

On May 6, 1934, the United States Attorney at Chicago, Ill. received a certified copy of indictment from the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota, charging all four of these Subjects with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and a hearing was convened before United States Commissioner Walker at 10:00 A.M., May 7, 1934, at which time Assistant United States Attorney Leo Hassenauer introduced a copy of the indictment aforementioned. The attorneys for the Defense requested that the hearing be recessed until 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of giving them time to examine the indictment. The hearing was resumed at 2:00 P.M., at which time Assistant United States Attorney General Joseph Keenan assisted Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer in representing the Government.

Special Agents E. C. Falkner, E. D. Nichols and E. D. Brown testified that John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., Philip Delaney and William E. Vidler were the persons against whom they had testified before the Federal Grand Jury at Saint Paul, Minnesota on May 3, 1934. At 5:30 P.M., the hearing was adjourned until May 9, 1934. Commissioner Walker requested the counsel for the Government and the counsel for the Defense to submit briefs. He stated he would hear arguments with reference to the removal on May 9, 1934.

On May 9, 1934, the defendants were again brought before Commissioner Walker and the entire afternoon was consumed by Attorneys for the Defense and the Government in presenting arguments for and against removal. At the conclusion of the arguments, Commissioner Walker requested further time to consider the removal of these four defendants.

On May 12, 1934, the defendants were again brought before Commissioner Walker and he again demanded further time, until May 14, 1934 at 3:00 P.M. to consider the evidence presented and to search additional cases.

On May 14, 1934, the Defendants were again brought before Commissioner Walker at which time he rendered his decision, which was in the form of two typewritten pages, in which he held all four defendants for removal to Saint Paul, Minnesota. At this time the defense attorney, Joseph Roach, representing the two McLaughlins, made a motion that the findings of Commissioner Walker be delayed until 3:00 P.M., May 15, 1934 in order that he might file habeas corpus proceedings. Commissioner Walker ruled that he would delay action until 12:00 Noon, May 15, 1934.

On May 15, 1934, United States Commissioner Walker reduced the bonds of the defendants as follows:- McLaughlin, Sr., from \$100,000.00 to \$30,000.00; McLaughlin, Jr., from \$30,000.00 to \$5,000.00; William E. Vidler, from \$100,000.00 to \$25,000.00; and Philip Delaney from \$75,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

On May 15, 1934, the defense attorneys obtained writs of habeas corpus, which were made returnable at 11:00 A.M., May 17, 1934, before Federal Judge Phillip A. Sullivan, at Chicago, Illinois.

Assistant United States Attorney Leo Haspenauer advised Special Agent R. D. Brown, that he would request that removal warrants be signed by Federal Judge Sullivan immediately after consideration of the writs of habeas corpus. Further prosecutive action will be reported in the near future.

The Chicago Division Office is retaining in its file, copies of the fugitive complaints filed at Chicago, Illinois before United States Commissioner Walker, against Delaney, Vidler and McLaughlin, Jr. The Division was promptly advised as to the difficulties experienced in the removal of these four subjects and the action taken in each instance by Commissioner Walker.

At other points in this report, a description of JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN is incorporated. At this point, descriptions of the other three defendants are being set forth:

The following description of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. was obtained from personal observation by Special Agent R. D. Brown:

Name:	<u>JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR.</u>
Age:	17 years
Height:	5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	140 pounds
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Light brown, wavy.
Teeth:	Good
Complexion:	Light
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Messenger, Chicago Board of Trade.
Relatives:	Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLaughlin, Sr., Parents, 5523 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Criminal Record: No previous arrest.
Fingerprints sent Division by United States Marshal, Chicago, April 30, 1934, under No. 12371.

The following personal description of Vidler was secured by
Special Agent K. R. McIntire, from personal observation:

Name: WILLIAM E. VIDLER,
alias Williams.

Age: 34 years

Height: 5 feet 9 inches

Weight: 200 lbs.

Hair: Dark brown, turning gray;
wavy; gray at temples.

Eyes: Blue

Race: White

Nationality: American

Marital Status: Married

Build: Stocky

Beard: Clean shaven, but beard
very heavy and black.

Marks: Tattoo of "Marion" on left
wrist inner; also on right
wrist inner; tattoo of butterfly
on left arm inner;
deep dimple in chin.

Glasses: Wears horn-rim glasses when reading.

Relatives: Mrs. Dorothea (Buechler) Vidler, wife;
6001 Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.;
Mrs. Mabel Selle, mother-in-law;
Parents - deceased;
Mrs. Agnes Treptow, sister,
7023 South Park Ave., Chicago.
Education: Attended Holland Public School, in
Chicago, Ill.; attended Wendell
Phillips High School, Chicago.
No further schooling.

Army Record: Army Serial No. 1385958 -
Enlisted at Chicago, Ill., 1917 -
83rd Division, 131st Infantry
Headquarters Company; mustered
out 1919.

Criminal Record: Furnished voluntarily - Sent to
Joliet Penitentiary in 1920 on
charge of auto larceny; sentence,
1-10 years; served 40 months.

Fingerprints - Sent to Division April 30, 1934, by
United States Marshal, Chicago,
under number 12366.

The following description of Subject PHILIP DELANEY was obtained by Special Agent K. M. McIntire, from personal observation of the Subject:

Name: PHILIP J. DELANEY
Age: 33 Years
Height: 5 feet 9 inches
Weight: 220 lbs.
Build: Heavy - pot-bellied
Complexion: Fair
Hair: Gray
Eyes: Blue
Race: White
Nationality: American
Marital Status: Married
Face: Full - heavy jowls
Occupation: Racketeer "bookie"
Arrested: April 30, 1934
Fingerprints sent to Division by
United States Marshal, Chicago,
under No. 12372 - April 30, 1934.

Photographs of the two McLaughlins, Vidler and Delaney are being retained in the Chicago Division Office in connection with this case. Fingerprints of all four of these Subjects have also been sent to the Division under the following numbers, by the United States Marshal, Chicago: McLaughlin, Sr., No. 12361; Vidler, No. 12366; McLaughlin, Jr., No. 12371; Delaney, No. 12372. The Division is being requested to check the criminal records of these four parties, and to advise the Chicago Division Office of any previous records.

Remaining information will be reported promptly and attention will be given to the leads contained in the body of this report.

PENDING.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

H. E. HOLLIS, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:-

That he is a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at Chicago, Illinois;

That on May 1, 1934, he interviewed J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, and that at first McLaughlin refused to comment in any manner on his arrest in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case; however, after questioning McLaughlin, he stated that he did handle some money which was turned over to him for the purpose of changing it at banks. McLaughlin also stated that the man he contacted to secure the money was one FRANK WRIGHT.

Deponent questioned McLaughlin as to whether he knew that the money he received for the purpose of changing was ransom money. McLaughlin stated that he did not know definitely it was ransom money but that it was his impression it was money obtained in connection with the Hamm Kidnaping 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 persons 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.

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McLaughlin refused to discuss the matter further stating that he had previously furnished Special Agent E. 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.

J. E. Hollis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day
of May, 1934.

Helen Dunkel
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF RASBY

St. Paul, Minnesota
 May 8, 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 29, 1934, between the approximate hours of 4:00 and 6:30 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

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"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, 2033 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, "LAX" 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 Issy 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 "Trotty 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 Issy, 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 Issy, before referred to,

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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, before referred to, was obtained 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 kidnaping money, and that Slim, before referred to, replied that it was and made some reply which convinced him, McLaughlin, that he was handling or changing Huns 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 Bremer 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 \$20,000.00.

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 his father, McLaughlin, Sr., if he had such money in his possession, but that, 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 his father, McLaughlin, Sr.

My affiant further deposes and says that on Sunday, April 29, 1934, he, while accompanied by Special Agent M. C. 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of May, 1934.

APPENDIX

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

I, M.C. Falkner, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, being first duly sworn, depose and say:
That on April 23, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, in the office of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 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 2523 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 Reuben 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 \$200.00 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 23, 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 21, 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 \$200.00 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.

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JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., then admitted that his statements relative to the time when his father had given him the \$250.00, referred to, were not true; that, as a matter of fact, this money, or at least \$250.00 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 25, 1934, and April 26, 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, JR., had given him on or about April 25, 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 cash, 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 me; that on the morning of April 25, 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 withdraw 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 vaults 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 \$55.00, 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 28, 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
3d day of May, 1934.

Flora Wilson

FLORAE WILSON, Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My commission expires April 16, 1938

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF BAKERS

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 "GLEN", 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 MACK 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 BRUMER 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 "GLEN"; that GLEN 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, & 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.

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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.

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, 252 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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May 18, 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.
St. Paul File No. 7-50

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

With reference to Director's letter dated April 11, 1934,
listing names and police numbers of individuals whose fingerprints
were to be checked against latent prints in the case entitled above,
fingerprints of LOUIS (LEWIS) PASTORE, Sioux City, Iowa, Police De-
partment #3479, were obtained from the Sioux City, Iowa, Police De-
partment and are attached hereto for the purpose set forth above.
This individual is referred to in Division letter dated April 11,
1934, as LEWIS POSTARE.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
May 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

On May 18, 1934, Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division, stopped at the Chicago Division Office, while en route from Saint Paul, Minnesota to Washington, D. C.

Upon being advised of the nature of some of the articles removed from the apartment at the Yates Apartments, 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, formerly occupied by a party who has been identified as ALVIN KARPIS, but who registered there as WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, Mr. Kohn stated it would be impossible to obtain latent fingerprints properly, from these articles, particularly the bottles, without the use of the Division equipment. I, therefore, requested him to personally transport to the Division, the following articles for laboratory examination:

- 24 Beer bottles;
- 2 Small mirrors;
- 1 Bottle of honey;
- 2 Odd bottles;
- 1 Apartment Lease, from Russell Spencer Co., Agents for Yates Apartments, to WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, for Apartment No. 9-1, at 7137 Yates Ave. from January 1, 1934 to December 31, 1934;
- 2 Receipts for rent at the Yates Apartments, dated February 1 and March 2, 1934; rent received of William B. Lohman;
- 1 Statement of the Yates Apartments, to Wm. B. Lohman for rent from January to February, 1934 - same marked paid.
- 1 Bill for balance due on subscription of Mrs. W. B. Lohman, to The McCall Company magazine, dated Febr. 5, 1934;

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- 1 Subscription form of the Woman's Home Companion Reading Club of Chicago, dated February 6, 1934;
- 1 Customer's copy of an invoice of Sears-Roebuck, Chicago, to W. B. Lohman, 7137 Yates Avenue, dated January 30, 1934, in the amount of \$3.88, covering purchase of a magazine stand;
- 1 Bill of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, to William B. Lohman, covering service from December 15, 1933 to January 17, 1934, at 7137 South Yates Avenue;
- 1 Request for Deposit, of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, bearing name of Wm. B. Lohman, 7137 Yates Avenue - account number 3402-532;
- 1 Deposit Receipt of Commonwealth Edison Company, No. 537932, dated December 16, 1933, showing receipt of payment of \$5.00 from Wm. B. Lohman;
- 1 Magazine subscription statement, bearing application number 41698, showing \$.70 paid on account, to N. Kitte, Collector, on March 8;
- 1 Cleaner's tag bearing following - "N 167; 10; 1-3 pc. suit; 3 shirts (or skirts); 1 dress, belt & collar; 7 ties."
- 1 Business card of the Vincennes Tailors, 2604 East 75th Street, Chicago;
- 1 Envelope bearing typewritten name and address of "Miss Dolores Lohman, 7137 Yates Ave., Chicago";
- 1 Sheet of letter paper, containing handwritten recipes;
- 1 Sheet of letter paper, containing handwritten recipe; also various pencil drawings of faces and other characters; also, the names "Rose", "Harold"; "Carmen"; "Gorman"; and "Dolores".
- 1 Sheet of paper containing indescribable drawings;
- 1 Typewritten page, listing a number of real estate firms, and signed by Chas. A. Reagon, the manager of the Yates Apartments.

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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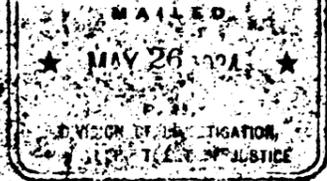
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934 wherein you advise that Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division, stopped at the Chicago Division Office while en route from St. Paul, Minnesota to Washington, D. C., and that upon his advice you forwarded with him a number of articles to be examined in the Division's Criminological Laboratory which had been removed from the apartment at the Yates Apartments, 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, formerly occupied by a party who has been identified as Alvin Karpis.

The Division observes that you have in your office a Special Agent who has had considerable training in developing latent fingerprints and has been in the Division's Criminological Laboratory, namely, Special Agent M. Chaffetz who could treat these articles as well as they can be treated at the Division. Accordingly, it is requested that in the future you use the personnel of the Chicago Office on work of this nature which can be done equally as well there as at the Division.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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June 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
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:

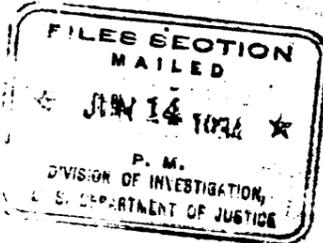
Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934, wherein you listed a number of articles which were sent to the Division for Laboratory examination with Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division. This list of articles includes a subscription form of the Women's Home Companion Reading Club of Chicago, dated February 6, 1934, and also a magazine subscription statement, bearing application #41678, showing \$.70 paid on account to E. Kitts, Collector on March 8. It is suggested that Mr. E. Kitts be located and possibly through him the present address of Dolores Lohan might be traced through a change of address furnished to the magazine for which a subscription might have been given.

