the office of James McLaughlin, Sr.
2. Small brown address book with brown imitation leather cover on the front of which is stamped 'Addresses'.
3. A loose leaf index memorandum book, black leather cover, badly worn, containing lists of names and telephone numbers.
4. Large memorandum book, black leather cover, on the front of which is stamped 'Telephone Register'.
5. Index memorandum book with pasteboard cover, the back cover remaining and the front cover torn off.

6. Composition book, the front page of which bears the words 'Our Giant, 200 page Composition Book.'

7. A number of pages, which have been put into the form of an alphabetical list of names and telephone numbers written in longhand.

8. A number of loose sheets all containing names and telephone numbers written in longhand.

9. A number of other loose sheets containing names and telephone numbers which had been typewritten.

In addition to these documents, newspaper clippings were found, one of which is headed 'Booze Rumors Lead to Arrest of Gus Winkler.' The other reads: 'Ted Newberry Slain on Ride'. In addition thereto, 25 business cards were found.

During the search of the premises, Remington portable typewriter, No. V-231058, was found and specimens of the typewriting were taken by Agent R. A. Knittle.

All the documents and papers obtained in the search have been initialed for identification by Agents Nichols and Jamison.

Special Agent W. C. Ryan of the Chicago Division Office conducted the following investigation looking toward the location of a safe deposit box owned by JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN:

"Among the effects found in the apartment of JOHN McLAUGHLIN on April 27, 1934, was a receipt of the Continental Illinois Safe Deposit Company, No. 104668, indicating that on March 5, 1933, John J. McLaughlin rented safe deposit box No. F-444 for one year from March 5, 1933 to March 5, 1934, paying \$6.00 for the use of this box. This receipt is now in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

On April 28, 1934, Agent interviewed F. W. Nourse, Secretary, Continental Illinois Safe Deposit Company, 231 South La Salle Street, with reference to this safe deposit box. Mr. Nourse produced his record card for this box, which is contact number 75808 in the above company and which card indicates that safe deposit box No. F-444 was rented on March 5, 1933 by John J. McLaughlin, Jr., 3523 Jackson Boulevard. The card further indicates that this box was surrendered on March 9, 1934. The only other information on the card was that McLaughlin gave his occupation as unemployed,

his birth date as August 2, (no year), and the name of his mother as A. Gleaspy.

Mr. Hourse caused a further search of his records for any other boxes which might have been subsequently rented by McLaughlin, and no such box was found. He advised that it would be practically impossible to ascertain the dates on which the above mentioned safety deposit box was entered, inasmuch as the entrance slips are filed merely by date and not under box number, and that there were 2,000 of these slips made out each day by box holders. Mr. Hourse also stated that there was a likelihood that McLaughlin, at the time he rented a box, maintained a savings account in the bank, as no detailed information was secured from him at the time.

Agent then contacted George E. Holmes, Assistant Auditor, Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, relative to any savings account or other account maintained by McLaughlin. Upon a search of the records of the bank, Mr. Holmes advised that John J. McLaughlin, Jr. maintains saving account No. 194907 at the bank. At the time of opening this account, McLaughlin gave his address as 3523 Jackson Boulevard, telephone Kedzie 3958. The other information on the card indicates that John J. McLaughlin, Jr. was born on August 25, 1916, which would indicate that the holder of this account was no doubt a son of the McLaughlin now in custody. The account for this savings account indicates that the recent account of McLaughlin, Jr. is a renewal of an old account.

This recent account was opened on October 6, 1933 with an original deposit of \$41.50. An examination of the card discloses that the largest deposit made to this account was the sum of \$205.00, on October 20, 1933, and that the largest balance up to the present time was \$287.00 on December 4, 1933. Recent deposits indicate that on April 20, 1934, a deposit of \$115.00 was made and on April 23, 1934, a deposit of \$100.00 was made. On April 25, 1934, a \$100.00 withdrawal was made and the account to date has a balance of \$140.00."

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A blank deposit slip of the Madison-Kedzie Trust and Savings Bank having been taken from the person of "Boss" McLaughlin, the following investigation was conducted at that point in an effort to locate a safe deposit box being rented by McLaughlin:-

In accordance with your instructions, this is to advise that I called at the Madison & Kedzie Trust and Savings Bank, located at 3158 West Madison Street, Chicago, for the purpose of determining whether or not JOHN "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN had a safe deposit box rented at that bank and whether he was maintaining an account at that institution and it was ascertained, after arriving there, that the bank was closed by reason of Executive Proclamation during 1933, and since that time has not operated as a banking institution. However, they still maintain the safe deposit box department. Miss Howard, who is in charge of that department, advised that she knows JOHN "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN by sight and that he does not have a safe deposit box rented at that bank, and that in fact she has never known him to maintain a box there at any time; however, she checked her records and made sure that such was the case. She also checked the records to determine if his wife maintained an account there and she advised that she did not, stating that she also knows Mrs. McLaughlin by sight. Miss Howard further stated that "Boss" McLaughlin formerly worked for the Inheritance Tax Division of the State of Illinois from about 1932 until after the first part of 1933, at which time he is supposed to have lost his job by reason of a change in administration. She stated she has not seen him at that banking institution since about February, 1933.

Mr. Tess, who is employed by the same bank, was requested to check the records of the closed and dormant accounts to determine if McLaughlin had, at any time, maintained an account there and although two accounts under the name of John McLaughlin were found, the addresses were not on Jackson Boulevard. One of the accounts under that name was a closed account and the other is dormant and the amount of money on deposit is very small.

You are further advised that I also contacted Mr. George R. Carlson, Secretary of the Illinois Safe Deposit Association, located at 72 West Adams Street, for the purpose of determining whether that association keeps records of all safe deposit box renters with the different banks belonging to that Association, for the purpose of trying to locate a box under the name of JOHN McLAUGHLIN, and Mr. Carlson advised that the Association does not maintain such records, that the only way the matter could be checked through that source would be for the Association to send out letters to the different members, requesting them to check their records for such a renter and that the matter would be called to the attention of the Association by the members at the next meeting of the Association. He stated that if it were desired to do this, with reference to McLaughlin, the letters to the Association will go out May 1, 1934 and that the next meeting of the members of the Association is scheduled for May 9, 1934; that at

that meeting, the members of the Association would report as to whether anyone by the name of John McLaughlin with an address on West Jackson Boulevard was renting a box with their institution. I stated that if this procedure was desired, he would be contacted in the near future. He stated also that there is no Association in Chicago which maintains records of the nature mentioned above.

There is a blank deposit slip of the Madison-Kedzie Trust and Savings Bank, which was evidently taken from McLaughlin and turned over to Agent Lockerman, now contained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office. Mr. Carlson furnished a list of the members of the Illinois Safe Deposit Association, also now contained in the file.

The above investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, on April 27, 1934.

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When "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and PHILIP DELANEY were brought to the Chicago Division Office, they were searched and the following money was found on their persons, none of which proved to be ransom money in any of the cases which are being handled by this office:

"MONEY FOUND ON PHILIP DELANEY  
AND JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR."

On the person of John McLaughlin:

G01507886A .....	\$50.00
G12842758A .....	20.00
G25158222A .....	10.00
G25825518A .....	
E045993A .....	
F062422A .....	
G39768073A .....	

On the person of Philip Delaney:

G43593411A .....	\$ 5.00
G43593413A .....	5.00

The above notes were checked against the following lists of ransom money, but were not identified: Hamm, Bremer, Factor and Urschel, said lists being checked by Agents Crowl and Knittle.

In an effort to secure further information concerning McLaughlin Senior, the following investigation was conducted through the Post Office Inspector's Office, in Chicago, Illinois:

"In accordance with your instructions to contact the office of the Post Office Inspector and endeavor to obtain information relative to 'Boss' McLaughlin, you are advised that I contacted Post Office Inspector McCarthy, in Room 603, New Post Office Building. Mr. McCarthy is the inspector who has handled the Postal Case in which McLaughlin is involved and upon stating that I desired to obtain some general information relative to McLaughlin, Mr. McCarthy wanted to know the reason why the information was wanted and stated that under the circumstances of the case he has against McLaughlin, he did not feel that he could go into detail about that individual without knowing some of the particulars as to the investigation which was being conducted, stating further that at this time, the only necessary link in their case is to locate one other individual, whose name he would not give, and that he was of the opinion that that party could be located within a short time, intimating that the pickup would be made by reason of the unknown party's contacts with McLaughlin.

In reply to Mr. McCarthy's request for details as to the reason the information was wanted, I told him that I did not know the reason the information was desired and that if he wanted additional information as to the matter, it would be necessary to contact Special Agent in charge M. H. Purvis. Mr. McCarthy, however, did furnish the following information relative to McLaughlin, stating that his full name is JOHN 'BOSS' McLAUGHLIN and that he lives in the 5400 block on West Jackson Boulevard, in a house which he owns and in which he has lived for a number of years. He expressed the opinion, however, that the house is heavily mortgaged.

He further stated that McLaughlin is presently out under \$25,000.00 bond for the unlawful possession of bonds taken in the stickup of a carrier and a guard here on December 6, 1932, while the above parties were en route to the First National Bank. He also stated that he was involved in what he referred to as the San Antonio job and upon questioning as to that job, he stated that it was for handling 'hot paper'.

He further advised that McLaughlin hangs out in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel with another individual by the name of Quinn. He stated he does not know Quinn's full name and that he is not a subject in his case.

He further advised that McLaughlin was at one time quite a political figure in this city; that he is a former State Senator and was one of the Democratic bosses around the city for a number of years; that he has many friends, both political and otherwise; that during prohibition, he worked for Ballard and Fraser, a restaurant located at 20 West Lake Street, and that he sold liquor for that establishment and was a "front" man to bring in trade for that place.

Mr. McCarthy further stated that he believes that since McLaughlin was released on bond, he has continued to handle "hot paper" and money; that he, in fact, knows of one individual, whose name he would not furnish agent, who was approached by McLaughlin and propositioned about handling some "hot paper". He further stated that he thinks a picture of McLaughlin can be obtained from the Chicago Tribune, stating that he at one time obtained a picture through that source.

Mr. McCarthy also expressed the opinion that McLaughlin will not live over possibly two years, for the reason that he is suffering with diabetes and that he takes heavy shots of insulin. He also stated that McLaughlin is married and that his wife is living; that he also has a son about seventeen years of age. He furnished the following partial description of McLaughlin:

Age: 63 years  
Height: About 5'10" or 11"  
Weight: About 200 lbs.  
Build: Heavy-set  
Face: Full  
Appears to be somewhat lame when he walks and always carries a cane.  
Criminal Record - Not known to have been convicted previously.

He also stated that McLaughlin at one time was worth millions of dollars, all of which he is supposed to have lost. He concluded by stating he would be glad to cooperate with this office in any manner possible, provided this office saw fit to take him into confidence as to the reason this office is interested in McLaughlin.

The above investigation was made by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman on April 27, 1934, and the above quoted memorandum submitted by him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, reflecting information secured by him from JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR.

"On Saturday afternoon, April 28, 1934, about 4:00 P.M., Agent Brown called at the Cook County Jail and had an interview with JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., at which time McLaughlin was advised that his son John J. McLaughlin, Jr., commonly known as 'Jimmy' had been detained at the Chicago Division Office, with a quantity of the Bremer ransom money, which had been secured in his hatband. Previous to informing McLaughlin of his son's detention, he refused to make any comment whatever and boisterously maintained his innocence; however, upon being informed of Jimmy's detention, McLaughlin's attitude changed and he suddenly gave the appearance of being a very old man. He then stated to Agent Brown, 'Jimmy is not guilty of anything and he did not know that the money I gave him was 'hot'. If he was found with some 'hot' money in his possession, I must have given it to him, but I did not realize I gave him any of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills. You (meaning Agent Brown) remind me a great deal of Jimmy and I want to tell you I realize I am in the middle and I am willing to take whatever the consequences may be, but I want that boy to go home tonight.'

McLaughlin, being then in a compromising mood, was informed that the Government had been working for several months in an effort to determine the identity and operations of the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping gangs; that the kidnapers themselves were desired most by the Government, but that the persons who changed the kidnap money would also be prosecuted; however, Agent Brown made it plain to McLaughlin that whatever assistance he could give relative to the identity of the kidnap gang, their present whereabouts and operations, would be greatly appreciated and would probably be taken into consideration by any United States Attorney who would try the case, should the kidnapers be apprehended. McLaughlin then stated, 'I want that boy to go home tonight and I want you to tell your boss to do everything he can to get him out of this, as he is absolutely innocent.' Agent Brown made no promise to McLaughlin that McLaughlin, Jr. would be released, but informed him that the matter would be taken up through the proper channels; that it was expected, he (McLaughlin, Sr.) would give complete information concerning all he knew relative to the kidnap money and the persons identified with it. McLaughlin, Sr. then stated that he has known one FRANKIE WRIGHT, a confidence man, who has operated in Chicago and various midwest cities for the past twenty-five years; that he does not know exactly where Wright could be located, but stated he spends a great deal of time at the Sherman Hotel. He went on to state that he did not know just exactly where to reach Wright, but that

if he were free he could probably locate him. He refused, or was unable to develop this point further; however, he described WRIGHT as being

Age:	About 40 years
Hair:	Black turning grey
Eyes:	Believed to be blue
Build:	Medium heavy
Height:	5 ft. 9-10 inches

He stated he met WRIGHT about three months ago in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and Wright called him over into the corner of the lobby and advised him he expected to have some "hot" money in a few days and asked him (McLaughlin) if he would like to handle some of it. He stated about three weeks later he again met Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and Wright then informed him that the money was in town; that they then proceeded to a hotel located on the South side of the street in the middle of the block, near the corner of Irving Park Blvd. and Cicero Avenue. He was unable to state how the transportation took place from the Sherman Hotel to the above mentioned hotel, but believed a taxicab was used. He stated that upon arrival at this hotel, they walked into the lobby, up the stairway, turned right at the top of the stairs and proceeded down the full length of the hall to the last room on the left; that he believes this room to have been number 209; that upon entering the room, Wright introduced him to two men, as Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith, or some such assumed names. He stated that Wright told these two men that he (McLaughlin) was O.K.; that after some conversation, the men then informed him (McLaughlin) that they had some "hot" money but they failed to state the nature or identity of the "hot" money which they wished to unload in Chicago. McLaughlin stated he did not, at this time, make specific inquiries concerning the money but that an agreement was made whereby he was to change the money, which was in the form of five and ten dollar bills, into bills of larger denomination and that he was to receive a 5% commission on all money thus changed.

McLaughlin further advised Agent Brown that arrangements were made whereby the "hot" money would be either delivered to his (McLaughlin's) home, or same would be picked up at this hotel, and that at the end of the day, the changed money (good money) would be delivered to these two men at this hotel; that before the money was delivered at night, McLaughlin was to call these two men and advise them he was coming up.

McLaughlin stated he got in touch with PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM S. VIDLER, old friends who were very familiar with Chicago and who were at the present time out of work and in need of assistance, and informed them that he was disposing of some "hot" money and wanted them to assist him. He stated Delaney had a car and had for several months previous to this time, driven him to various points in Chicago, especially to the Sherman Hotel, daily.

McLaughlin advised he started handling the money on or about April 18, 1934 and that Vidler and Delaney did all the changing at the various banks, while he, McLaughlin, sat in the car. He stated he is unable to recall the names and locations of the various banks, but stated they visited many of them. He insisted that Vidler and Delaney did not know that the money was kidnap money at any time, but must have realized that same was "hot". He stated the changing of the money continued for three or four days and he had sometimes delivered money directly at the hotel aforementioned, located at Irving Park Boulevard and Cicero Avenue, and sometimes would call the two men at the hotel and he would be met outside of the hotel and requested to follow the younger of the two men, who was driving a Ford V-8 Coupe, to a point located about two and a half blocks from the hotel. He stated the route taken would be to follow east on Irving Park Boulevard for about a block or a block and a half, at which point they would turn to the right on a street which follows the Northwestern Railroad tracks and proceed about a half block, where he would pay over the money he had changed that day.

McLaughlin drew a diagram for Agent Brown, showing the route followed, as above described, and same is being retained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

With reference to the two men with whom he dealt at the hotel above mentioned, McLaughlin stated that one of the men was tall and the other short; that the tall man was called "SLIM" by his companion, but he does not know a more true or correct name for him. The short man who appeared to be of Jewish origin, may have been called "IZZY", but he is not certain that this is correct; that "Slim" generally referred to his companion, the short man, as "Pal". He described SLIM as follows:

"SLIM"

Age:	28-30 years
Height:	5 ft. 11½ inches
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Sandy
Eyes:	Fiery
Complexion:	Sallow

"SLIM" (Continued)

Seemed to have slightly stiff  
left arm;  
Slim face;  
Generally wore a grey hat and  
light tan topcoat.