A copy of the Chicago letter of reference is being furnished with a copy of this letter to Inspector Clegg for his information, it being noted that no copies were designated for the St. Paul Office, the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Inspector Clegg,
St. Paul Office.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul this afternoon. He mentioned the fact that Mr. Keenan telephoned the United States Attorney at St. Paul this afternoon, suggesting that they include the names of Barker and Karpis in the indictment. I told Mr. Clegg that when Mr. Keenan advised me of this action I stated that I would direct him, Mr. Clegg, to talk with the United States Attorney, and take any action which he felt to be proper. Mr. Clegg stated the problem will be to establish interstate transportation. He said that United States Attorney Sullivan at one time suggested that his office not be given any more information than necessary so that there would be no basis for our believing there was a "leak" in his office. The St. Paul Office then decided not to give the United States Attorney's office any more information than that needed to secure an indictment, and had not told Mr. Sullivan of the cap and the oil cans. Mr. Clegg stated that after Mr. Sullivan talked with Mr. Keenan today, the grand jury was adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, which gives ample time to draw up a new indictment. He said that Bremer testified this morning, at which time he mentioned that the cans were in the car. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that he have a confidential talk with the United States Attorney and decide just what action should be taken. I told Mr. Clegg that Mr. Keenan is planning to be in Chicago Monday for the removal hearing in connection with McLaughlin.

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F. G. SCHERCK, CHIEF

City of Casper

PHONE 298

Casper, Wyoming

Casper, Wyoming,
May 19th, 1934.

MAY 22 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE



Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Re; Walter Elmer Meade,
Alias "The Christ Kid"

Gentlemen:

Have an informant here who has been an underworld character for many years and his activities have covered the west coast and extended east as far as Detroit. He has in the past given me some very valuable information resulting in the conviction of several men. I have considerable confidence in him and his ability to put the finger on men of bad reputation throughout the country. He has no confidence in our Captain here who acts as finger print man and also keeps the records of our department, he absolutely refuses to give any information that will pass thru him. Of course, he is wrong in this but at times I'm unable to dictate terms with him.

Last night he came to me asking information as to Meade, wanted to if I knew whether there was a reward on the man and asked if I'd find what it would be worth to the Government and to the Bremer case to have him caught. As I said, I have considerable confidence in his being able to give us valuable information for I know that it was he who helped to get the Man in the U P Train robbery a few years back and I have three men in the pen from information I received from him. I am not informed as to the status of this man Meade but if he is really wanted I believe it would be well for you Office to have a man who is working on the case contact me as soon as possible.

I will appreciate your early reply mailed to me personally at our Department address here.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph P. Jones
Joseph P. Jones

Police Department,
Casper, Wyoming.

Please have your man contact me at my home address which he can get at the station here.

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Edward G. Bremer

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May 24, 1934

MAY 25 1934

Mr. Joseph P. Jones,
Police Department,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 19, 1934, wherein you state that an informant has furnished you with information relative to one Walter Elmer Meade, alias "The Christ Kid", and further, that the informant desires information relative to any reward that may be outstanding.

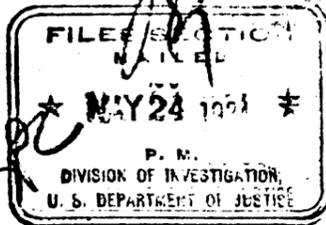
Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. J. A. Dowd, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 503-a, U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, who will assign an Agent to interview you at your home address with reference to this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



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May 24, 1934

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

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

Dear Sirs:

There are enclosed copies of a letter dated May 19,
1934, addressed to the Department of Justice by Joseph F. Jonen,
wherein he stated that an informant has indicated that he knows
the whereabouts of one Walter Elmer Heade and requested to be
advised whether there was a reward outstanding for this individual.

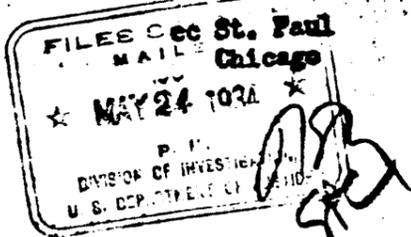
The Heade referred to in Mr. Jonen's letter is possibly
identical with William Elmer Heade, who is being sought by the
Division for questioning in connection with the above entitled
case.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr.
Jonen at his home address for the purpose of further developing
the information through his informant relative to the whereabouts
of Heade.

Very truly yours,

Director.

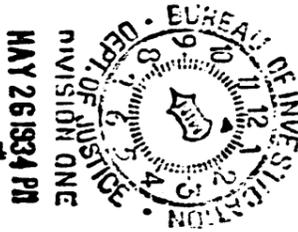
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 17, 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, et al,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Inspector H.H.Clegg dated at St.Paul, Minnesota, May 1, 1934, requesting Chicago office to procure a copy of the fingerprints of John Crawford, Chicago Police Department No. 4875, and to forward same to the Division to be checked against latent fingerprints in the above entitled case. Transmitted herewith are photographic copies of the fingerprints referred to, and also two photographs of John Crawford.

For your further information, according to members of the Chicago Police Headquarters, Detective Staff, John Connors, Tommy Touhy, David Earnshaw and Frisco Dutch, were at one time members of a safe cracking mob in Chicago. David Earnshaw is dead, and according to underworld gossip John Crawford was taken for a ride, shot and killed, and his body thrown into the Chicago drainage canal. This latter information, however, has not been verified by the Detective Division, and it is uncertain as to whether or not John Crawford is still alive.

Very truly yours,

M.H. Purvis
M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St.Paul

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Laboratory Report

Case: Amarillo, Texas.

Number:

Specimens: One enlarged chart of rolled fingerprint marked "A".
One enlarged chart of latent fingerprint marked "B".
One set of fingerprints for Loie L. Pulliam, #3099 Pd. Amarillo, Tex.

Examination requested by: Police Dept.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218; et al. Number: 7-576-1966
Edward George Bremer - Victim

Specimens: One Remington Portable Typewriter, No. NM-34865 (forwarded from
Chicago Division Office May 18, 1934).

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office.

Date received: May 22, 1934 (cover letter)

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

64 *Typewriter, not same as*
Voischel 7-115
7-402
7-413
7-575
7-499
7-281/elite
7-660

Bremer case, Hoffman used
Corona

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
May 18, 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: et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

There is being forwarded to the Division today, under separate cover, a Remington Portable Typewriter, No. NM-34865, which was purchased from the Remington Typewriter Company, Chicago, Illinois and found in the apartment of ROY GRAY, alias "SLIM" GRAY, 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It is suggested that same be examined for fingerprints and that the type be compared with samples of typewriting in various kidnaping cases at present being investigated by the Division, particularly in the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

There is enclosed herewith a one dollar bill which was recently taken by the Sheriff at Charlevoix, Michigan, from the mail of Charles Renaud, alias William Bond Forsyth, Jr., who is in custody of the above Sheriff on a State charge of forgery. This bill was enclosed in a letter written by Mrs. Edna M. Forsyth, alleged foster mother of the above individual, 2975 South Michigan Avenue. Both Renaud and Mrs. Forsyth were recently interviewed by an agent of this office at Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with the investigation being conducted in instant case. The above referred to dollar bill was forwarded to this office by Prosecuting Attorney A. J. McDougall of Gaylord, Michigan, by letter dated May 7, 1934. Mr. McDougall, in his letter, stated that the above bill has the appearance of having been saturated in some solution and he requested that the Division make an analysis of same.

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It is therefore requested that the above referred to bill be turned over to the Crime Laboratory of the Division for analysis, and that when same has served its purpose it be returned to this office for transmittal to Mr. McDougall.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS, *per vwp.*
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al. Number: 7-576-1967
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Specimens: 1 one dollar bill #D05134520B.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis.

Examination by: 6/5

Result of examination:

No evidence of recent handling
as shown by U.V. lamp or by heating.
No evidence of having been heated
with solution
bill to be returned to Chicago office

JEM:ECB

May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the McLaughlin case at Chicago, I have just been advised that Federal Judge Sullivan this morning postponed until May 21, 1934, 10:00 a.m., the hearing on writ of habeas corpus for the defendants McLaughlin, Senior, McLaughlin, Junior, Delaney and Vidler, to permit filing a petition of certiorari by defense attorneys for the purpose of examining records of the United States Commissioner in this case.

Respectfully,

Director.

C. S. P.

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May 17, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, giving the latest developments in the McLaughlin case at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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WILLIAM E. LEAHY
LAW OFFICES
INVESTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES, JR.
EDMUND M. TOLAND
EUGENE B. SULLIVAN
JAMES F. REILLY
JAMES A. MCDONNELL

January 20, 1933.

Judge Arthur Wood,
Parole Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Wood:

I have been requested to look into the case of Lloyd Parlier, who is now confined in the Federal Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas. I understand that the Parole Board recently heard his case and set the date for release July 19, 1934.

His father is very anxious to effect his release and I would appreciate it if you would advise me what possibilities there are of a commutation or a rehearing by the Parole Board with a view of effecting his release before the date already set.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Toland

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May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

J. Edgar Hoover

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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

April 27, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Purvis advised me by telephone today that John McLaughlin had been arrested and was still being held at the place so that a search could be made. He stated they had been trying for several hours to have a warrant issued, but the United States Attorney was slow in taking the proper action. I then talked to Mr. Nathan. He stated McLaughlin was located at his home at approximately ten o'clock this morning, and left four Agents there to see that McLaughlin is kept incommunicado. He, Mr. Nathan, and Mr. Waters returned to the office at eleven o'clock, and Mr. Waters immediately proceeded to the office of the United States Attorney to try to draw up a complaint and a warrant. The United States Attorney's office first wanted a copy of the complaint that was being drawn up in St. Paul, which Mr. Nathan felt would not have been necessary. St. Paul submitted the complaint to the Chicago Office over the tele-type, and all the information needed had been furnished the United States Attorney. I suggested to Mr. Nathan that he call Mr. Green, the United States Attorney, and indicate that if prompt action were not taken it would be necessary to take the matter up with the Department, advising Mr. Green that he, Mr. Nathan, had received such instructions from me.

Edward H. Brennan

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

May 14, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Director's letter, dated May 6, 1934, asking that Inspector W.A. Rorer be released from duty at St. Paul at the earliest possible moment so that he can proceed to Nashville, Tennessee, for the purpose of opening an office there.

Arrangements were immediately perfected whereby Mr. Rorer might depart for Washington on Saturday evening, May 12, 1934. However, due to an emergency which arose at Madison, Wisconsin, which called for my presence there and intervening emergency in the Northern part of Minnesota, which required Mr. Rorer to be present in that section for a period of three or four days, his departure has been necessarily delayed and it is now planned that he complete the summarization of the evidence in the BREMER kidnaping case and it is believed that he will be able to depart from here on the night of Tuesday, May 15, 1934, for Washington.

Mr. Rorer's preparation of this brief, in the few days' time that is necessary, will save perhaps several weeks' time on the part of others in the office who have not been in position to observe the developments of the BREMER case as closely as Mr. Rorer, and I have assigned to assist him Special Agent D.L. Nicholson whose services will tend to expedite the completion of this report.

Very truly yours,

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H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR

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Edward G. P. B.

P. O. Box 1278,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
April 21, 1934.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
I. O. 1218, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

Clarence Hurt, Assistant Chief of Police, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, called at the office this afternoon and stated that one Bobby Thompson, former ex-convict, now said to be "going straight" and operating the Oriental Drug Company, 10th and Robinson, Oklahoma City, returned from a recent trip to Kansas City and reports that Russell Gibson, alias "Rusty" Gibson (I. O. #1216) and James M. (Cowboy) Hayes were said there to have been implicated in the Bremer kidnaping. Russell Gibson is said to be a member of Johnny Laska's mob. "Cowboy" Hayes is also well known in Kansas City and said to have been formerly an undertaker there. Mr. Hurt stated that the Kansas City office, he felt quite certain, possessed the full criminal record and other data concerning these men. For that reason no data is included herein.

The above information is being forwarded to the St. Paul and Kansas City offices for whatever value it may possess.

Very truly yours,

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Earle M. Black, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the examination being conducted in the Division laboratory in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

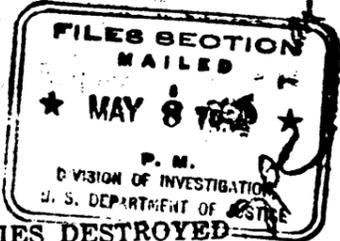
The latent fingerprints in this case have been compared with the finger impressions of William E. Meade, our file #291926, William Vidler, #8729 SF Joliet, Illinois, Harry Fitzharris, our file #775740, Mrs. Harry Fitzharris, alias Margaret Reilly, our file #20360, Patrick Praine, our file #677543, James W. Hayes, our file #164126, and Russell Gibson, I. O. #1213, with negative results.

It is noted that the letter addressed to Mr. Rorer from the Oklahoma City office dated April 21, 1934, refers to one Russell Gibson, I. O. #1213. This identification order is assigned in the Division to one Percy Geary, but unless otherwise advised by your office it is being assumed that Geary has no connection with the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc: Kansas City.
Oklahoma City.



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Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May 21, 1934.



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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order #1219.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Concerning your letter dated May 17, 1934, transmitting photostat copies of a chart prepared at the Division with respect to the cars which have been in the possession of members of the so-called Karpis Barker gang, will you kindly inform whether it will be possible and advisable, in your opinion, to furnish four additional copies of this chart for transmittal, one each to the Delaware State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol, and the Philadelphia local police department?

In the event you authorize the distribution of these charts to the aforementioned agencies, please advise whether it would be proper to inform that they are members of the Karpis Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Customs charts prepared in the Division with respect to cars used by Karpis Barker gang

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

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

In reply to your letter dated May 21, 1934, request-
ing permission to furnish four copies of the photostatic
chart prepared at the Division with respect to the cars
which have been in the possession of members of the so-called
Barker Karpis gang, to be distributed one each to the Delaware
State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania
Highway Patrol, and the Philadelphia Police Department, please
be advised that the Division has no objection to furnishing
these agencies with a copy of this chart. In furnishing a copy
of this chart to each of the investigative agencies above named
it is suggested that they be advised that the cars described in
the chart are possibly in the possession of members of the Barker
Karpis gang, and that every precaution should be exercised in
questioning the occupants of the cars should they be located
in your district.