"IZZY"

Age:	45-50 years
Height:	5 feet 8-9 inches
Weight:	165-170 lbs.
Build:	Medium heavy, Broad shoulders, Slightly corpulent.
Eyes:	Dark
Glasses:	Wore nose glasses when reading
Nose:	Unusually large
Marks:	Pock marks on cheeks.

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McLaughlin advised that when he first met "Slim" and "Iszy", which was at the hotel aforementioned, he gathered from their conversation that they were from Toledo, Ohio and that during a conversation, at which time "Slim" and "Iszy" appeared to be trying to determine who was the most dangerous member of the mob for which they were disposing the money, they both appeared to agree that "PRETTY BOY" was the most dangerous; however, McLaughlin stated he does not know "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD and that they did not mention FLOYD as being the person referred to as "Pretty Boy". He further stated he is unable to recall other names of members of the mob mentioned.

McLaughlin advised that after he had disposed of money on three or four consecutive days, he saw "Iszy" and "Slim" at their room in the aforementioned hotel, at which time he was curious to learn the identity of the money which he was handling, due to the fact there appeared to be an unlimited supply of it and that he asked "Slim" if it was kidnap money and whether it was money from the kidnaping of Hamm in Saint Paul; that "Slim" either said "Yes" or indicated in some way that it was; that "Slim" stated they had \$100,000.00 they wanted to get rid of as soon as possible, within a week if possible; that after that was gone, he thought they would be able to get \$200,000.00 more. McLaughlin stated he then asked if the \$200,000.00 would be Bremer money; that he did not receive any answer to this question but somehow got the impression that the \$200,000.00 was Bremer money.

McLaughlin was closely questioned as to the above statement and finally stated he believed he was handling money obtained for the release of William Hamm, Jr. at that time.

McLaughlin insisted he has never seen any of the members of the kidnap mob referred to by "Slim" and "Izzy". When asked approximately how much money he had disposed of before his apprehension, McLaughlin advised it must have been in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, but he was unable to give the exact figure. McLaughlin was then asked where he, McLaughlin, would look for "Slim" and "Izzy" if he were free and he stated they had returned to Toledo, Ohio, which is the city where he understands gang members are protected and where there are many excellent hiding places. He was unable to furnish any definite locations where they might be located in Toledo, stating he had not been there for many years.

McLaughlin then stated he was very tired and worn; that the news relative to the detention of his son Jimmy was almost too much for him and that if Agent Brown would return the following day with news that Jimmy had been released, he might be able to recall further circumstances which would assist the Government in locating "Slim" and "Izzy".

On the following day, April 29, 1934, Agent Brown again called at the Cook County Jail, accompanied by Special Agent W. C. Falkner. McLaughlin immediately inquired as to whether Jimmy had been released and Agents informed him he had not been. He then flew into a rage and stated that it would serve no purpose for Agents to interview him further until Jimmy was released. He finally consented to talk to Agent Brown, but failed to furnish any additional information, to that which he had given on the day previous; however, he rehearsed part of this statement given the day before and admitted, in Agent Falkner's presence, that he understood he was handling Hamm kidnap money at the time of his arrest, and that he expected that the \$200,000.00 referred to by "Izzy" and "Slim" as being available when the Hamm money had been disposed of, would be Bremer ransom money; however, he was not as definite in his statements as he was on the previous day.

At this time, he stated it would serve no purpose for Agents to again interview him until he, McLaughlin, was satisfied that his son Jimmy would be released.

During both interviews, Agent Brown attempted to induce McLaughlin to reduce his oral statements to writing, but he emphatically declined to do this.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
E. Lockerman

On Friday night, April 27, 1934, Special Agent in Charge  
W. H. Purvis turned over to this Agent a receipt showing that  
Jack McLaughlin had rented a safe deposit box #C521 in the vaults  
of the Chicago Board of Trade Safety Deposit Company. The receipt  
indicated that the amount of \$4.00 had been paid for the rental of  
this box to cover the period from April 24, 1934 to April 24, 1935.  
Mr. Purvis instructed Agent Lockerman to arrive at the vaults of  
this safe deposit company early the next morning and make arrange-  
ments to prevent anyone from entering that vault until a court order  
could be obtained granting this Office authority to enter same and  
examine the contents. Mr. Purvis also advised that it was believed  
that the Jack McLaughlin who had rented instant box was identical with  
the so-called John "Boss" McLaughlin.

Accordingly, on Saturday morning, April 28, 1934, this Agent  
arrived at the vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade Safety Deposit  
Company at approximately 8:30 A.M., and was advised that the vaults  
had just opened, and that 8:30 A.M. was the usual time for the open-  
ing of the vaults.

Mr. Charles L. Bischoff, manager, was immediately contacted  
and Agent's identity made known to him. Mr. Bischoff was requested  
to not allow anyone to enter Box #C521 which was issued to Jack  
McLaughlin, and he stated that they could not prevent anyone from  
entering that box unless they were presented with a court order re-  
straining them from doing so. Mr. Bischoff was then requested to allow  
this Agent to remain at the counter located in the lobby entrance to  
the vaults, and to advise Agent in the event that anyone came there  
and signed for entrance to that box. Mr. Bischoff stated that he could  
not cooperate with Agent in that respect, stating that so far as they  
were concerned anyone who was authorized to enter that box could do  
so until they were restrained from allowing anyone to enter it by a  
court order. Mr. Bischoff also stated that they could not allow Agent  
to remain in the lobby entrance to the vaults for the purpose of ob-  
serving different customers that came in, and stated that there was  
absolutely nothing that could be done in the matter, although it was  
explained to Mr. Bischoff that it was a criminal matter, and we had  
reason to believe that hot money was contained in the instant box.  
He then stated that regardless of the nature of the matter it was  
impossible and that there was nothing that they could do about it.

At the suggestion of this Agent Mr. Bischoff then called the attorneys who represent that vault company, the attorneys being Kirkland, Kirkland, Fleming & Green, 55 North La Salle Street. He talked with Mr. Symmes of that firm explaining to him what had been requested, also explaining that he had been informed that it was a criminal matter, but Mr. Symmes of that law firm told Mr. Bischoff that he had taken the right attitude in the matter and that there was nothing that could be done until a court order had been obtained.

During the time that Mr. Bischoff was talking with Mr. Symmes Agent observed several customers come into the vaults to gain entrance to their boxes. One of the customers was a young boy, appearing to be about 18 or 19 years of age, dressed in a light brown topcoat, with a brown flat brimmed hat, the brim of which was turned down all around. He appeared to be rather slim and signed up for entrance to the vaults. This Agent knew that John "Boss" McLaughlin had a son about 18 or 19 years of age. However, the description of this boy was unknown to Agent and he had never seen the boy. The customer entered the vaults and seemed to be in there possibly for a period of two minutes, at which time he came out of the vaults, and although without any particular reason for doing so, not knowing that that party had entered the box concerned, Agent followed him out of the vaults and to the street floor of the Chicago Board of Trade Building, for the purpose of determining whether he went out upon the streets, or just where he intended going.

Upon arriving at the street level of the building, Agent observed this particular party, who did not appear to be particularly on the alert, get in an elevator and go up to the office floors of the building. Agent then returned to Mr. Bischoff's office in the vaults for the purpose of securing from him the names of his superiors in order that they could be contacted. Mr. Bischoff informed Agent that he did not have any superiors except the officials of the Chicago Board of Trade; that he was in absolute charge of the vaults, and that the actions that he saw fit to take in matters of that kind were usually upheld by the officials of that company.

However, Mr. Bischoff accompanied Agent to the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, whose name is not recalled, and there the situation was presented to that particular individual, who stated that Mr. Bischoff was in charge of the vaults and that whatever action he saw fit to take in such matters was upheld by them. Although the circumstances of this particular case were explained to the Assistant Secretary, he did not see fit

to go beyond Mr. Bischoff's attitude in the matter, and stated that if anything further was desired that they would have to have instructions from the attorneys representing the company; that they could not subject themselves to criticism, and possibly suit by their customers.

Agent then communicated with the Chicago Division Office, and upon being advised that Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis was not available for conversation at that time, left instructions for him to be advised as to the difficulties that had been encountered in this matter, and that Agent was proceeding to the offices of the law firm of Kirkland, Kirkland, Fleming & Green, 33 North La Salle Street, for the purpose of trying to get them to take a different attitude in the matter.

At the offices of the above mentioned law firm, Agent contacted Mr. Symmes with whom Mr. Bischoff had conversed in the matter. Mr. Symmes was presented with the situation. He was informed that the matter involved was a criminal matter and that we had very strong reason to believe that there was ransom money located in the box issued to this particular party. Mr. Symmes at first continued to take an attitude of not desiring to cooperate, stating that there was nothing that they could do without a court order. However, he called in another member of the firm, and after the matter was again presented to them, they decided that since it was a criminal matter that they would instruct Mr. Bischoff to cooperate with this Agent. Whereupon Mr. Symmes called Mr. Bischoff and instructed him to furnish Agent with what assistance was desired. Agent at that time requested Mr. Symmes to inquire of Mr. Bischoff if anyone had entered the box up to that time, and Mr. Bischoff informed Mr. Symmes that someone had already entered the box, in fact, someone had entered the box while Agent was engaged in conversation with him, Mr. Bischoff. Mr. Symmes informed Agent of this, and then stated that he was very sorry that such was the case, but that they had not thought at first that they could give the cooperation requested.

Agent then returned to the Chicago Division Office and explained to Assistant Director Harold Nathan what had taken place, also explaining that it was now believed by Agent that the young party who had entered the vaults while Agent was engaged in conversation with Mr. Bischoff was possibly McLaughlin's son. Mr. Nathan instructed three Agents to proceed to John "Boss" McLaughlin's home and await the possible arrival of the son at that place, instructing them to search him immediately and bring him to this Office. Mr. Nathan instructed Agent Lockerman and Agent M. C. Falkner to return to the vaults and try to obtain all information possible that would assist in locating

Jack McLaughlin, who was evidently the party who had entered the vault.

This Agent accompanied by Agent Falkner then proceeded to the above mentioned vaults, where Mr. Bischoff was again contacted, and he stated that while this matter was being discussed with him by Agent, that someone had been allowed to go into the vaults and had entered the box involved, and that the party was Jack McLaughlin, and that their records only gave his address as 332 South La Salle Street, a large office building occupied chiefly by stock and grain brokers.

This Agent was personally acquainted with a Mr. King, who is employed by Rosenbaum Grain Company, grain brokers, located at 332 South La Salle Street, and on the possibility that Mr. King might possibly know for whom Jack McLaughlin worked in that building, Mr. King was immediately contacted by this Agent and Special Agent Falkner.

Mr. King was asked whether he was acquainted with anyone in that building the name of Jack McLaughlin, and he stated that his company had a messenger boy in their employ by that name, and that he was the son of "Boss" McLaughlin. It was then learned that the party employed there was identical with the Jack McLaughlin involved in this matter. Mr. King then advised that Jack McLaughlin was on the trading floor of the Chicago Board of Trade, and he was requested to call Jack McLaughlin to his office. After waiting several minutes for McLaughlin's arrival, this Agent and Agent Falkner, accompanied by Mr. King, decided to go to the trading floor and try to locate McLaughlin. However, before arriving there Agents and Mr. King met McLaughlin on his way to Mr. King's office. Mr. King then told McLaughlin that he desired to see him for a few minutes, and then Mr. King returned to his office. The identity of this Agent and Agent Falkner was made known to McLaughlin, who stated that his name was Jack McLaughlin and he was immediately recognized by this Agent as being the young man who had entered the vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade Safety Deposit Company that morning while Agent was engaged in conversation with Mr. Bischoff. He was then questioned as to whether or not he had a safe deposit box in that vault company, and he stated that he did, and also admitted that he had gone to the box that morning at 8:45. When questioned as to what he had obtained from the box, he stated that he had obtained \$55 therefrom which he took out of his pockets and showed to Agents, stating that he was scheduled to go on his vacation the following Monday, April 30, 1934, and stated that he had obtained the money

from the vaults for that reason that morning because the vaults closed at 1 P.M. that day and he would have had no opportunity to return there. McLaughlin admitted that his father was "Boss" McLaughlin. He was searched but the only money that was found on his person was the money he had shown Agents. He was at that time wearing a uniform worn by messenger boys of the Chicago Board of Trade. He was then requested to obtain his coat and his other suit from the locker room, and accompanied by Agents he proceeded to that point, where he called for the contents of Rack #17, which held his overcoat and the suit of clothes he had taken off that morning. The overcoat and the suit of clothes were thoroughly searched but no money was found therein, and nothing else of value in connection with this matter was found in those pieces of clothing. McLaughlin was then informed that it was necessary for him to accompany Agents to the Chicago Division Office, and he was told that he could bring his overcoat along, but not to change into his other suit at that time. Whereupon Agents and McLaughlin returned to the locker room where the latter returned his suit of clothes, kept his overcoat, and then indicated that he was ready to leave. Agent then inquired of Jack McLaughlin if he was not going to get his hat, but he stated that he did not have a hat, whereupon Agent stated that he was wearing a flat brimmed hat. But McLaughlin denied this statement, and told Agent he must be mistaken as he had not worn a hat to the city that morning. Agent then insisted that McLaughlin had worn a hat and told him to go back to the hat rack and point out his hat. McLaughlin, who immediately became extremely nervous, pointed out a rolled brim gray felt hat which was not placed in Rack #17, stating that that was his hat. Agent did not recognize that hat as being the hat he had seen McLaughlin wear in the morning at the time he had entered the vault, and told McLaughlin positively that it was known that that was not his hat, and to try the hat on. Whereupon McLaughlin took the hat, tried to turn the brim flat and tried it on, and the hat proved to be about one and a half sizes too large for him. McLaughlin continued to try to insist that this was his hat although it was a little too large for him. Then he was again told that it was known that he wore a brown felt flat brimmed hat when he had entered the vaults that morning. He then pointed out a brown flat brimmed hat on the racks and stated that that was his hat. This hat was removed by the Agent and after examining same, there was found tucked under the sweat band of the hat two envelopes that were sealed, which proved to contain sums of money. McLaughlin was then questioned as to whether or not he had put the money in the hat, and he stated that he had. He also admitted he had obtained that money from his safe deposit box that morning, and stated that it was

money that had been given to him by his father, and that the \$35 that he had in his pocket and which had been shown to Agents at first was not all of the money which he had gotten from the safe deposit box.

Jack McLaughlin was then brought to the Chicago Division Office where he was interviewed by Assistant Director Harold Nathan. The money taken from the hat band of Jack McLaughlin's hat was then turned over to Mr. Nathan, and he counted same in the presence of Jack McLaughlin and found that one envelop contained \$300 in bills of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations; that the other envelop contained only three \$5 bills, making a total amount of \$315 that was found in the hat belonging to Jack McLaughlin which he admitted taking from the safe deposit box. Jack McLaughlin also admitted to Mr. Nathan that that money had been given to him by his father John "Boss" McLaughlin.

Then Special Agent Falkner was instructed to continue questioning McLaughlin and to obtain from him a statement in connection with this matter. The following is a signed statement obtained from John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., alias Jack McLaughlin, by Agent Falkner:

Chicago, Illinois  
April 28, 1934

I, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, Jr., make the following statements voluntarily to E. C. Falkner, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises of any nature whatever were made to me in connection with this statement.

I am 17 years of age and reside with my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., at 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. In the same house there resides my sister, Helen McLaughlin, 11 years of age, and another sister, Mrs. Sherwood Frazer and her husband.

I attended St. Patrick's Grammar School in Chicago, Illinois through the eighth grade, where I completed studies in about 1929. I began work as a messenger for the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation, members of the Chicago Board of Trade, in August, 1932, and have continued in this employment to the present date. My salary has been \$16.00 a week. I have never been in any sort of difficulty previous to this time.

I have a bank account at the Continental-Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. and I formerly had a safety deposit box at this institution. On or about April 24, 1934, I rented a safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Company of the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois. My lease on the safety deposit box at the Continental-Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. expired a day or so before April 24, 1934, at which time I withdrew \$100.00 which I had at this safety deposit box and deposited this sum to my account at this same bank.

When I rented the safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, on or about April 24, 1934, I withdrew the sum of \$100.00 which I had deposited at the Continental-Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., which money had been in my safety deposit box at that institution and took this money to the safety deposit box which I had secured at the Safety Deposit Co., of the Chicago Board of Trade. In addition to this \$100.00 which I put in this safety deposit box, I also placed in this same box the sum of \$100.00 in cash which my father, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr. had given me the day before and asked that I place this money in my safety deposit box and hold it until he gave me further instructions. This money consisted of \$100.00 in fives and tens, and possibly one twenty dollar bill.

On or about April 25 or 26, 1934 my father gave me \$100.00 or \$115.00 in cash, requesting that I place this money in my safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade. This sum was likewise in bills of five and ten dollar denominations. As before, my father told me to hold this money in this safety deposit box until I received further instructions from him.