It is further suggested that arrangements be perfected
whereby you will be promptly notified should any of the cars be
located in order that representatives of the Division may assist
in bringing about the apprehension of the suspects in the above
entitled case.

There are enclosed herewith four copies of the chart
referred to above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc Mr. E. H. Clegg.
St. Paul

FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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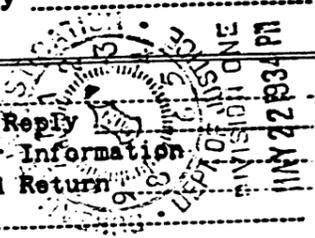
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MR.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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May 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to newspaper articles referring to one William E. Meade as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case. Under date of January 27, 1934, the Chicago Division office addressed a letter to the St. Paul office advising that on that date Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Confidence Men Detail of the Chicago Police Department had furnished information to the effect that on January 26, 1934, an individual came into the Chicago Police Department and while waiting to see Lieutenant Kelly proceeded to look through an album of pictures of confidence men which is available in Lieutenant Kelly's office. This individual, at first, would not give his name, business, or reason as to why he was looking through the album. After considerable questioning by Lieutenant Kelly, he advised that he had lost \$200,000.00 to a confidence man and that he was endeavoring to identify this individual. This man later advised Lieutenant Kelly that his name was Martin Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that he was a road contractor having built roads throughout the United States. Wunderlich had evidently met the confidence man in St. Louis, Missouri, where he got him interested in betting on horse races and as a result of his placing bets for him, he at first won \$370,000.00 but did not receive this money until he could put up an amount of money showing that he, Wunderlich, could have paid in the event he had lost; that he approached Edward Bremer who loaned him \$200,000.00, \$100,000.00 having been taken from a safety deposit box. The result of this transaction was that Wunderlich lost \$200,000.00 to the confidence man.

Edw. Bremer

Wunderlich advised Lieutenant Kelly that he had looked over the pictures of confidence men at the St. Paul Police Department and had identified one of the men; that Tom Brown of the Detective Bureau of the St. Paul Police Department would know who the individual was who had been identified. Wunderlich identified from the photographs exhibited to him by Lieutenant Kelly, the photograph of one William E. Meade, Chicago Police Department group picture No. 5647, who was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road on August 10, 1933, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. This individual was returned to Lima and later jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

Lieutenant Kelly advised the Chicago office that Wunderlich

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had requested him to keep this information confidential inasmuch as he did not want his bonding company to know that he had been engaged in betting on horse races.

Inspector Rorer in his report dated February 20, 1934, stated that Bremer advised that Wunderlich borrowed \$100,000.00 and not \$200,000.00 from him and that he gave as security a \$100,000.00 Liberty bond and subsequently paid off his indebtedness. Bremer further stated that Wunderlich came to him on the 4th of July, two or three years ago and told him that on the day previous he had visited the Plantation Night Club at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, with a woman who is not his wife and had lost \$6,000.00 gambling; that he had given an I. O. U. and asked Bremer what to do about it. Bremer stated that on that occasion he arranged with the owner of the Plantation Night Club to settle Wunderlich's indebtedness for either \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 and claims that in connection with the \$200,000.00 loan to Wunderlich, Wunderlich came to him advising that he needed \$200,000.00 in order to obtain road contracts in the State of Kentucky; that Wunderlich, at that time, had on deposit a little more than \$100,000.00 and he, Bremer, loaned him \$200,000.00 in currency at which time, Wunderlich secured the debt with certificates of deposit in something over \$100,000.00 and subsequently sold Liberty bonds in excess of \$100,000.00 and in that manner paid off the debt. Bremer, when being questioned relative to this transaction advised Inspector Rorer that he would not welcome an investigation of this loan. He was told that the Division would of necessity investigate this loan in order to clear up the matter, whereupon, Bremer stated that he would cooperate with the Agents. Bremer suggested that Wunderlich be interviewed relative to this matter. Bremer explained that the loan to Wunderlich was made shortly after the bank holiday and that the money used was money belonging to the brewery which, due to the bank holiday, had been placed in a safety deposit box.

Respectfully,

Made is wanted etc.

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby

MEMORANDUM

On January 17, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 A.M., immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School. He was taken to a hide-out where he was held until February 7, 1934, when he was released near Rochester, Minnesota after the payment of \$200,000 in ransom money by Walter McGee, who was named by Bremer as the contact man.

In effecting the payment of ransom the kidnapers used three flashlights as signals and Alvin Karpis has since been identified as the purchaser of three such flashlights by a clerk in a St. Paul department store during the time Bremer was held.

Although the place where Bremer was held has not yet been identified, he advised that the car in which he was returned contained a number of gasoline cans used for the purpose of refilling the gasoline tank. He stated that at a point about half way between the place where he was held and Rochester, Minnesota, the kidnapers stopped and filled the gasoline tank with gasoline from these cans. Four gasoline cans, similar to those described by Bremer, were located shortly after Bremer's release at a point about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin. These cans were forwarded to the Division at Washington and examined for fingerprints which resulted in locating a latent print found to be identical with a fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker, a known associate of Alvin Karpis. Since these identifications were made the Division has prepared and furnished to each of its field offices a detailed memorandum setting forth the modus operandi of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, which includes, in addition to the two above named, Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell. These individuals are known to be desperate criminals. Arthur Barker was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on September 10, 1932, where he was under sentence of life for the crime of murder. Volney Davis was also serving a life sentence at the same institution for the crime of murder and was granted leave of absence November 3, 1932, which leave of absence was extended on June 30, 1932 to July 1, 1934. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are wanted by the Sheriff's Office at West Plains, Missouri for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, during December, 1931.

There is in the possession of each Special Agent of the INVESTIGATION Division a strip of photographs bearing the likeness and description

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of each of the above five named individuals, and each Agent is on the alert to locate and cause the apprehension of these individuals.

Edward G. Bremer has furnished representatives of the Division with information respecting the sounds heard by him during the time he was held captive as well as the description, as nearly as he can recall, of the place wherein he was held. Acting upon the limited information furnished by Bremer, Special Agents of the Division are making every effort to locate the house wherein he was held.

From a description of the wallpaper furnished by Bremer, there has been located a paper, exclusively manufactured for the Sears Roebuck Company, which has been positively identified as being identical with the paper covering the walls of the room wherein he was held.

The car designated by the kidnapers to be used by Walter McGee in making the ransom payment, bore counterfeit emblems of the Shell Oil Company on its sides. An effort is being made to trace the source of the metal used in preparing these emblems with a view to identifying the person who prepared the same. The goggles which were used as a blindfold on Bremer have been recovered and it is possible that these goggles will be traced to the kidnapers. An effort is being made to trace certain articles of clothing which were purchased and given Bremer by the kidnapers.

Prior to the payment of the ransom, a list of all serial numbers of the money used in the payment was obtained. Printed copies of this list have been made by the Division and distributed to all banks in the United States. As a result of this distribution, the officials of the Uptown State Bank, at Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, notified the Chicago Office of the Division that an individual had that day presented \$900, consisting of currency, which had been identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. A circular letter was immediately forwarded to all banks in Chicago calling attention to the list of ransom previously furnished each bank, with the request that the Chicago Division Office be immediately advised in the event an attempt was made to exchange this money.

On April 26, 1934 representatives of the City National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, reported that an individual had exchanged some of the Bremer ransom money, and that this individual was later identified as William E. Vidler, who frequents a certain address of questionable reputation. As a result of the information furnished

by the officials of this bank, Vidler was taken into custody and there was found on his person \$3,185.00, \$2,625 of which was identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, Vidler advised that he had obtained the money from one John J. McLaughlin, Sr., known to him as "Boss" McLaughlin. On April 28, 1934, McLaughlin was taken into custody and at first stated that he knew nothing concerning the Bremer case, but when advised that his son, Jack McLaughlin, had also been taken into custody, confessed to representatives of the Division his participation in the exchanging of Bremer ransom money at various Chicago banks, assisted by William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

When John J. McLaughlin, Jr. was taken into custody he denied that he was in possession of any money, but there was located in his hat band a sum of \$300.00, including \$85.00 identified as part of the Bremer ransom money.

John J. McLaughlin, Sr., in confessing his part in the Bremer case, stated that he first negotiated with one Frankie Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and was later introduced by Wright to individuals known as "Izzy" and "Slim"; that he agreed to exchange the money on a 5% cut basis and understood from information furnished by "Izzy" and "Slim" that the first \$100,000 to be exchanged was the "Hamm" ransom money paid by William F. Hamm of St. Paul to effect his release from a gang of kidnapers, and that \$200,000 paid by Edward G. Bremer would be forthcoming later. None of the Hamm money has been located, however. When William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney were taken into custody by Special Agents of the Division, they admitted in signed statements exchanging \$32,000 and \$24,000, respectively, of the ransom money for John J. McLaughlin, Sr.

Based upon the above information, there was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, a secret indictment charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, "Slim", "Izzy", Frankie Wright, John Doe and Richard Roe with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute dated June 22, 1932.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

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MR. EDWARDS
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MR. LESLIE
CHIEF CLERK
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago this morning, and advised him I had been advised by a local representative of a Chicago paper that he had received a telegram from his Chicago office stating that Federal Agents in Chicago yesterday arrested a man and has garnered \$3,000 of the Bremer ransom money. I told him that the Chicago correspondent requested confirmation of this story. Mr. Purvis stated he had no idea how this information had reached the press. He stated Mr. Nathan received an inquiry from the Associated Press this morning, they having received the information from St. Paul. Mr. Purvis felt the story would break today anyway, inasmuch as Mr. Nathan, with several of the Agents, had gone out to pick up McLaughlin, a West Side political man, who is under indictment in connection with a mail robbery. Videler had given the information that he received the Bremer ransom money from McLaughlin. A warrant was in process at the time, but the United States Attorney had suggested that they go on out to take McLaughlin into custody. They were trying to do this secretly. I told Mr. Purvis that when the story does break, I desire that he indicate exactly what the situation is, namely, that the arrests have been made, and that the persons arrested had some connection with the passing of the money in the Bremer case. I suggested that he not call the newspaper representatives in to give them the story, but just to give a brief statement upon inquiries. Mr. Purvis was reluctant to give out the information, but indicated he felt it would probably be better for the story to be given out at Washington, in view of the apparent feeling against him on the part of Chicago newspapers. In this connection he stated that his photograph was carried in yesterday's Chicago American, with an article mentioning only his "bad breaks". He stated that there is also an unfavorable editorial in the same paper concerning him, Mr. Purvis.

After talking to Mr. Purvis I telephoned Mr. Connor, of the Chicago Daily News, who had advised me of this flash, and stated that we had no comment to make, but suggested that Mr. Purvis would probably give out a statement in Chicago some time today.

Mr. Gates also telephoned to state he had received inquiries from both the Associated Press and United Press concerning this matter. I told him he might state that we are investigating the matter but that we have no comment to make.

I later telephoned Mr. Purvis to advise him of the telephone call received from a Chicago newspaper by Mr. Carusi, stating that an Agent of the Division at St. Paul had informed them that the Bremer money had been recovered, and that Mr. Purvis would give no information. I told him of the statement which I gave Mr. Carusi to the effect that he, Mr. Purvis, was acting upon specific

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instructions from Washington not to make any statement concerning this case at the present moment. Mr. Purvis stated he had just given out a statement that Videler was arrested yesterday, and that \$3185 was found on his person; that he had a previous record at Joliet; and that \$2685 was identified as Bremer kidnaping money.

Upon my inquiry, Mr. Purvis stated that the Chicago newspapers which have been particularly hostile toward him are the Chicago American, a Hearst paper; the Chicago Examiner, a Hearst paper also, though run by a separate organization; the Chicago Tribune, which is run by the McCormicks; and the Chicago Times. He stated the Chicago Daily News is also slightly assuming a hostile attitude, though not as much so as the other papers mentioned.

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BREKID NO DISCLOSURES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY THE CHICAGO OFFICE REGARDING THE BREMER OR DILLINGER HIDEOUTS. NEWSPAPER REPORTS HIDEOUT LOCATED BY AGENTS THIS ~~DIVISION~~ DIVISION NEAR CUBA CITY WISCONSIN AND NEAR GALENA ILLINOIS. INVESTIGATION ALREADY MADE AT GALENA ILLINOIS DID NOT DISCLOSE HIDEOUT. HOWEVER FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING MADE AND WILL REPORT RESULTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

PURVIS

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FURTHER REFERENCE MY TELETYPE TODAY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT DILLINGER AND BREMER HIDEOUT WAS LOCATED AT CUBA CITY WISCONSIN. WHEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT GALENA ILLINOIS AND JENKINSVILLE WISCONSIN SPECIAL AGENT GLYNN WAS ASSISTED BY THE SHERIFF AT GALENA. THE SHERIFF ADMITTED TO GLYNN THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD TOLD MR ROBERT MCKEAG, WHO REPRESENTS THE DUBUQUE TELEGRAPH AND ALSO A ROCKFORD ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER, OF THE INVESTIGATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED OVER THERE. THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT SHOW ANY RESULTS. MCKEAG DOES THE FINGERPRINT WORK AND PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK FOR THE SHERIFF AND IS ALSO A DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE CWA. THE MINE WHICH IS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS WAS LOCATED AT JANKINSVILLE WISCONSIN WHICH IS THREE MILES NORTH OF CUBA CITY. NO INFORMATION WAS RELEASED BY THIS OFFICE AND THE STORY APPEARS TO BE FALSE ENTIRELY

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This shows the peril of using local officers. They cannot keep their mouths shut.