On April 27, 1934, a number of men whom I took to be officers appeared at my home and when I arrived there from work in the afternoon, I was detained for about two hours.

The safety deposit box which I have at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, was taken out under the name, "Jack McLaughlin." Jack is my nickname and I took out this box under the name Jack McLaughlin of my own accord, but I had talked the matter over with my mother and she had suggested that this name be used.

On the morning of April 28, 1934, I drove to my place of work in my automobile and decided that it would be best for me to withdraw my money from the safety deposit box which I had at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade. I felt this was the thing to do because I was suspicious of the actions that had taken place at my home the day before. I proceeded to the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, and while there I obtained access to my safety deposit box and took from it the sum of approximately \$315.00. I noticed at the time that a strange man was observing me while I was in the vault. I further noticed that this strange man followed me when I went out in the build-

ing to take the elevator to the seventh floor, where I keep my coat and hat. On my way up I decided that I would not keep this money on my person, and I then placed this money in my hat. The cloakroom for employees at the Chicago Board of Trade contains spaces which are numbered, where each employee leaves such wearing apparel as he desires to leave. My number in the cloakroom is 17, which is the same number as on my identification badge of the Chicago Board of Trade. Upon arrival at the cloakroom, I changed my suit of clothes to another which I had there, and left the suit which I was wearing upon arrival at the office and also left my overcoat and hat.

At about 10:00 A.M. on April 28, 1934, I was informed that I was wanted in the office of the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation on the fourth floor of the Chicago Board of Trade Building. I proceeded on my way to that office but before reaching it, I was detained by two men who stated they were with the United States Department of Justice. Accompanied by these men, I proceeded to the cloakroom, secured my coat and stated that I did not have a hat. A few minutes later I saw my hat, which was not in its usual place, and I pointed it out to the above mentioned men and stated this was my hat. In this hat was found the money which I had taken from the safety deposit box on the morning of April 26, 1934, which was all of the money which had been in this safety deposit box on April 28, 1934, the amount being \$315.00 in bills.

The money which was found in the hat as above set out consisted of the \$100.00 which was in my safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. plus either \$200.00 or \$215.00 which had been given to me by my father between the dates of April 24 and April 28, 1934.

I have carefully read the statements appearing above and they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr.  
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, Jr.

Witnesses:

M. C. Falkner  
M. C. Falkner  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

The original and six copies of the above statement are being retained in the Chicago Division file.

The \$515 that was found in McLaughlin's hat was checked by Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl with the list of ransom money in the Bremer Kidnaping case, and it was found that \$95 of this money was identical with part of the Bremer ransom money. The \$55 that was found in McLaughlin's pockets at the time he was first located was also checked with the list of ransom money but was not identified as being a part thereof.

The money that was found in McLaughlin's hat, as well as that on his person, was then sealed in cellophane envelopes and placed in the custody of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis.

This Agent observed Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl during the time that he was checking this money with the ransom list in order that the chain of evidence would not be broken; also the sealing of this money in the envelope was observed by this agent.

The receipt which was the basis for the investigation at the safety deposit company of the Chicago Board of Trade, which, as previously stated, was furnished to Agent by Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and which he was advised was found among the papers and other effects of Jack McLaughlin at his home after John "Boss" McLaughlin had been arrested, is being retained in the Chicago Division file.

At the present time a complaint has not been filed against John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., alias Jack McLaughlin, and a report covering this matter in the event such action is taken which will include his description and other pertinent information, will be subsequently reported.

The notes made by Special Agent M. C. Falkner during his questioning of John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., are being retained in the Chicago Division file.

ADDENDUM: After searching McLaughlin's hat and having found there in the money, he was accompanied to the vaults of the Chicago Board of Trade Safety Deposit Company, where he maintained a safe deposit box, #C521, and search of this box revealed only an old Bill of Sale for an automobile.





PHILIP J. DELANEY, having been taken into custody with JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. on April 27, 1934, he was brought to the Chicago Division Office, where he furnished the following signed statement:

Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1934

I, Philip Delaney, make the following signed statement to R. D. Brown, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I am making this statement of my own free will and volition at the office of the Division of Investigation, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, and fully realize that same may be used against me.

I have known John McLaughlin, commonly known as "Boss" McLaughlin, for about twenty-five years. During that period of time he has been of great assistance to me in obtaining various positions for me and has assisted me financially on many occasions. I have always considered him a very close and intimate friend.

Until the fall of 1933, I have always been able to take care of myself and family financially, but reverses about that time, and due to lack of employment, I was forced to accept public relief. From time to time during this period, John McLaughlin has assisted me financially, for which I have been very appreciative. Although I have been aware that John McLaughlin has been considered a political boss, I do not know in what manner he has made a living.

Previous to April 17, 1934, for approximately two months, I would call at John McLaughlin's house in the 3400 block on West Jackson Boulevard and drive him downtown to whatever places he desired to visit, especially the City Hall and the Sherman House Hotel. On or about April 17, 1934, I called for him and we drove to approximately Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where a man who McLaughlin called Bill got into the car. I do not know his last name and have never been introduced to him. McLaughlin then instructed me to drive back on the North Side of Chicago, the exact address of which I do not know, which was near a bank, the name of which I do not know, at which time and place, John McLaughlin gave Bill a package of money. The conversation with reference to this money did not take place at this time and I assumed that McLaughlin had made prior arrangements with Bill. Bill got out of the car and proceeded to the bank near the point where we had parked

the car, while McLaughlin and myself sat in the car. Bill returned in a few minutes and said, 'The money is all right.' I believe he took in a package of five and ten dollar bills in the approximate amount of \$1,000.00. We then proceeded to the Loop. I drove the car and Bill stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall just how many banks were visited. I do not know exactly how much money was changed, but he had no difficulty in exchanging the money on that date.

About noon of that date, John McLaughlin gave me a package containing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills and I took this money to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, where I was successful in changing this amount of money into larger denominations, and I then turned this amount of money in the large denominations over to McLaughlin. We then drove Bill back to the approximate point where we had picked him up.

About April 19, 1934, I again called at McLaughlin's house and picked him up and we proceeded to a point located in the vicinity of Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where we again picked up Bill and we then visited two or three banks on the North Side of Chicago. The exact names and location of these I am unable to recall - where we would park the car and Bill would enter the banks and change a quantity of the five and ten dollar bills into larger denominations. On this date, I drove to the Mutual Bank located in the 7800 block on Ashland Avenue and again was successful in changing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, which were given me by McLaughlin into bills of larger denominations, and I then turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin and we again picked up Bill at the same place as above stated, and Bill again called at several banks and changed more of the 'hot money'. On this date I drove to the Mutual Bank, location as given above, and again changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place, as before mentioned, at which time Bill again changed a quantity of the money at various banks, into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall the names of or the addresses of the banks where we called. On this date, I again called at the Mutual Bank, address given above, and changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place, at the approximate point above mentioned, and Bill again changed a quantity of the money given him by McLaughlin, at various banks, the names and locations of which I do not recall, into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin. On this date, I again called at the Mutual Bank and changed \$4,000.00 in 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin at his home and we drove around to the appointed place on the North Side and picked up Bill. Bill called at two different banks, the names and locations of which I cannot recall, which banks refused to change the five and ten dollar bills given him by McLaughlin, into bills of larger denominations. We then drove to the 7800 block on Halsted Street and I called at the Mutual Bank and again changed \$4,000.00 of the five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and gave the money to McLaughlin.

When I changed the five and ten dollar bills given me by McLaughlin at the Mutual Bank in the 7800 block on Halsted Street, I would generally park the car at 79th Street and Emerald Avenue and Bill and McLaughlin would wait in the car until I returned with the money.

Nearly every day while driving McLaughlin and Bill to various banks throughout the Loop, before mentioned, at the end of the day's work, McLaughlin would have me drive him to Irving and Cicero Avenues, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and disappear, returning to the car in about twenty minutes. McLaughlin never told me where he went

when we parked thusly:

John McLaughlin told me that the money Bill and myself had been changing was 'hot money' but did not state where he had obtained it, or what connection it had with any certain case. As I recall it, he once told me he did not know the history of the money.

At first, I thought the money to be counterfeit money, but when the banks accepted this money, I realized it must have been genuine. I had an idea in my own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my recollection.

(Signed)

P. DELANEY

Witness:

R. D. Brown, (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill.

The original of the above quoted statement has been sent to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent J. J. Waters on May 2, 1934, concerning the property found in the possession of PHILIP J. DELANEY, when brought to the Chicago Division Office:

"At the time of the apprehension of Philip Delaney, in connection with the Bremer matter, he had in a wallet, the following:-

A card bearing No. 119, showing him to be a member of the International Sheriffs' and Police Association at Sacramento, California, December, 1930.