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REFER TO RECENT LETTER MAY THIRD SHOWING BESSIE GREEN STATED THAT
BIG HOMER AND "DUTCH" WERE MEMBERS OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG AND WERE
PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH THEM AT TIME OF BREMER KIDNAPPING

SHE TONIGHT HAS IDENTIFIED THE PHOTO OF C D HARRIS AS "DUTCH" DES
MOINES IOWA NUMBER 9024 FPC 27 OVER 28 II OVER II 12 OVER 12
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MUCH HEAVIER PROBABLY WEIGHING OVER 200 POUNDS SEND TEN ENLARGED PHOTOS

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS SUSPECT FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ALSO SEND
TEN ENLARGED PHOTOS OF BILL WEAVER ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS A SUSPECT A
AND MEMBER OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG RUN BOTH THESE INDIVIDUALS PRINTS
AS WELL AS PAT REILLYS PRINTS THROUGH SINGLE FINGER PRINT FILE

BESSIE GREEN KNOWS "DUTCH" AND "BIG HOMER ALIAS "THE BIG BOY" WELL
HAS BEEN OUT ON PARTIES WITH THEM BUT SHE DOES NOT KNOW "BIG HOMERS"

NAME HE IS DESCRIBED BY HER AS FOLLOWS PLEASE TRY
NUMBERING MACHINE ON DESCRIPTIONS AS SEND PHOTOS OF PROBABILITIES
HEIGHT REAL TALL OVER SIX FEET WT OVER 200

COMPLEXION LIGHT FAIR HAIR LIGHT BROWN ALMOST BROWN MARRIED
HAS SON SEVEN OR EIGHT YRS OF AGE IS FRIEND OF HARRY MILLER NOW A
RESIDENT OF ST PAUL WHOSE PHOTO BEARS NUMBER 29955

PROBABLY LEAVENWORTH NUMBER AN ALIAS OF MILLER IS HARRY MOORE

HE IS XXXXXXXXX "BIG HOMER" IS ABOUT
YRS OF AGE HANGS OUT AROUND CICERO ILL
PFEIFFER OF TWIN CITIES

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY *gpc*

On the evening of May 14, 1934, after receipt of a teletype from Inspector Clegg wherein it was requested to advise the name of the fingerprint expert at the Division who could testify in the development and identification of latent fingerprints found on a gasoline can, and also the Police Department from which the fingerprint card was received in making the identification, I talked with Inspector Clegg after his conversation with Mr. Quinn, and advised him that Aaron Cohen, Technical Expert of the Identification Unit, who was then in St. Paul, had made the identification of the latent fingerprints on the gasoline can, and that Mr. J. C. Duncan is indicated on the fingerprint cards as the individual who took the fingerprints of Arthur R. Barker, No. 11059 and No. 11906, both fingerprint cards submitted by the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma on January 30, 1921 and February 10, 1922, respectively.

Inspector Clegg amplified his teletype request by requesting the name of the photographer who took the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which photograph had been identified by a clerk at St. Paul as resembling an individual to whom she had sold the flash lights. I told Mr. Clegg that I would obtain this information and have it furnished him immediately. A wire was accordingly sent to the Kansas City Office to ascertain the name of the photographer who had taken the photograph of Karpis at the Kansas State Penitentiary and furnish the information to Inspector Clegg.

All of the above information was confirmed by teletype and telegram on May 14, 1934.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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DIRECTOR

MIDDLETON STATES THAT HE CAN SECURE INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF KARPIS AND BARKER I DO NOT KNOW THAT HE IS EMPLOYED BY ATTORNEY FURLONG BUT AM CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THIS THIS INFORMANT IS VERY DEAF AND I HAVE SOME DOUBTS AS TO HIS HAVING OVERHEARD ANY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE SO CALLED NELLIE AND THE KIDNAPING GANG BUT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE WHAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEARN AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS OUTFIT

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EMPLOY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
MIDDLETON AT THE RATE OF SIX DOLLARS PER DAY FOR A PERIOD
OF THREE DAYS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE CAN PRODUCE INFORMATION
CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS. KEEP THE DIVISION
ADVISED AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

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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,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated May 18, 1934 with which was transmitted copies of a full-length photograph of William Elmer Head, #5647, taken by the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, together with an abstract of the criminal record as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

It appears that this individual is suspected of having perpetrated a fraud against Martin Wunderlich of St. Paul. The Division desires that this matter be thoroughly investigated, and therefore, the offices receiving copies of this letter should make every effort to locate Head and thoroughly question him concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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May 21, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....
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CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the teletypewriter message from Chicago advising that the United States Marshal had been requested by Judge Sullivan to postpone the removal of McLaughlin, Jr. to St. Paul until tomorrow noon, affording him an opportunity to make bond, I talked with Mr. Waters in Chicago, who advised that McLaughlin had already been released on a \$5,000 bond, approved by Judge Sullivan at Chicago, that the First Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, who was handling the matter, had endeavored to have the amount of the bond increased but without success, and that it was within the jurisdiction of the Judge in Chicago to release McLaughlin on bond for his appearance in St. Paul.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

John F. ...

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May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

McLaughlin and others, charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward Bremer, and previously ordered by United States Commissioner Walker removed to St. Paul, filed a petition for habeas corpus before the United States District Court, which was today overruled.

They were given until two o'clock this afternoon to file the necessary papers for appeal.

In the event that they so do, I have instructed the United States Attorney at Chicago to take proper steps to urge vigorously that the amount of bail be raised in accordance with that originally fixed before its reduction by the United States Commissioner.

Joseph B. Keenan
JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
Assistant Attorney General.

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John J. McLaughlin
Edward Bremer

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 19, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1934,
requesting that this office endeavor to secure photograph
and fingerprints of Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin.

A search of the records at the Chicago Police Department
through their arrest records, Vagrancy Bureau records, and the
Bureau of Identification, failed to disclose any record on
Jew Eddie.

Information was secured at the Detective Division that there was
a Chicago hoodlum, known as Red McLaughlin, but that this
McLaughlin has been dead for several years. He is therefore
probably not identical with Red McLaughlin mentioned in your
letter, and in the report of Agent K.R. McIntire, dated at Chicago,
Illinois, February 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1,
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
May 14, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 615,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218,
ET AL
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Under date of May 14, 1934, a telegram was received from the Division instructing this office to advise you as to the name and address of the individual who had photographed Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 1539.

Immediate telephonic communication was had with Mr. Wilson, Record Clerk of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and he advised that at the time the above mentioned photograph had been taken, which was on May 12, 1934, photographs of inmates were being taken by one of the convicts; further advising that it would be impossible for him to check his records that night, May 14, 1934, but he would advise the following day.

The following day, Mr. R. D. Payne of the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, called at the Kansas City office and advised that the photograph in question of Karpis had been taken by one Fred Jackson, who at the time, had been incarcerated under No. 6394 on a charge of burglary. Payne further stated that his information was to the effect that Fred Jackson was presently incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, under Register No. 38106.

Telephonic communication was had with Special Agent W. R. Gaines, Assistant to the Deputy Warden, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, and he permitted convict Fred Jackson, C. Sp. Ar. Jackson, to speak over the telephone with Special Agent K. who is presently incarcerated at Jefferson City under the above

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register number, having been received on January 18, 1931, under a sentence of from 10 to 21 years for robbery, which has later been reduced to from 5 to 10 years, stated that he was the official photographer of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, during May, 1930; further stating that he has examined the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas Penitentiary No. 1559, which appears upon Identification Order No. 1218, but he could not definitely recall any details of having taken that picture. His only statement in this regard would be to the effect that he took all photographs of inmates at that time and as a register number was assigned for an inmate, the register numbers were listed on a pad of paper and as the photographs were taken Jackson in his own handwriting would set out the name of the inmate after the appropriate register number on this pad of paper. Jackson, of course, could not state whether these pads of paper with his original handwriting notes thereon are maintained as a permanent record at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. In the event this point becomes necessary to determine in the future, please advise this office and further inquiries will be made at the Lansing Penitentiary in an endeavor to locate Jackson's original record. Jackson advised that he made a distinguishing mark upon the negative of the photograph by which he might identify the same.

Believing that you might desire someone other than a convict to verify and identify a photograph of Karpis as having been taken by a particular individual, inquiries were made at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department relative the individual who took the standing photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, Mo., Police Department No. 17902. It was ascertained that this photograph of Karpis, copies of which were furnished you with your copy of a letter from the Division to the St. Louis office dated May 1, 1934, had been taken by one L. E. Jones, who at the time was employed as the official photographer of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, but was now said to be employed by the Katz Drug Company at 1130 Walnut Street and residing at 815 Ryandotte, Kansas City, Mo.

The substance of the above information was furnished by telegram to you on May 15, 1934.

Subsequent to the above, Mr. Lewis D. Jones, above named, appeared at the Kansas City Division office, pursuant

to telephonic request, and upon examining the photograph of Karpis advised that he recalled having taken that original photograph. Mr. Jones stated that he is no longer employed by the Katz Drug Company, nor does he reside at the address given on Wyandotte, as apparently he has had difficulty with his wife and has left and now has a private business in Suite 327, 818 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, his telephone number there being Harrison 1928. In the event his location is desired and it cannot be obtained at that address, he suggested that he could be located through his brother, Frank Jones of the Goldblatt Tool Company, 1522 Walnut Street, Telephone Number Harrison 3648.

Jones remarked that he recalled definitely two characteristics of Karpis, one of which was that he was continually pushing out his chin and drawing his neck upward as if his collar was too tight, or as if he had some ailment with his throat. The other peculiarity was that he would continually rub his right thumb on his index finger of his right hand.

During the conversation with Mr. Jones, it was explained that it might be necessary at some later date to use him before a Federal Court or Grand Jury to identify the photograph of Karpis, which he had taken, and he indicated that he would be glad to cooperate in this respect.

Very truly yours,

E. I. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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K.C. NO. 8-15-1934

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

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BREKID ALVIN KARPIS KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER FIFTEEN THREE NINE
PHOTOGRAPHED BY FRED JACKSON MAY NINETEEN THIRTY INMATE OF KANSAS STATE

PENITENTIARY JACKSON PRESENTLY CONVICT NUMBER THREE EIGHT TEN SIX STATE
PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI STOP PHOTOGRAPHE ALVIN KARPIS KANSAS

CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER SEVENTEEN NINETY TWO FURNISHED WITH
DIVISION LETTER ST. LOUIS MAY FIRST LAST TAKEN BY L D JONES FORMERLY KANSAS CITY

MISSOURI POLICE OFFICER NOW EMPLOYED KATZ DRUG COMPANY ELEVEN THIRTY WALNUT
RESIDENCE EIGHT FIFTEEN WYANDOTTE KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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Des Moines, Ia.
May 17, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clegg,
Division of Investigation
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 25, 1934, regarding the above matter, and particularly with reference to the locating of Myrtle Eaton.

The mail cover here has produced the following information: The letters received are all local and have been delivered to the following address:

[REDACTED]

Investigation of this address 2315 East 37th Street, reveals that the Mrs. Pheasant is the mother of a former police officer of Des Moines, Ia. who was killed several years ago in an accident. I located this officers wife Mrs. Mariel Sheppard, 2708 East Grand Ave. and finding her to be a responsible person, I have had her drop out to see her former mother-in-law and to incidentally talk with Ruby Jones whom she has known for a number of years. Ruby Jones talked rather confidentially with Mrs. Sheppard and stated that she was terribly worried about her sister, Myrtle. Mrs. Sheppard advised me today that for some time she has been talking about making a trip to St. Paul, and had occasion to ask Ruby where her sister lived, and she gave the address 555 Portland Ave. St. Paul, Minn. Apartment #106, which I noticed is the address you already have. Further conversation brought out the fact that Myrtle has a boy friend Bill (apparently Bill Weaver) who comes into see her off an on, and that she was apparently going to see Bill in the next few days. Ruby stated that she wished Mort would stay away from that fellow.

It was further learned that Ruby Jones' full name is Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones and that she and her husband Dick Jones used to live on a farm on the edge of town, but as he would not work she moved back to town and is now working at Lederer Strans & Co. 305 Court St. Des Moines. While Dick Jones her husband has been away for quite awhile, he is at present back living with his wife. Dick Jones is described as age 28, height 5-8, weight 145-50, very thin, grey beady eyes, black hair, shifty looking, and limps with left foot.

Ruby Jones shortly after the first of May was operated on at the University Hospital at Iowa City, Ia. and was very ill. There is some indication that she wanted to get in touch with her sister but could not find her, so had her Aunt Mrs. D. Somers at her bedside.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

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is a barber in the Florentine Barber Shop, 404 - 7th Street, Des Moines. He has two other uncles living in the city, but their names are unknown at this time.

It was further learned that several weeks ago, Baby Jones and her boy friend, name unknown, together with Berdina Particoper and her husband, Dan made a trip to Ottumwa, Ia. to meet another couple and to spend the weekend. The names of these parties are unknown, however, Mrs. Particoper is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Sheppard, and the latter will try to discreetly ascertain further information from her regarding Baby Jones.

Also living at this 2315 West 37th Street address is a Miss Amanda Halrymp le, about whom I am unable to obtain very much information.

The informant at the address of 2704 S. E. 6th Street, Des Moines, Ia. has produced no information. This is the home of Winnie Eaton, who lives there with Charles "Chuck" Conlan, bootlegger and gambler, who operates a drug store on the side. An informant advised me yesterday, that Conlan and Winnie Eaton had just purchased a brand new Packard automobile, described as a "\$2500 job". I will endeavor to trace this car down and find out how and where it was purchased.

As soon as Myrtle Eaton is located, I wish you would advise me, so that further inquiries along this line will not be necessary.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent.

cc- Division
Kansas City

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

May 18, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
302 Federal Building,
Butte, Montana.

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.

This office is in receipt of a letter postmarked at
Sunburst, Montana, dated May 14, 1934, addressed to M. F. Kinkead,
St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Kinkead is County Prosecuting Attorney of
Ramsay County at St. Paul. Contained therein is a note, as follows:

"NATHAN KINKEAD YOU MIGHT INVESTIGATE NICE
GORDON, OF SHELBY MONT. ABOUT BOTH OF THE
ST PAUL KIDNAPING. SULLIVAN HOTEL
HEADQUARTERS FOR CROOKS."

The above was printed with a pencil.

Please make inquiries to ascertain the identity of
GORDON and whether there is any possibility of there being a
connection as inferred.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MORER,

Inspector.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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May 15 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file #7-82 in the matter of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al. Edward G. Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping.

Kindly furnish this office with a copy of the report of Agent Gillispie, dated Chicago, March 29, 1934 and copies of reports submitted in this matter by your office subsequent to March 29th, with the exception of the report of Agent Billings dated April 18th.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Inspector Rorer, St. Paul
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P.O. Box 64
Buffalo, N. Y.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of May 12, 1934, we
enclose herewith copy of list of Immigration Offices in
Canada along the New York State border.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

LCS:EB

May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul yesterday, making inquiry as to the date of the photograph of James McDonough, K file number 1760. He indicated that this person resembled "Big Homer", member of the Barker-Karpis gang, connected with the Bremer kidnaping. I checked our file and found that the photograph in Mr. Clegg's possession was the latest appearing in our file and that it was taken in 1931.

Mr. Clegg also asked that other records be checked to see if we had more recent photographs in the cases of William Weaver and Clyde Linerick. A check of the files revealed more recent photographs which had been sent over to Mr. Newby, who was informed of the facts and stated he would communicate with Mr. Clegg.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In accordance with the request of Mr. Newby there are transmitted herewith 6 copies of the complete criminal record of Clyde Wimerick with aliases, Des Moines Police Department #9024.

The following description appears on fingerprints submitted by the Des Moines Police Department December 31, 1931:

Color - White
Nationality - American
Age - 34
Height - 5' 9 3/4"
Weight - 170
Build - Medium
Complexion - Medium
Eyes - Blue
Hair - Brown
Residence - Minneapolis, Minn.
Place of Birth - Parsons, Kansas.

On fingerprints received February 11, 1918, from Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, the following appears under remarks: "Small scar in center of forehead. Brown mole at base of neck on spine."

On fingerprints received December 2, 1919, from Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, the name of John Ryan #8578 appears as an accomplice.

On fingerprints received from the Sheriff's Office, Albia, Iowa, in December 1921, the name of John Ryan also appears as an accomplice.

It is observed on fingerprints received from the Police Department, Denver, Colorado, where he was received on March 12, 1924, that his residence is indicated as being Floater: Loma Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Relative Wife, Ona Woodruff #9247. On this same print the following appears under modus operandi:

"With Ona Woodruff 9247 James E. Reynolds 9249 & J. B. Ross 9250 alleged to be wanted for the robbery of a bank (Yeggs) at Walton Kansas & the blowing of the Continental Oil Safe at Phoenix, Ariz. 1934 P. Bought two Lafayette autos giving in payment \$20,000 worth of bonds stolen from the Walton Bank. Believed to be wanted all through the country for various yegg jobs."

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On prints received from Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, February 5, 1925, the date of birth appears as November 23, 1892. Birthplace, Illinois. Occupation, chauffeur. The following also appears under scars and marks:

"I. Vac cic upr otr; ct cic 1st phlx inr; etc cic base of thumb otr; ct cic bas of 1st phlx otr; II. clear; III. dent cic above rt eye; Mole back of neck; pitted cic corner mouth lft side."

There are transmitted herewith 6 copies of the photograph submitted with the fingerprints received from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, February 5, 1925.

Respectfully,


L. C. Schilder.

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Mr. E. E. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
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:

Reference is made to your teletype message dated May 14, 1934, copy of which was furnished the Chicago Office, wherein you informed the Division that Bessie Green had identified the photograph of one C. D. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa Police Department Number 9024, as an individual known to her as "Dutch", a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. It appears that this individual is identical with Clyde Wimerick, Division Number 77961, who has been considered as a suspect in this case from the outset. Enlarged photographs of this individual and William Weaver, St. Paul Police Department Number 23452, Division Number 17920, were forwarded to you airmail special delivery, under separate cover.

There are transmitted to each of the offices indicated below, copies of memoranda prepared in the Identification Unit, setting forth information obtained from the files of that Unit, with respect to Clyde Wimerick and William Weaver, together with the abstracts of criminal records of each of these individuals. Each of the offices receiving a copy of this letter should make appropriate investigation in their districts in order to ascertain the dispositions of the arrests indicated on the criminal record and the circumstances surrounding the arrests, with a view to establishing the identity of their associates, and any other information which will be helpful to the Division.

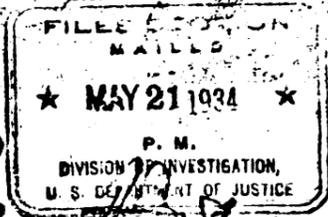
A photograph of each individual is enclosed with each copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 691989

cc - Chicago
Kansas City
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City



UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE 5/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2 to 5/15/34	REPORT MADE BY J. S. MURPHY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Records of C. H. Dockson & Company, Detroit, Michigan examined and list of firms to whom "#524 M & L Goggles, Welders Model" were sold obtained and efforts to trace same set out herein.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated at Chicago, Illinois 3/13/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">During the above period and as time was available to Agent, the goggles known as "#524 M & L Goggle, Welders Model" which were shipped by Chicago Eye Shield Company of Chicago, Illinois to C. H. Dockson Company of Detroit, Michigan and which are the same make as were used by the kidnapers in this case, were traced by Agent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. H. Dockson Company is now located at 2885 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. Agent interviewed Mr. H. S. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer of this company and he made available for Agent's inspection the books and records of that company. From the perpetual inventory records of this company it was found that during the period of September 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932 that Company only received 98 pair of "#524 M & L Goggles, Welders Model. It will be noted that this does not agree with the records of the Chicago Eye Shield Company of Chicago, Illinois as the report of reference indicates that a great many more goggles were shipped to C. H. Dockson Company during that period. Mr. Davis of C. H. Dockson Company stated, however, it was possible that the balance of these goggles were Chippers Model and not Welders Model. Mr. Davis further advised that none of the goggles ordered by their company ever come equipped with "Essentialite" lenses. He stated that this was because of the fact that most of the goggles sold by this company are sold to industrial concerns in the City of Detroit and that the safety engineers in these companies have</p>			
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found that the Essentialite lens is not the best lens for welding as it permits different rays to penetrate the glass, which rays have been very harmful to the eyes. Mr. Davis stated, however, that they do carry in stock a small supply of Essentialite lenses and he showed Agent their stock of these lenses which consisted of not more than ten pairs. From the records as above stated, it was learned that these goggles were sold to the following firms and in the following amounts:

WELDING METALS COMPANY
122 E. LARNED STREET
DETROIT, MICHIGAN • 10 Pairs

At this company the manager advised that their records indicated that they bought the frames only and this was for the purpose of installing their own make of lenses which do not in any way resemble the Essentialite lens. The manager of this company advised that the Welding Metals Company has never handled the Essentialite lens nor do they ever have any calls for them. He stated that because of the fact most of their sales are cash sales sold in the Retail Department, it would be impossible for him to tell to whom these goggles were sold.

UNI FLO GRILLE
4646 LAWTON AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN • 1 Pair

Miss Moyer of the Allied Products Company, of which the Uni Flo Grille is a subsidiary, advised that she was purchasing agent for the Allied Products Company and their subsidiaries and that their records indicated these goggles were purchased on April 16, 1932 and that they bore #6 Cesco Weld lenses. A check was made by her and it was found that these goggles are still in the possession of that company, further stating that their company has never used a goggle with the Essentialite lenses.

ALLIED PRODUCTS COMPANY
4646 LAWTON AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN • 1 Pair

Miss Moyer, purchasing agent of this company, advised that these goggles bore #6 Cesco Weld lenses and that they are still in the possession of that company. This pair of goggles as well as the pair sold to Uni Flo Grille were both shown to Agent.

GRIFFIN WHEEL COMPANY
2270 BEECHER
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 1 Pair

Mr. B. A. Compton, Chief Clerk of the Griffin Wheel Company from an examination of their records, advised that they show the purchase of one pair of M & L Goggles, Welders Type, from C. H. Dockson Company and that they bore Super Safety Lenses. These goggles are still in the possession of Griffin Wheel Company and were shown to Agent. At the present time they are equipped with a clear lens. Mr. Compton stated that their company had never had more than one pair of these goggles.

LUDINGTON NEWS COMPANY
4743 FOURTH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 1 Pair

Mr. A. G. Ludington, Manager of Ludington News Company, when interviewed advised Agent that their company had a fire and theft on March 10, 1934 and at this time the above goggles as well as all their welding and cutting equipment were stolen. Mr. Ludington brought Mr. Everett Hammell, Garageman of the Ludington News Company, to the office and he was interviewed by Agent and advised that he had used the goggles which had been purchased from C. H. Dockson Company and he also verified the theft of the same. He stated, however, these goggles were not equipped with the Essentialite lenses; that it was his impression that they had Super Safety lenses.

LONG MANUFACTURING COMPANY
2768 E. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan - 1 Pair

Mr. R. B. Scott, purchasing manager for the Long Manufacturing Company, was interviewed, verified the purchase of these goggles from his records which showed they were purchased on December 19, 1931. He stated that at the time these goggles were purchased, their company was working on a job for the Studebaker Company; that they had a number of men welding at that time and all goggles were charged to the Welding Department rather than to the men. He stated that as a result of this a number of goggles were lost and that it was impossible to trace this particular pair. He advised, however, that their company has never used an Essentialite lens in any of their goggles. The manager of the stock room as well as the foreman of the Welding Shop of the Long Manufacturing Company were interviewed by Agent and an attempt was made to trace this particular pair of goggles. They stated, however, that although they recalled having some goggles of the type in question in their stock room at one time, they no longer have these and it was impossible to tell what might have happened to them.

PALMER BEE COMPANY
WESTMINSTER & GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 1 Pair

The purchasing agent of this company was interviewed and after an examination of his records he advised that the same did not show that their company had ever purchased a pair of these goggles from C. H. Dockson Company. The foreman of the Welding Shop was interviewed by Agent and he immediately recalled these goggles. He stated they were brought over on approval by one of the salesmen for C. H. Dockson Company for workmen who wore glasses, but that this goggle did not prove satisfactory and they were returned the same day. The welding foreman advised he has been with Palmer Bee Company for a number of years and to his knowledge they have never had a pair of goggles in their shop. He further advised that they do not use an Essentialite lens because of the fact that it permits harmful rays to penetrate the eyes.

JEFFERS BROTHERS
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 1 Pair

At Jeffers Brothers it was learned from Mr. Jeffers, the President of this company, that these goggles were purchased for a man by the name of Henry Michaud, who was doing some welding for their company but that he is no longer with them.

Henry Michaud was located by Agent at the Linwood Garage, 2618 Montgomery Street, Detroit, Michigan and upon being interviewed, advised Agent that these goggles were still in his possession. They were shown to Agent.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION
(Plymouth Plant)
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 6 Pairs

At the general offices of the Plymouth Plant of the Chrysler Corporation, the records were examined and although the records show the receipt of these goggles, the Purchasing Agent advised that it would be impossible to trace the same. He stated that their records indicate that they were sent to the store room where they were placed in stock. He advised that the Chrysler Corporation at that time kept a great quantity of welders goggles.

on hand and that these were placed in the bins with the other goggles and that when they were charged out to the men, all goggles were charged out as welders goggles without specifying what make or type. He also stated that occasionally goggles are taken up and sent over to be repaired and sterilized and that one hundred or one hundred and fifty pairs are taken over at one time. When the goggles are taken over to be sterilized, a like number of goggles are brought back at the same time and that once a pair of goggles gets into the factory it loses its identity. The purchasing agent as well as the safety engineer for Chrysler Corporation advised Agent, however, that their company has never used an Essentialite lens in goggles.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION
(Kercheval Plant)
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 6 Pairs

At the office of this company the records were examined and they indicate that on May 20, 1932, six pairs of Special Cescop Weld Slipover glasses were received from C. H. Dockson Company. This shipment corresponds as to date and quantity with the records of C. H. Dockson Company. However, the type of goggles shown on the records of the Chrysler Kercheval Plant, are not identical with the records of C. H. Dockson Company. The purchasing agent of the Chrysler Kercheval Plant advised it is knowledge their company never purchased any of the 524 M & L Welders Model Goggles from C. H. Dockson Company as they have a contract for the purchase of goggles with Boyer Campbell Company of Detroit, Michigan. At this plant Agent was further advised that even if they had purchased this type of goggle it would be impossible to trace them any further than the stock room; that during the period in question several hundred pairs of welders goggles were kept on hand at one time and that when goggles were received at their plant they were taken to the stock room and placed in the bins with all of the other goggles and that a small quantity of goggles would lose identity in the stock room.

BRIGGS MANUFACTURING CO.
Highland Park Plant
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 6 Pairs

The records of this company indicate receipt of the goggles from C. H. Dockson Company and also show that they were sent from the Receiving Department to the stock room. An attempt was made to trace these goggles out of the stock room, however, the storekeeper advised that they have no record to whom these particular goggles were issued nor would it be possible to tell how many of these goggles are still on hand. He advised that several hundred pairs of goggles were kept in stock by their company and that there was a big loss and breakage in this particular item. He advised, however, that their company does not use the Essentialite lens on any of its goggles because of safety regulations.