A telegram from a person named Maurice, addressed to Phil Delaney at his local address, dated April 24, containing the message 'Call tonight Cap two five three seven important reverse charge'. (The San Francisco Office was advised by this by telephone and will check the above items).

On the telegram was the notation 'Parkinson & Lane, Randolph 0398.'

A card from the Schlitz Gardens, 6714 Stony Island Avenue, with telephone numbers Dorchester 5070 and Hyde Park 10193. On the reverse side were what appeared to be current quotations on the prices of various liquors.

A ticket No. 209738 of the Illinois State Pawners Association, Ltd., 140 N. Dearborn Street, showing that a diamond ring was deposited as collateral for a loan of \$75.00 on April 23, 1934.

A card showing membership in the Illinois State Automobile Association for 1933. The address given on the card is 1540 E. 65th Place. On the card were shown the following telephone numbers: Canal 5507 and Vincennes 10082. It was also indicated on the reverse side of the card that he was the owner of a Buick Sedan.

Another card showing a membership in the Standard Accident Insurance Company. This had expired on July 28, 1933.

California operators license No. 312099, issued to Delaney in July, 1929. The reverse side of this card bears the address 1302-33rd Street, Sacramento, California. (The San Francisco Office has been advised of this address). On the back of this card are the following indistinct numbers -- Spaulding 1 2 (possibly 3) 47, Tri 0955; Ven 10468. There is also a name written with pencil on the reverse side of this card which it is impossible to decipher.

A slip of paper containing the following telephone numbers: Longbeach 9160 - Dearborn 5847.

A card bearing 60-366 from the Postal Telegraph Company, showing that P. J. Delaney was entitled to send telegrams collect, during 1930.

A letter on the reverse side of which appeared the number Buckingham 1326, the name Blohm, and the address, 2621 No. Ashland.

A check dated September 23, 1932, in the amount of \$100.00 drawn to the order of cash by Peter Gichon, marked 'insufficient funds'. This check was drawn on the First State Bank of Porter, Indiana, and although it has gone through a clearing house, the only endorsement appearing thereon seems to be [Frank] - the last name cannot be deciphered. There also appears the name 'George Accardi, 1112 W. Harrison Street, #101519', presumably the number of Accardi's account. It does not appear that this name is an endorsement, however.

A card of the Used Car Sales Company, 636 South Chicago St., Joliet, Illinois, with the name 'L. Lipsey' appearing in the left-hand corner. In this connection, it may be stated that Lipsey was suspected in the recent hi-jacking case as being a fence in ten or twelve hi-jackings, and although I do not know at this point whether there is sufficient evidence against him to prosecute him, I am quite positive that Lipsey has connections with fences of major importance in Chicago. It may be that Delaney and McLaughlin can be hooked up as fences in hi-jacking cases. On the other hand, it is very possible that Lipsey may be one of the persons who disposed of some of the Bremer money.

The card of T. J. Coffey, Carpenter and General Contractor, address 7359 Dorchester Avenue, telephone Hyde Park 5594, on the reverse side of which appeared the name 'Bill Dougherty, Bev. 5431.'

Membership card No. 2077 for Philip J. Delaney as a member of Reno, Nevada Lodge No. 597, B.P.O. Elks, in 1930-31, showing his home address to be 1540 E. 65th Place, Chicago, telephone Dorchester 6210.

Personal card of W. S. Adams, 221 North LaSalle Street, Franklin 5720, showing him to be the commercial representative of R. Cooper, Jr., Inc., General Electric Refrigerators. On the face of this card appears the name 'Bob Worms, Ked. 0146' and the numbers 844-343. On the reverse side are quotations of refrigerator prices.

Card of H. L. Binks, Shabones Springs Water Co., 212 South Marion Street, Oak Park, Illinois, telephone Euclid 800, with the number 'Pete - Rad 1997' and on the back the following note 'Dear Phil - Call me up at your earliest convenience - Signed Friend Frank.'

A shine card for the Speedway Shoe Repair Co., 108 West Madison Street, with the name 'Harry' & numbers 'Fre. 8211 and Bev. C. 9454.'

A receipt in the amount of \$50.00 from Kaiser Realty Co., as deposit on lease with the name Newberger - Fairfax 0200, on the reverse side.

Torn letterhead of William C. Crolius & Company, 201 North Wells Street, Chicago, on the reverse side of which is shown the telephone number Diversy 8879.

Pencil-printed address of F. J. Neuberger, Versailles Hotel, 53rd & Dorchester, Apt. 217, Fairfax 0200.

Miscellaneous papers, including receipts, etc. of no interest or value.

Leather billfold."

The articles and documents above listed may now be found in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

At the time of Delaney's arrest, \$13.27 was found in his possession, which was not identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. This sum has been returned to Delaney and a receipt therefor is in the file on this case at the Chicago Division Office.

The following further information was secured from Philip J. Delaney by Special Agent R. D. Brown:

"Shortly before Philip Delaney was taken before Commissioner Walker on April 30, 1934, he orally advised Agent Brown, upon leaving the Chicago Division Office for the Commissioner's office, that after he had changed considerable of the money given him by McLaughlin, Sr., he became convinced that the money was probably the result of some kidnaping case, but refused to state that he knew it to be money obtained from either the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., or of Edward George Bremer.

Agent Brown, at this time, orally questioned Delaney relative to whether he believed the cashier at the Mutual Bank in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, Chicago, knew the character of the money he was changing for him (Delaney). Delaney stated that he believed this cashier, whose cage is the second cashier's window to the left after entering the bank, had previously been advised of the character of the money, due to the fact he never asked any questions and promptly changed the money into bills of large denominations and returned the money to him in an envelope.

Delaney further stated he never counted the money after it had been changed and he was under the impression that everything was all right. He refused to state, however, that JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. had ever told him that arrangements had already been made at this bank to change money. Investigation at this bank has already been made and will be incorporated by another agent in another memorandum.

On April 28, 1934, the Chevrolet sedan belonging to VIDLER was turned over to Mrs. W. E. Vidler, his wife. A receipt has been secured for the same. There was found \$50.00 on the person of Vidler, which he alleged was not secured from an exchange of the ransom money and this money has been turned to his wife, Mrs. William E. Vidler, and receipt secured for the same.

The following memorandum contains an interview with JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, submitted by Special Agent J. F. McLaughlin, on April 28, 1934:

"After an all-night questioning of J. J. McLaughlin, on April 27-28, 1934, he advised that his residence is at 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; that he was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 2, 1868; that he is married and has three children; that his wife's name is Agnes; that his oldest daughter is Gertrude (Mrs. Sherwood Frasier), age twenty-four, who resides with him; that he has a son, John J. McLaughlin, Jr., age seventeen, employed by the Board of Trade as a messenger, and a daughter, Helen, age eleven years, attending grammar school.

McLaughlin stated that at the present time he is not employed and has been so for a number of months; that his previous occupation was that of contractor and coal dealer. He is described as follows:-

Name:	J. J. McLaughlin
Age:	66 years
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	190 pounds
Build:	Stocky
H air:	Grey
Eyes:	Blue
Deformities:	Lame in left leg; walks with limp.

McLaughlin admitted to the writer that on numerous occasions during the month of April, he had DELANEY drive a car and that 'Bill' had



Case. McLaughlin also stated to Deponent, that he knew that there was something wrong with the money and that it was 'hot' money; that he was bound to have known it was 'hot' money, otherwise, the person giving it to him would not have wanted it changed.

McLaughlin also advised Deponent that he could furnish some additional information, particularly as to the manner in which Frank Wright could be apprehended, but he would only do this in the event his son, Jack McLaughlin, was released. Deponent questioned McLaughlin as to what additional information he could furnish and he stated that he is in a position to 'frame' so that Wright could be apprehended, but he would only do this on condition that his son be released.

McLaughlin refused to discuss the matter further, stating that he had previously furnished Special Agent R. D. Brown, of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, with all the information he had and that the information he furnished Brown was the truth.

Further Deponent sayeth not.

(Signed) H. E. HOLLIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of May, 1934.