DETROIT GRAY IRON FOUNDRY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 5 Pairs

At the above company Agent was advised that it was impossible to trace these particular goggles any further than the store room; that there is no record to whom these goggles were issued nor was it possible to tell whether these particular goggles are still on hand. They advised that they have ordered a great number of goggles of this general type from C. H. Dockson Company but could not state what happened to these five pairs as the goggles upon being received, are placed in the store room and lose their identity. They advised, however, that their company does not use an Essentialite lens in welders goggles.

ROBERT WAY
10465 Knodell
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 2 Pairs

Mr. Way was interviewed by Agent where he was employed at Jack's Welding Shop at the above address. He advised that these goggles are still in the possession of the above company and both pairs were shown to Agent. These goggles do not have an Essentialite lens.

BOYER CAMPBELL CO.
EAST GRAND BOULEVARD
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 7 Pairs

At the above company Mr. Dowdy, manager of the Purchasing Department was interviewed. He stated that their company does a wholesale business and that the goggles purchased from C. H. Dockson Company were later sold by them. From their records it was ascertained that two pairs were sold to the United States Tire Company, two pairs to Holcroft Company and three pairs to Detroit Edison Company; that all seven pairs of these goggles, according to their records, were equipped with Super Safety Lenses.

At the U. S. TIRE COMPANY located on E. Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan, an examination of their records showed the receipt of these two pairs of goggles on 11/9/32. The records of the store department were examined but it was impossible to trace these goggles beyond the stock room. The records do not indicate to whom they were ever issued. The manager of the stock room advised that he recalled these goggles but that he has not seen them for perhaps six or eight months. It is impossible to tell whether they are still in their possession and there is a great loss in this particular item.

At the HOLCROFT COMPANY, Detroit, Michigan the records show that two pairs of goggles were received from Boyer Campbell Company on June 21, 1932 but these goggles cannot be traced beyond the stockroom. They are no longer in the possession of Holcroft Company and it is not known to whom these goggles were issued.

At the DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, records show the receipt of three pairs of goggles equipped with Super Safety lenses in June 1932. The purchasing agent of the Detroit Edison Company advised that their company does not use an amber lens in any of its goggles as amber lenses are objected to by the safety department. He stated they keep a large supply of goggles on hand at all times and that these goggles were placed with their supply and it is impossible to tell from their records to whom they were issued or to what plant they might have been sent as equipment of this kind is all purchased through the main office and might be sent to plants in other cities and that their record would show that a certain number of goggles were sent out but would not show what type or make.

MR. SULLIVAN
3736 Vermont
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 1 Pair Frames Only

Investigation in the 3700 block on Vermont Street showed that there was no address such as 3736 Vermont. There is an address 3736, which is the last address in the 3700 block, but this place is vacant. It is a small apartment above what appeared to have been a grocery store at one time. It was learned that C. J. Bowers is the rental agent for these premises. Mr. Bowers was interviewed at his office, 3210 Grand River, Detroit, Michigan. He stated he has no recollection of anyone by the name of Sullivan ever having lived at this address. A neighborhood investigation was conducted in the 3700 block, Vermont Street, but Agent was unable to find anyone who had heard of a man by the name of Sullivan living in that neighborhood.

C. H. DAVIS SERVICE & SUPPLY CO.
4108 DETROIT AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 1 Pair

Investigation was conducted at Cleveland, Ohio by Special Agent R. C. Chapman from the Detroit office and it was found that this pair of goggles is still in the possession of the C. H. Davis Service & Supply Company and these were shown to Agent Chapman.

At the different industrial plants to whom goggles were sold by C. H. Dockson Company, the photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to storekeepers to determine whether anyone answering their descriptions could be recalled as ever having been employed by any of these companies. None of the storekeepers, however, recalled anyone answering the descriptions of these men ever having been employed by their companies and to whom goggles might have been issued.

In addition to the above goggles, it was ascertained that C. H. Dockson Company shipped goggles to the following companies in the territory covered by the Chicago office:

Wolverine Optical Company Grand Rapids, Michigan	1 Pair
Hayes Body Corporation Grand Rapids, Michigan	10 Pairs
Kent-Moore Organization Kalamazoo, Michigan	3 Pairs

A letter was sent to the Chicago office advising them of this information and also requesting that that office conduct the necessary investigation at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

Letters are being sent to the following companies outside of Detroit, Michigan and within the territory covered by Detroit, who purchased goggles, as follows:

Kellogg Company Battle Creek, Michigan	12 Pairs
Mueller Brass Company Port Huron, Michigan	1 Pair
Wickes Biler Company Saginaw, Michigan	3 Pairs
Pere Marquette Railroad Co. Saginaw, Michigan	3 Pairs
Consumers Power Company Flint, Michigan	1 Pair
Ingram County Road Commissioner Mason, Michigan	1 Pair

In accordance with report of reference, the goggles forwarded as samples to this office are being returned to Chicago herewith.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: The DETROIT OFFICE will report the results obtained from circularizing the above companies.

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

May 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnaping case involving Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, victim, this is to request that the following notice be posted on the Division's fingerprint file with respect to Edward Rudick, New York City Police Department No. B-107316; Division of Investigation No. 710269: ✓

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"This party is wanted for questioning concerning the whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, I.O. 1196. See letter from New York office to Jacksonville office dated 4/27/34 and report of Agent Main, dated Jacksonville, 5/15/34 in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al. Rudick is a friend of Phillips, and was in contact with him in New York City in September, 1932."

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Very truly yours,

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

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- MR. RORER

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BREKID JOE MIDDLETON 6201 BLACKSTONE AVENUE CHICAGO CALLED AT THIS OFFICE THIS MORNING AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT BY AN ATTORNEY NAMED WILLIAM E FURLONG OF 8019 SOUTH CARPENTER ST CHICAGO TO STPAUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING ON HAMM CASE. MIDDLETON STATES THAT FURLONGS INTEREST IN THE HAMM CASE WAS AS A CITIZEN ONLY. INFORMANT STATES THAT HE WARNED BREMER FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS KIDNAPED THAT HE WOULD BE KIDNAPED. HE DID THIS THROUGH A REPORTER FOR THE STPAUL DAILY NEWS OR TIMES. HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM A WOMAN NAMED NELLIE WHOM HE BEFRIENDED SOME YEARS AGO. HE STATES ALSO THAT A MAN NAMED SHIELDS, INITIALS UNKNOWN AND FURTHER DETAILS UNKNOWN, OF STPAUL IS TO BE KIDNAPED. I WILL HAVE INQUIRIES MADE IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING FURLONG AND ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE MORE ABOUT MIDDLETON. HOWEVER REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PAY HIM SIX DOLLARS A DAY FOR A FEW DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING HIS VALUE AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MR NATHAN THAT ONE L J SHIELDS OF STPAUL WOULD BE KIDNAPED. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A NEWSPAPER MAN IN CHICAGO. FOR INFORMATION STPAUL OFFICE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SHIELDS IN POSSESSION OF CHICAGO OFFICE

Edward G Bremer
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
CHICAGO

May 21, 1934

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YOUR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PAY JOE MIDDLETON
INFORMANT SIX DOLLARS PER DAY DOES NOT INDICATE NATURE OF INFORMATION
EXPECTED FROM THIS INFORMANT OR POSSIBILITIES OF HIS OBTAINING INFORMATION
OR WHETHER HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY ATTORNEY WILLIAM S FURLONG IN CONNECTION
WITH HANNA KIDNAPING CASE OR WHETHER HE HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Mr. M. E. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have just read your teletype message, advising of how the information reached the press concerning the investigation made by Agent Glynn at Galena, Illinois, and Jenkinstown, Wisconsin. I note that the Sheriff at Galena, who assisted Agent Glynn, states that he told the representative of the Dubuque Telegraph and the Rockford, Illinois, newspaper of the investigation which was conducted. I think that in the future, any investigative activity which we have occasion to conduct at Galena or its vicinity should be conducted by our Agents without seeking the assistance of the Sheriff. Obviously he is too garrulous an individual in whom to impose any confidence. We have been considerably annoyed and embarrassed today by newspaper inquiries concerning this information which the Sheriff gave out. Consequently, I desire that in the future we endeavor to conduct our own investigations at Galena without the assistance of the present Sheriff.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director.



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Edward G. Brennan

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



May 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated May 17, 1934, which was distributed to all field offices, together with a chart showing the make and model of automobiles thought to be in the possession of the Barker-Karpis gang. Please be advised that car as set out on the list as No. 9, being Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor No. 18-304,794, was purchased on June 10, 1933, from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the name of Edwin Bergstrom, 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This car was transferred on January 5, 1934, to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

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It is also noted on the Division's chart that there appears a notation in connection with cars No. 7 and No. 9 that Minnesota license plates No. B-45372, issued for Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554674, being car No. 7; and 1934 Minnesota license plates B-75038, issued for Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor 18-304797, were intercepted and not delivered. Please be advised that the actual license plates were not intercepted and apparently were obtained by members of the Barker-Karpis gang. However, the registration cards covering these license plates were intercepted.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

May 19, 1934.

REV/AP.

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

Dear Sir:

You will recall some time ago the writer was in Reno, Nevada, in connection with the Frisch kidnaping case and also the Bremer kidnaping case.

A search was made by the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies for copies of wires which might have been sent out by Subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case to any of their friends from Reno, and with a view to possibly locating something on the Frisch kidnaping case. A detailed search was made for several months, and it was necessary to employ help to make this search, and the Postal Telegraph Company has now submitted a bill for \$36.50.

Do you desire that this bill be submitted in voucher form? If I am not mistaken, I believe it is the Division's desire that I personally pay this bill in amount \$36.50, and blue-slip same.

I will appreciate it if you will advise just how this voucher should be submitted. The Postal Telegraph Company has submitted the names of the employees and the dates and hours they worked.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge

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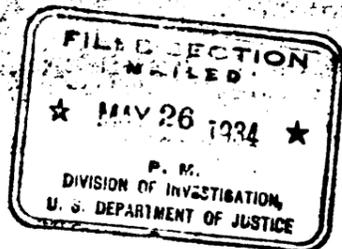
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 18, 1934,
concerning the special services rendered by the Postal
and Western Union Telegraph Companies in connection with
the Bremer and the Frisch kidnaping cases, you are ad-
vised that the expenses incurred should be claimed by
blue slip.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division's letter dated
May 17, 1934, requesting that dispositions be obtained
to complete the criminal record of HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER,
Division's file No. 421325. Disposition sheet covering
the arrest of Sawyer as Harry Sandovich, Minneapolis
Police Department No. 16479, showing the disposition to
be: fined \$100 on October 9, 1918, is submitted herewith.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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MR. RORER

March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Re: Letter of March 26th, from
the Postmaster General -
Subject - White Bear Lake, Minn.,
Lock Box, Mr. E. V. Davis.

Will you please let me have your sug-
gestions in connection with the attached.

William Stanley
William Stanley
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

There is inclosed a copy of a report submitted under date of March 16, 1934, by Inspector John Streich. It will be noted that in an effort to obtain possession of mail addressed to certain patrons of the post office at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, a special agent of the Department of Justice sent a spurious forwarding order (copy herewith) to the postmaster at White Bear Lake, directing that the mail in question be forwarded to St. Paul, Minnesota. We have been informed that the special agent who accompanied Inspector Streich to White Bear Lake prior to the time the forwarding order was sent is Mr. E. J. Notesteen.

It appears that a violation of 18 U. S. C. 317 (Section 2347, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1932) would have occurred except for the intervention of the inspector, and the matter is brought to your attention for suitable action.

Very truly yours,


Postmaster General.

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Post Office Department

John Streich,
Inspector

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

CASE No. Special.

Saint Paul, Minnesota, March 16, 1934.

Subject: White Bear Lake, Minnesota: Rental of a lock box on January 12, 1934, by Mr. E. V. Davis.

Report Enclosed
Transmitted by Special Agent

MAR 16 1934

M. J. Ryan,
Inspector in Charge

Inspector in Charge,

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

1. On January 24th, last, Mr. Werner Hanni, the special agent in charge of the local office of the Department of Justice, advised you, as I recall it, that he was interested in some mail which evidently was being held for delivery through a lock box to Mr. E. V. Davis at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. It is understood that it was stated that Mr. Davis was suspected of a law violation, and it was indicated that I should, if possible, accompany a Department of Justice agent to White Bear Lake for the purpose of examining Mr. Davis' mail. Your wishes were complied with, and, as a result, the Department of Justice agent (whose name I do not remember) took tracings of the handwriting on the one letter and one postal card which we found in Mr. Davis' box. The latter contained a third piece of mail but this article consisted only of a motor vehicle registration card issued by the State Automobile Department at St. Paul, Minnesota.

2. On the morning of January 26th, the postmaster at White Bear Lake indicated in a long-distance telephone call that he had received an order for the forwarding to the Saint Paul general delivery of the mail which he was holding for Mr. Davis and inquired whether the request should be complied with. Inasmuch as assurances were given that the forwarding order appeared to be genuine and regular, the inquiry was replied to in the affirmative and interrogation was made concerning the time at which the mail would be dispatched. Upon being advised that the forwarded matter would arrive in Saint Paul on Duluth and Minneapolis R. O., Train 61, which is due here at 12:45 P. M., this information was communicated to the local office of the Department of Justice.

3. At about 1:30 P. M. on January 26th, the agent in whose company I had visited White Bear Lake called on me and confided that he or one of his associates had filed the forwarding order

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referred to above. He also indicated that he desired to call for the redirected matter. However, in view of the circumstances, it was suggested that it might be best not to obtain the articles.

4. The forwarding order hereinbefore alluded to is being attached.

John P. Hill
Inspector.

Postmaster,

For next five days
please forward mail addressed
to E V Davis + J. L. Marten
in Box 254 to General
Delivery, Saint Paul, Minn.

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

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 15, 1934, wherein you requested suggestions in connection with an attached letter dated March 26, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Postmaster General James A. Farley, forwarding a copy of a report submitted under date of March 15, 1934, by Inspector John Streich, St. Paul, Minnesota, reporting the activities of Special Agents attached to the St. Paul Office of this Division, whereby the Postmaster at White Bear Lake, Minnesota had been requested to forward to General Delivery at St. Paul, Minnesota the contents of certain Post Office boxes located in the Post Office at White Bear Lake.

In connection with the investigation into the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934, evidence was obtained by Special Agents of this Division, indicating that certain individuals suspected of perpetrating this kidnaping, had rented Post Office boxes 254 and 245 at White Bear Lake, using the aliases E. V. Davis and E. L. Murray, respectively. These boxes had been rented on January 12, 1934, five days before Bremer was kidnaped, and it seems reasonable to assume that the rental of these boxes was a part of the modus operandi of the kidnaping, and consequently it was of paramount importance that the full facts concerning these boxes be secured. Special Agent E. H. Notesteen, in a memorandum dated January 24, 1934, advised that he went, in company with Post Office Inspector Streich, to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where Postmaster Fred F. Campbell was contacted, and with the assistance of these Post Office officials, the contents of Post Office boxes 254 and 245 were examined. Tracings were made by Special Agent Notesteen of certain letters found in these boxes and a registration card from the Secretary of State, directed to E. L. Murray, for a certain described Ford Deluxe Coupe, with 1934 Minnesota license plates

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#B-75038 was also found in Box 345. There was also found in Box 254, 1934 Minnesota license plates #B-45572.

The following paragraph is quoted from Special Agent Notesteen's memorandum: "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 all of the examination of the letters, Mr. Streich decided against opening same."

The combinations on the two lock boxes were changed, and the mail returned to them, so that any person calling for the mail would of necessity be required to call for the mail at the window, and in the event such a call was received, the Chief of Police at White Bear Lake was to be notified so that the individual calling for the mail could be taken into custody, and the Post Office authorities, as well as representatives of this Division could immediately be notified. Several days after these arrangements had been perfected, Special Agent Notesteen had occasion to confer with Inspector Streich, at which time Mr. Streich advised that the mail of Boxes 254 and 345 had been ordered removed to General Delivery, Post Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, and he further stated that he believed Agent Notesteen was responsible for the removal order, but Agent Notesteen denied that he was responsible. On the following day, Inspector Streich telephonically advised Agent Notesteen that he had ordered the above mail returned to the White Bear Post Office.

As a result of inquiries made at the St. Paul Office of this Division, it has been ascertained that Special Agent O. G. Hall, Acting in Charge of the office, was under the impression that it had not been possible for Special Agent Notesteen to obtain information concerning the contents of the two lock boxes, located at White Bear Lake, and therefore had sent a forwarding order to White Bear Lake, requesting that the mail found in the lock boxes be forwarded to General Delivery at St. Paul, Minnesota, where same could be examined by Special Agents of this Division. Incidentally, it is noted that the photostat copy of the forwarding order for Box 254 attached to the report of Inspector John Streich, is informal and anonymous and may not have been, or perhaps should not have been complied with under the circumstances. However, Special Agents attached to the St. Paul Office

Memo. Mr. Stanley

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of this Division are being cautioned to refrain from doing anything during the course of their investigations which will be a violation of the Postal Laws and Regulations in the future.

The letter of the Postmaster General, dated March 28, 1954, with enclosures, which was attached to your memorandum dated March 28, 1954, is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 554187.

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

MAY 23 1934

May 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
502 Federal Building,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1215,
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, dated at Butte, Montana, April 17, 1934.

In this report it is set out that a pair of Casco M. & L. Goggles were sold by Mr. William Hawthorne of Great Falls, Montana, to an individual by the name of Sward Figer, who resides near Carter, Montana. The report further reflects that it was ascertained that Figer is a responsible person and therefore no inquiry was made as to whether or not he still has these goggles in his possession.

It is the desire of this office, and an effort is being made to account for all Casco M. & L. Goggles, and it is, therefore, requested that Sward Figer be contacted to ascertain whether or not he still has these goggles in his possession, or what disposition he made of them.

Very truly yours,

H. H. GLENN,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
May 19, 1934

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. #1218, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation conducted by
this office to apprehend several fugitives who have
committed various Federal violations it is noted that
a letter placed on all mail received at this office
at Los Angeles, Calif., indicates this office has persons
in custody and the fugitives are corresponding with persons
residing at that address.

[Redacted paragraph]

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT - Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
May 15, 1934

Mr. J. A. Murphy,
Woodstock Hotel,
Woodstock, Illinois

RE: BREMER CASE

Dear Sir:-

Your memorandum containing report on investigation of the hideout in Woodstock, Illinois and other towns fails to disclose that you made inquiry at the lumber yards with regard to the purchase of Beaver Board or other plaster board, which may have been used to cover the window of the room in which Bremer was held.

I note that you have placed considerable confidence in postmasters in their ability to tell you the time of day that bells, sirens and whistles are heard. This is believed to be unwise. It is advised that you inquire of the persons who actually ring the bells, blow the whistles and sound the sirens.

It is not desired that you take the word of a meter reader as to the contents of a particular house. If a house is suggested as a possible hideout, it is advisable to personally enter the house for inspection.

Please bear these suggestions in mind in your future investigations.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

May 2, 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. 7-30.

It is requested that you procure copy of
the fingerprints of John Crawford, Chicago Police
Department No. 4875, and forward same to the Division
to be checked against latent fingerprints in the
above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 24 1934	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
PERSONS SUBJECTS H. A. BROWN		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: One H. A. Brown, of Elsmere, Delaware, (suburb of Wilmington) purchased pair of goggles about three years ago in Wilmington for use in his course of welding; has had them in his personal possession ever since and still has them. Brown of good repute in his community.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated Chicago, 3-13-34.

DETAILS: At Elsmere, Delaware.
Agent interviewed Mr. D. B. Lyman, superintendent of the Elsmere Station of the Wilmington Post Office and he advised that there are at least seven families by the name of Brown receiving mail through that post office. He furnished agent with a list of these persons' addresses but it is not being included in view of the development in the location of the right Brown.

Mr. H. A. Brown is, according to Mr. Lyman, a reputable citizen; has lived in the community for a good many years; is a plumber by trade; is employed by a reputable firm in Wilmington and is apparently a substantial person in every respect.

An interview was had with Mr. Brown, 211 S. Dupont Street, and he advised that about three years ago, he was attending the Wilmington Trade School, learning the plumbing trade and that in connection therewith, some work with an acetylene torch was used; that he has weak eyes, as is evidenced by the eyeglasses that he wears, and did not wish to harm his eyes; that, accordingly, he purchased a pair of welder's goggles from a Dr. Adams, whose store is located near the corner of Eighth and King Streets, about three years ago, paying \$4.75 for them; that since that time the goggles have been in his personal possession and he has never loaned them to anyone for any length of time. Mr. Brown secured the goggles from his Ford truck and exhibited them to agent. An inspection of them indicated that they were quite worn.

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and the following words appear on them: "PAT BIRD" (apparently the trade-mark). Mr. Brown further advised that he is at the present time employed at the plumbing concern of W. B. Shelley at 1015 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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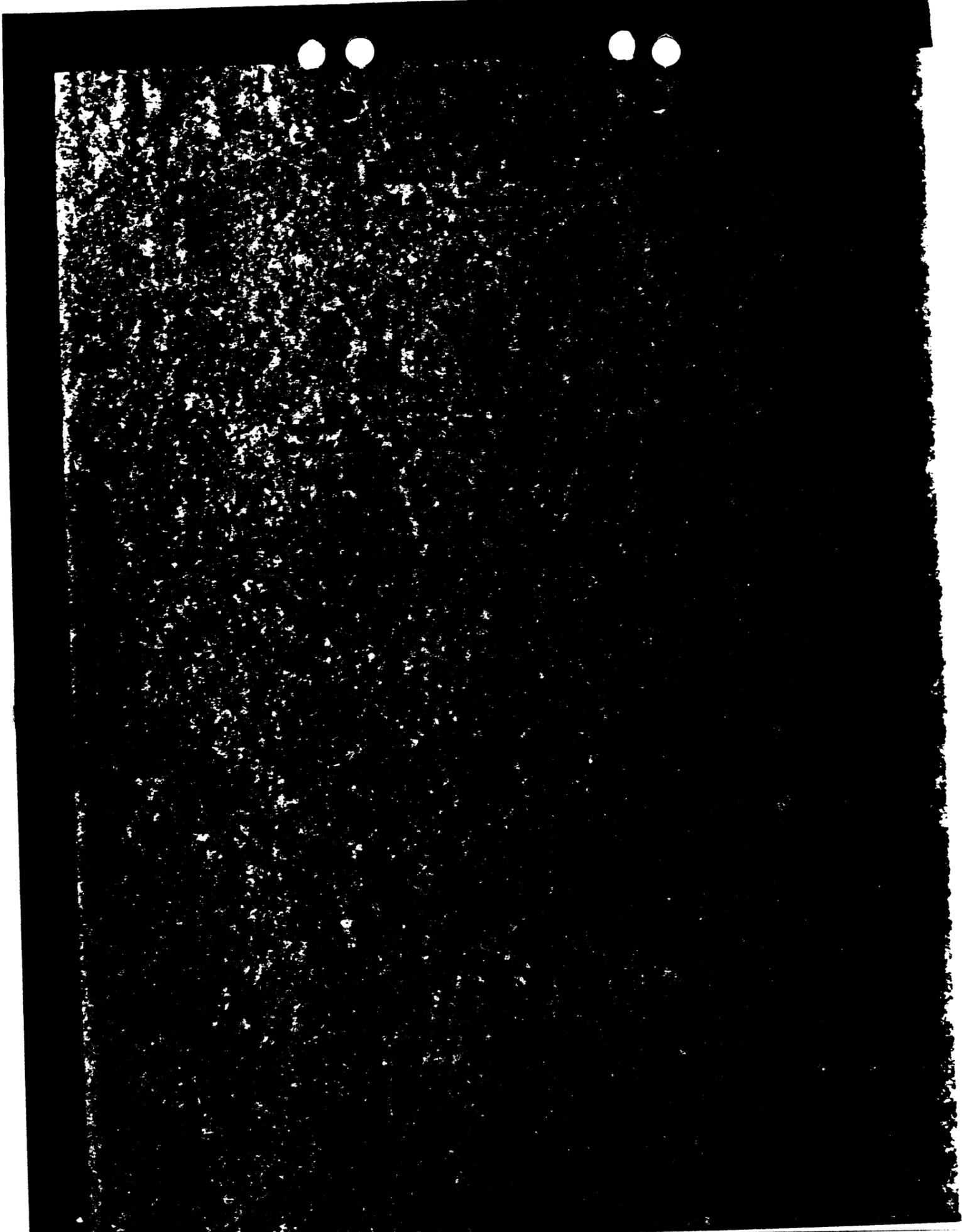
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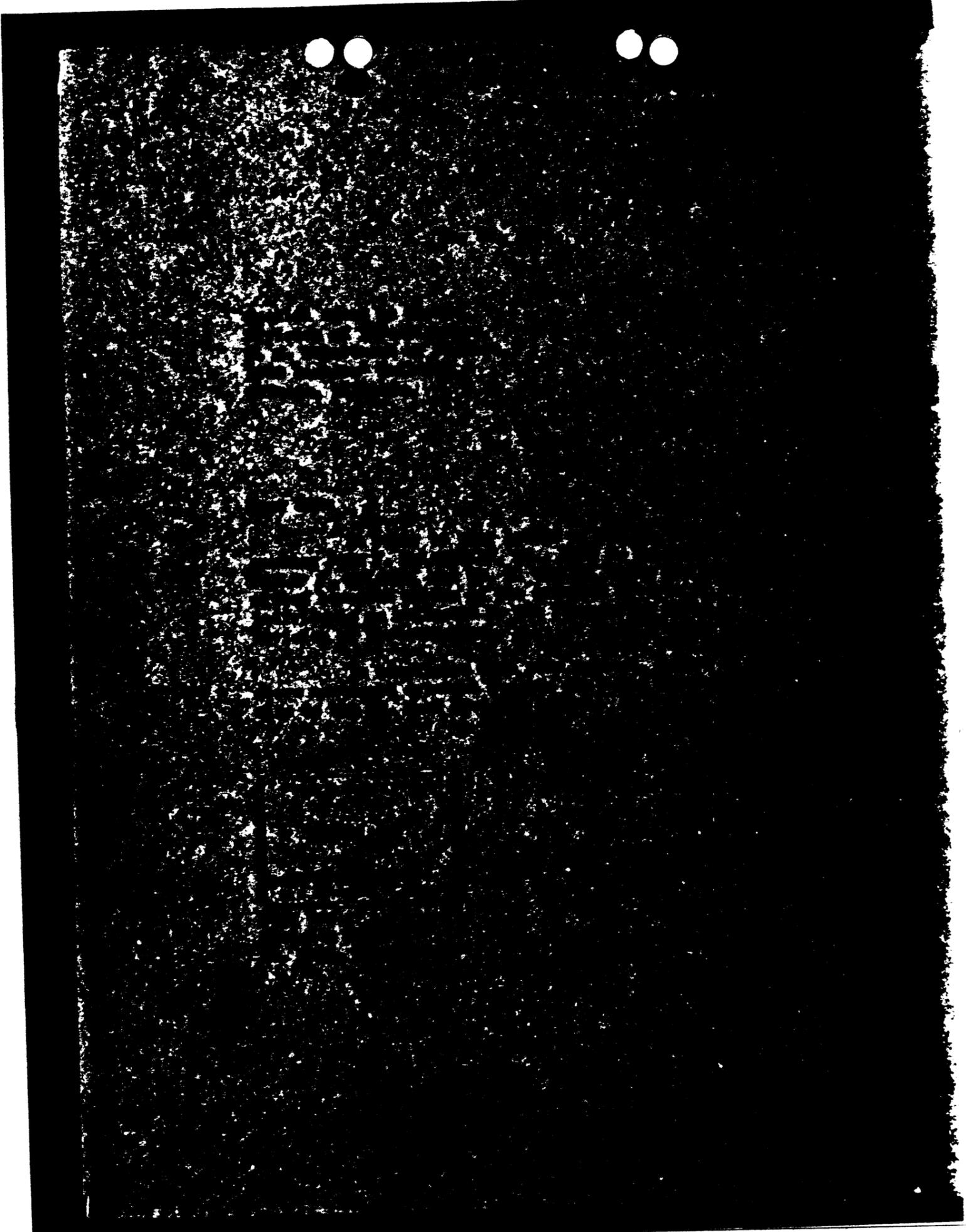
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
May 22, 1934

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: REX

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints Forwarded Bureau of Investigation.
JOSEPH B. MORAN	No. 2202-2 Ill. State Prison, Joliet, Ill.	11-17-28

KINDLY SEND COPY OF CRIMINAL RECORD TO THE SAINT PAUL OFFICE

ALSO, PLACE WANTED NOTICE IN THE FILES FOR THIS PARTY.