(Signed) HELEN DUNKEL  
Notary Public.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

I, M.C. Falkner, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That on April 28, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, in the office of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1600 Bankers Building, I interviewed JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., who made the following statements, voluntarily, to me, both orally and written:

That he is 17 years of age and resides with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., at 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, at which place there also resides his sister, Helen McLaughlin, and a married sister, Mrs. Sherwood Frazer, and her husband; that he attended St. Patrick's Grammar School, in Chicago, Illinois, through the eighth grade, completing his studies there about 1929; that he began work for the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation, members of the Chicago Board of Trade, in August, 1932, and continued in this employment to the present date.

That he had a bank account at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company and that he, formerly, had a safety deposit box at the same institution; that in March of 1933, his father gave him the sum of approximately \$260.00 with the request that he place this sum of money in his safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company; that, subsequent to that date, he deposited an additional \$40.00 in this box, which sum he had earned himself; that, on April 28, 1934, there was the sum of approximately \$315.00 in his safety deposit box in the safety deposit company of the Chicago Board of Trade, which box he had rented on or about April 24, 1934, and which were the funds that he had transferred from his safety deposit box formerly had at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company and which funds were those consisting of the \$260.00 given him by his father in March of 1933, plus the \$40.00 which he had placed in there and had earned himself, and about \$15.00 additional which he had also placed in this box; that his father had given him no money since March of 1933, and that all of the money which had been in his safety deposit box at the safety deposit company of the Chicago Board of Trade was money which he had had for a year or more.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., then admitted that his statements relative to the time when his father had given him the \$260.00, referred to, were not true; that, as a matter of fact, this money, or at least \$260.00 of the total in his safety deposit box at the safety deposit company, Chicago Board of Trade, had been given to him by his father between the dates of April 23, 1934, and April 28, 1934.

He further stated that he rented the safety deposit box at the safety deposit company, Chicago Board of Trade, on or about April 24, 1934, and on the same date he withdrew the sum of \$100.00, which he had deposited at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, which sum had been in his safety deposit box at the same institution and had been taken from this safety deposit box and placed in his checking account a few days prior to April 24, 1934; that in addition to this \$100.00 he had also placed in his safety deposit box at the safety deposit company, Chicago Board of Trade, the sum of \$100.00 in cash, consisting of bills in denominations of \$5.00 and \$10.00, which his father, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR., had given him on or about April 23, 1934, with the request that he place this money in this safety deposit box and hold until he received further instructions from his father; that on or about April 25, 1934, or April 26, 1934, his father gave him an additional \$100.00, or \$115.00, in bills, in denominations of \$5.00 and \$10.00 each, with the similar request that he place this money in this safety deposit box and hold it until further instructions were received from his father.

He stated that he rented the safety deposit box at the safety deposit company, Chicago Board of Trade, under the name, "JACK" McLAUGHLIN, saying that JACK was his nickname and that he took this box under this name after talking the matter over with his mother and receiving her suggestion that the box be rented under this name, rather than his full name, as stated to us; that on the morning of April 28, 1934, he drove from his home to his place of work at the Chicago Board of Trade and, while enroute, determined upon the following procedure:

That he would proceed to the safety deposit company, where he held a safety deposit box, and withdrew his funds from this box; that he had become suspicious that officers would appear to question him relative to this money and, therefore, decided to take this step; that, upon arrival at the Chicago Board of Trade building, at about 9:00 A.M., he immediately went to the offices of the safety deposit company and obtained access to his safety deposit box

from which he withdrew the sum of \$315.00, which was the total amount of money contained in this box; that he then left the safety deposit vault and proceeded to the cloak room provided for employees of the Chicago Board of Trade and, while enroute, put this sum of \$315.00 in the lining of his hat, which he left in the cloak room mentioned above.

He further stated that about 10:00 A.M., on April 23, 1934, he was informed that he was wanted at the office of his employer and, upon receiving this information, he proceeded on his way to this office but was intercepted by officers of the United States Department of Justice, who questioned him relative to his safety deposit box; that he stated to these officers that he did not have any money which he had obtained from this safety deposit box with the exception of about \$35.00, which he had withdrawn that morning at about 9:00 A.M., to use on his vacation trip to Texas, which he expected to take within one or two days; that these men proceeded with him to the cloak room where he obtained his overcoat and the men asked him if he had a hat, whereupon, he replied that he did not and started to leave the cloak room; that, as a matter of fact, he did have his hat, which was located by these Government officers and which, in his presence, was examined by these Government officers and the money which he had placed in the lining of this hat was found by the Government officers in his presence at this time; that the sum of approximately \$315.00, which he had placed in the lining of this hat, and which was found by these Government officers, was money which had been given him by his father between the dates of April 23, 1934, and April 29, 1934, amounting to approximately \$260.00, plus about \$55.00, which he had earned and placed in this safety deposit box; that this money consisted of bills in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00, the majority of it being in \$5.00 and \$10.00 denominations.

I have read the foregoing statement and same is true and correct.

*M. C. Falkner*  
M. C. Falkner, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U.S.  
Department of Justice, 232 Post  
Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
day of May, 1934.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

St. Paul, Minnesota  
May 2, 1934

RALPH D. BROWN, whom I note to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, appeared before me on this date, and after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he interviewed John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., sometimes referred to as "Boss" McLaughlin, in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on April 28, 1934, between the approximate hours of 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., that date, and that John Joseph McLaughlin made the following verbal admissions:

That he had known a man by the name of Frankie Wright, whom he thought to be a confidence man, operating within the City of Chicago and other midwestern cities for the last twenty-five years; that he does not know where the said Frankie Wright resides within the City of Chicago, but that he often met him and had conversations with him in the lobby of the Sherman House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois; that Frankie Wright is described as being approximately 40 years of age, black hair turning gray at the temples; eyes believed to be blue; medium heavy build; height, five feet nine or ten inches; that he met the said Frankie Wright approximately three months ago in the lobby of the Sherman House Hotel, at which time Wright said to him, "I will have some hot money in a few days and would like you to handle some of it"; that about three weeks prior to April 29, 1934, he, McLaughlin, again met Frankie Wright in the lobby of the Sherman House Hotel, at which time Wright informed him that the money was at that time in Chicago; that soon after this conversation, he, McLaughlin, and Frankie Wright proceeded to a hotel located on Irving Park Boulevard about one-half block north on Irving Park Boulevard of the intersection of Irving Park Boulevard and Cicero Avenue, and located on the south side of the street; that this hotel was a small hotel of about one hundred rooms; that he, McLaughlin, and Wright walked up the stairway one floor to the second floor of this hotel, and proceeded down to the end of the hall and entered the last room on the left and that he believed this room to be room 209, but that it might be 210.

My affiant, RALPH D. BROWN, further states that the said John Joseph McLaughlin told him that upon entering the room, before referred to, he was introduced by the said Frankie Wright to two men, one as Mr. Smith, and the other as Mr. Jones, or some such assumed names; that the said Frankie Wright told these two men that he, McLaughlin, was all right and was the man that he had told them about; that these two men then informed him, McLaughlin, that they had some "hot money", but did not say how much of this money at that time, and that agreement was made whereby he, McLaughlin, was to change the

"hot money" at various banks throughout the City of Chicago and receive a commission of five per cent of the amount changed for his services, and that arrangements were made whereby the "hot money" was to be delivered at his, John J. McLaughlin's home, 2535 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and if circumstances prevented, McLaughlin was to obtain it at the hotel before referred to located on Irving Park Boulevard; and that at the end of the day's work, the money which had been successfully changed would be delivered to these two men at the above mentioned hotel by McLaughlin.

My affiant further deposes and says that McLaughlin told him that one of these men introduced to him by Wright was a very tall man, being at least five feet eleven and one-half inches in height, and perhaps more, weight about 150 pounds; 28 to 30 years of age; very slim build and face, having sandy hair; fiery brown eyes; sallow complexion; appearing to have a slightly stiff left arm and wearing a gray hat and light brown top coat; that the other individual introduced to him by Wright and associate to the man referred to as "Slim", appeared about 45 to 50 years of age; five feet eight inches in height; 165 to 170 pounds in weight; heavy build; broad shoulders; slightly corpulent; pock marks on cheeks and an unusually large nose; Jewish in appearance and wore nose glasses when reading or counting money; that this last named individual he thought to be called, "IZZY" or some similar name by his companion, "SLIM".

My affiant further states that McLaughlin told him that when he first mentioned the above described two men, referred to as Izzy and Slim, that their conversations lead him to believe that they were from Toledo, Ohio and had recently arrived in Chicago; that they were associated with a large gang of outlaws, and that he once heard them discussing the criminal characters of the members of this gang, and at the conclusion of the discussion they both agreed that "Pretty Boy" was the most dangerous, but he, McLaughlin, informed my affiant, that he does not know a criminal commonly referred to as CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD, and does not know whether or not this is the criminal they were discussing.

My affiant further deposes and says that the said John J. McLaughlin, Sr. informed him that he believes he first started changing the "hot money" given him by Slim and Izzy, before referred to, on or about April 18, 1934 and he secured the services of one Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler, being old friends, and assisted him in changing the money; that Vidler and Delaney called at various Chicago banks and changed large quantities of the money given him, McLaughlin, by Slim and Izzy, before referred to,

and that he, McLaughlin, would sit in the automobile belonging to Phillip Delaney; that he is unable to recall the names and locations of the many banks where money was changed; that all of the money was in \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills and was segregated into \$1,000.00 units and was delivered to him, McLaughlin, by Slim and Izzy, before referred to, wrapped in newspapers.

My affiant further deposes and says that the said John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., further stated to him that he followed the aforementioned procedure, in company with the said Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler, for three or four days consecutively and delivered the money after it had been changed each night to Slim and Izzy, before referred to, and that on about the fifth day when he called at the hotel, before mentioned, located on Irving Park Boulevard, he had a conversation with Slim and Izzy, before referred to, at which time he had become apprehensive as to the nature of the money due to the unusual amount; that previous to this time he was under the impression that the money being changed by him for Slim and Izzy was money obtained by the gang as a result of bank robberies; that he directly asked the person referred to as Slim if the money were kidnap money and that Slim replied that "it might be"; that he then asked if it was Hamm Kidnaping money, and that Slim, before referred to, replied that it was, or made some reply which convinced him, McLaughlin, that he was handling or changing Hamm Kidnaping money, at this time Slim and Izzy, before referred to, requested him, McLaughlin, to expedite the changing of the money and stated that as soon as the \$100,000.00 of this "hot money" they then had was disposed of, they knew where they could obtain an additional \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00, in "hot money"; that he, McLaughlin, then asked Slim, before referred to, if the next \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 in "hot money" would be money obtained in the Bremer Kidnaping case and that some remark was made by Slim and Izzy which lead him, McLaughlin, to believe that this additional \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 in "hot money" to be disposed of, after the Hamm Kidnaping money had been changed, would be Bremer Kidnaping money, although they did not specifically state that it would be Bremer Kidnaping money.

My affiant further deposes and says that John J. McLaughlin further stated to him that the said Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler, before referred to, knew that the money they were changing, at his, McLaughlin's request at the various banks in Chicago, was "hot money", but that they did not know it was money obtained as a result of kidnapings; that he,

McLaughlin, did not exactly know the amount of money he had changed for Slim and Izzy, before referred to, and delivered to them, but believed that the amount was approximately \$50,000.00.

My affiant further deposes and says that John J. McLaughlin, Sr., further stated to him that the "hot money" found in the possession of his son, John J. McLaughlin, Jr., commonly known as Jimmie McLaughlin, was given to him by him, McLaughlin, if he had such money in his possession, but that, he, McLaughlin, Sr., could not recall having given John J. McLaughlin, Jr. any of the "hot" \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills, which he had obtained from Slim and Izzy, before referred to, but that if McLaughlin, Jr. had this money in his possession, he obtained it from him, McLaughlin, Sr.

My affiant further deposes and says that on Sunday, April 29, 1934, he, while accompanied by Special Agent M. G. Falkner, again interviewed the said John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., at the Cook County Jail, at which time he declined to make any further verbal statements or a written signed statement relative to his handling the above referred to "hot money" unless his son, John J. McLaughlin, Jr., be permitted to go free; that nevertheless, McLaughlin, Sr. again admitted that he knew that the "hot money" which was in the form of \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills which he had obtained from the persons before referred to as Slim and Izzy was money obtained as a result of the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. of St. Paul, Minnesota, and that conversations between himself and the persons referred to as Slim and Izzy lead him to believe that he was also to exchange "hot bills" obtained from the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, after the "hot money" obtained as the result of the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., had been disposed of.

*Ralph D. Brown*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of May, 1934.

*Florence Wilson*  
FLORENCE WILSON, Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My commission expires April 16, 1938

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

I, M.C. Falkner, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, in company with Special Agent Ralph D. Brown, of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, I interviewed JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR., who stated as follows:

That he had made oral admissions to Agent Brown relative to having obtained money from a man whom he knew as "SLIM", and a short, swarthy Jew, in a hotel at Chicago, Illinois, in 1934, which money he suspected was "hot", and understood it to be money paid in ransom in the HAMM kidnaping case and that he further understood that he was to receive either \$100,000.00, or \$200,000.00, additional from the same source, that being the two men above mentioned, which money was ransom paid in the BREMER kidnaping case at St. Paul, Minnesota; that, upon being given this money by these men, it was the understanding that he, McLAUGHLIN, was to change this money into bills of larger denominations at the Chicago banks, for which service he was to receive 5% of all money so exchanged; that all of this money was in \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills; that he did meet the two men above mentioned at this hotel and that he recalls distinctly that it would take them about twenty minutes to reach this hotel upon being advised that he, McLAUGHLIN, was awaiting them and that from this he judged that his place of residence was in the near vicinity of this hotel; that he would never use the elevator at this hotel but would always proceed to the room occupied by these men by the stairway at the hotel; that this money was kept by these men, until turned over to him, in newspapers, and the bills would be stacked and wrapped in sums of \$1,000.00 each.

He stated that the hotel at which he met these men and obtained this money was located at the corner of Cicero Avenue and Irving Park Boulevard, in Chicago, Illinois; that he knew the taller of these two men as "SLIM"; that SLIM was a very tall man and very slender and had sandy hair; that he felt sure that these two men were connected with a gang at the time hiding out, or operating, in Toledo, Ohio, and that investigation in that city would, no doubt, disclose additional money in kidnaping cases and the location of other persons responsible for the kidnapings.

During this conversation, MR. McLAUGHLIN asked Agent Brown if he could take some steps toward effecting the release of his son, JACK McLAUGHLIN. Agent Brown advised MR. McLAUGHLIN that he had neither the power nor the authority to take such steps and could make no promises of any nature relative to the release, or continued detention, of his son, JACK McLAUGHLIN.

I have read the foregoing statement and same is true and correct.

*M. C. Falkner*

M. C. Falkner, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 232 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
3<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1934.

*Florence Wilson*

FLORENCE WILSON, Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My commission expires April 16, 1938

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One copy of each of the above quoted affidavits, is being forwarded, with copies of this report, to the Division and the Saint Paul Division Office.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, reporting the preliminary prosecutive action taken in Chicago, against the two McLaughlins, Vidler and Delaney;

On April 27, 1934, Special Agent J. J. Waters filed complaint against JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. and Special Agent R. D. Brown filed a complaint against WILLIAM E. VIDLER, before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, at Chicago, Illinois.

On the following morning, April 28, 1934, the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, received from the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota, certified copies of complaints against these two men before the United States Commissioner at Saint Paul, Minnesota. A copy of the complaint against William Edward Vidler is contained in the Chicago Division Office file, but a copy of the complaint against John J. McLaughlin, Sr. was not obtained; however, both complaints are identical.

On the same date, April 28, 1934, John J. McLaughlin, Sr. and William Edward Vidler were arraigned before United States Commissioner Walker, at which time they both entered pleas of Not Guilty to the charges specified in the complaints, which included conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. Bonds for these two Subjects were set at \$100,000.00 each, by Commissioner Walker, after considerable discussion between the Defense Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorney Leo Hassenauer, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Hassenauer at first demanded that \$200,000.00 bonds be requested and he pointed out the fact that large bonds had been demanded in all previous Federal kidnaping cases; however, Commissioner Walker fixed the bonds at \$100,000.00 each for these two Subjects. Hearings were set for May 7, 1934.

On April 30, 1934, Special Agent R. D. Brown filed fugitive complaints before Commissioner Walker, at Chicago, against JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. and PHILIP DELANEY, based on certified copies of Commissioner's complaints received by the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois from the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota. Delaney and McLaughlin, Jr. were arraigned the same date, at which time they both entered pleas of Not Guilty. Again there was considerable discussion relative to the bonds and Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer requested that Commissioner Walker fix the bonds for these two men at \$100,000.00; however, Commissioner Walker fixed DELANEY'S bond at \$75,000.00 and McLAUGHLIN, Jr.'s bond at \$30,000.00. At this time, Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer advised Commissioner Walker he expected Grand Jury indictments against all four of these defendants would be received in the near future from the United States Attorney in Saint Paul. Hearings in the case against McLaughlin, Jr. and Delaney were set for May 7, 1934.