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Very truly yours,

J. H. [Signature]
J. H. [Name]

Special Agent in Charge

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May 24, 1934

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

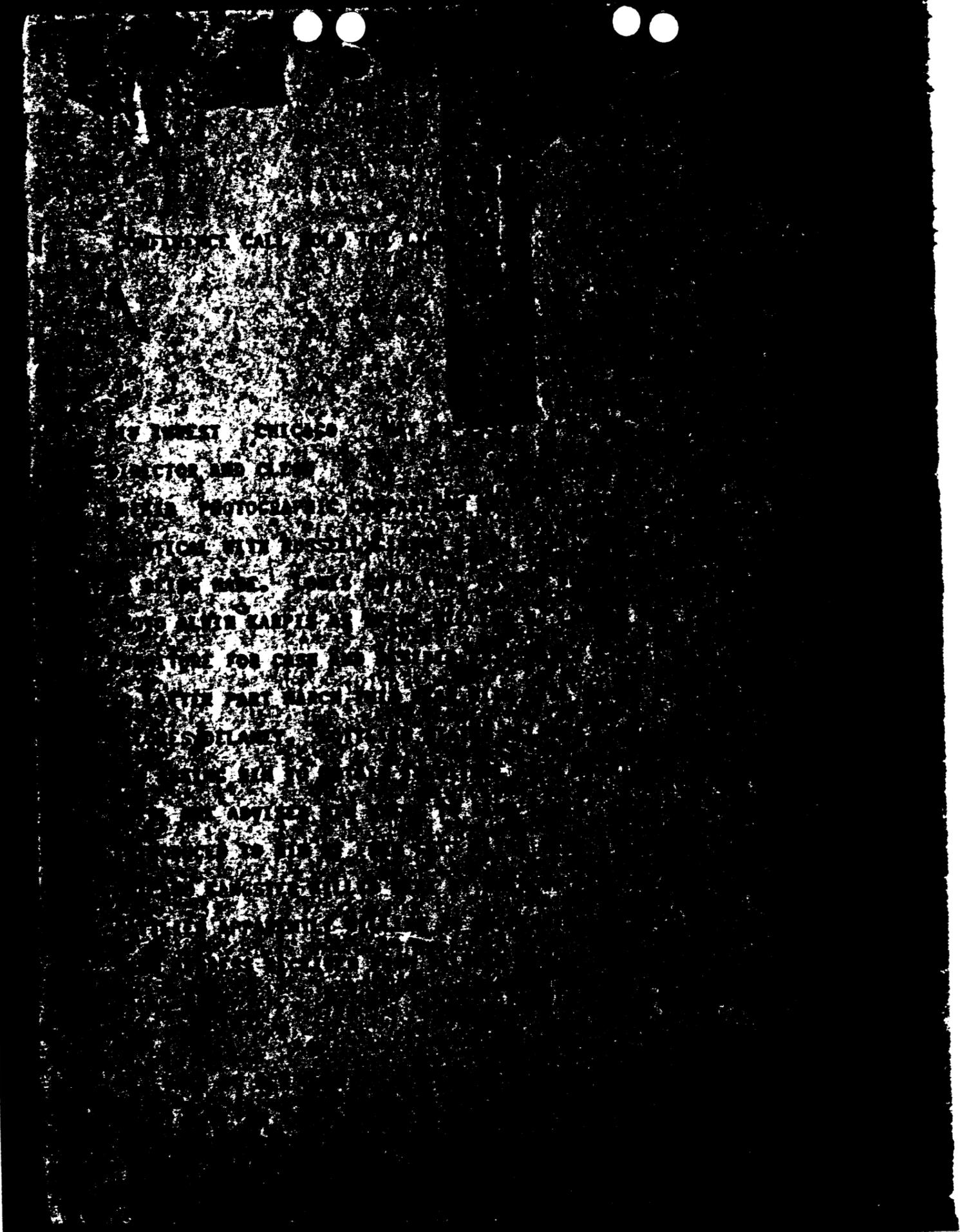
In reply to your letter of May 14, 1934, regarding
JOSEPH E. MORAN, please be advised that the following is the
original record of this individual as reflected in the
fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Joseph E. Moran, alias Joseph E. Moran, alias
received State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, November
1928, from La Salle County, alias alias alias
years; paroled; returned from parole January 15, 1931;
paroled December 15, 1932.

Please be advised that a notation has been made in
the files of this Division to the effect that the
subject is wanted by you, and you will be notified
in the event subsequent information is received
concerning his whereabouts.

In compliance with your request, a copy of this
letter is being transmitted to Division of Investigation,
Minneapolis.

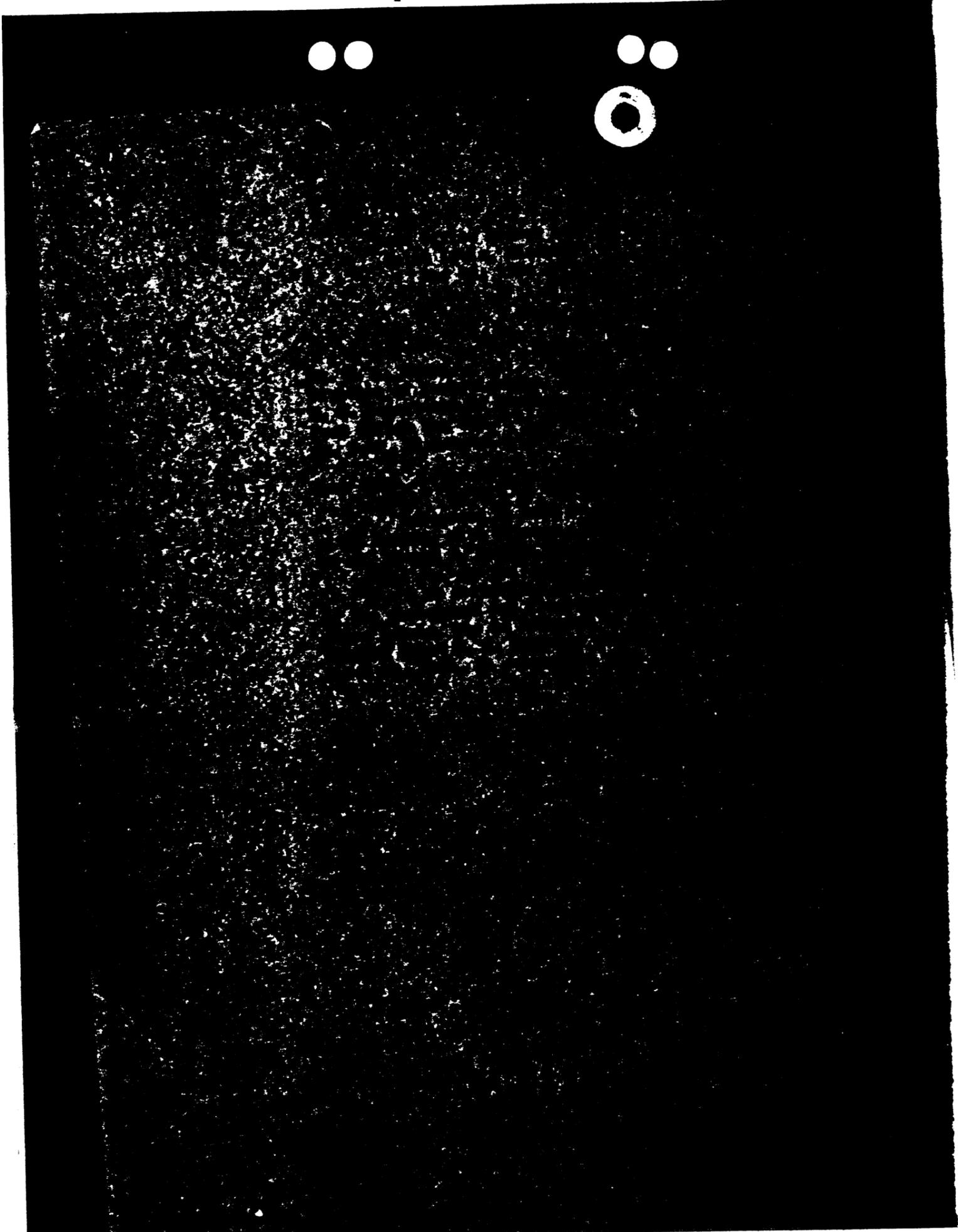
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From: UNIT #1 Room 418

5-24-1934.

To: Director
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Unit Two
 Unit Four

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Mr. Baughman

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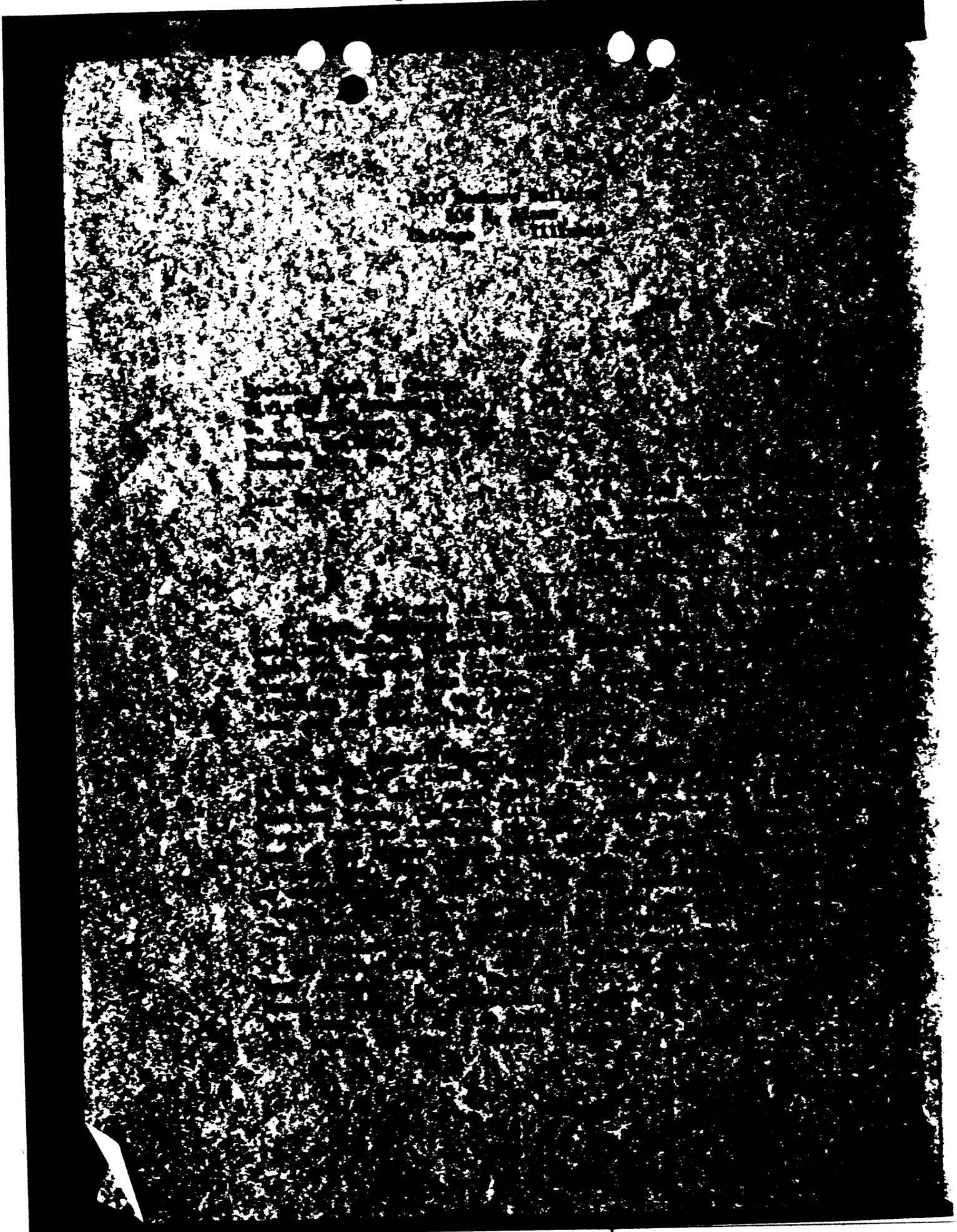
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H. H. CLEGG

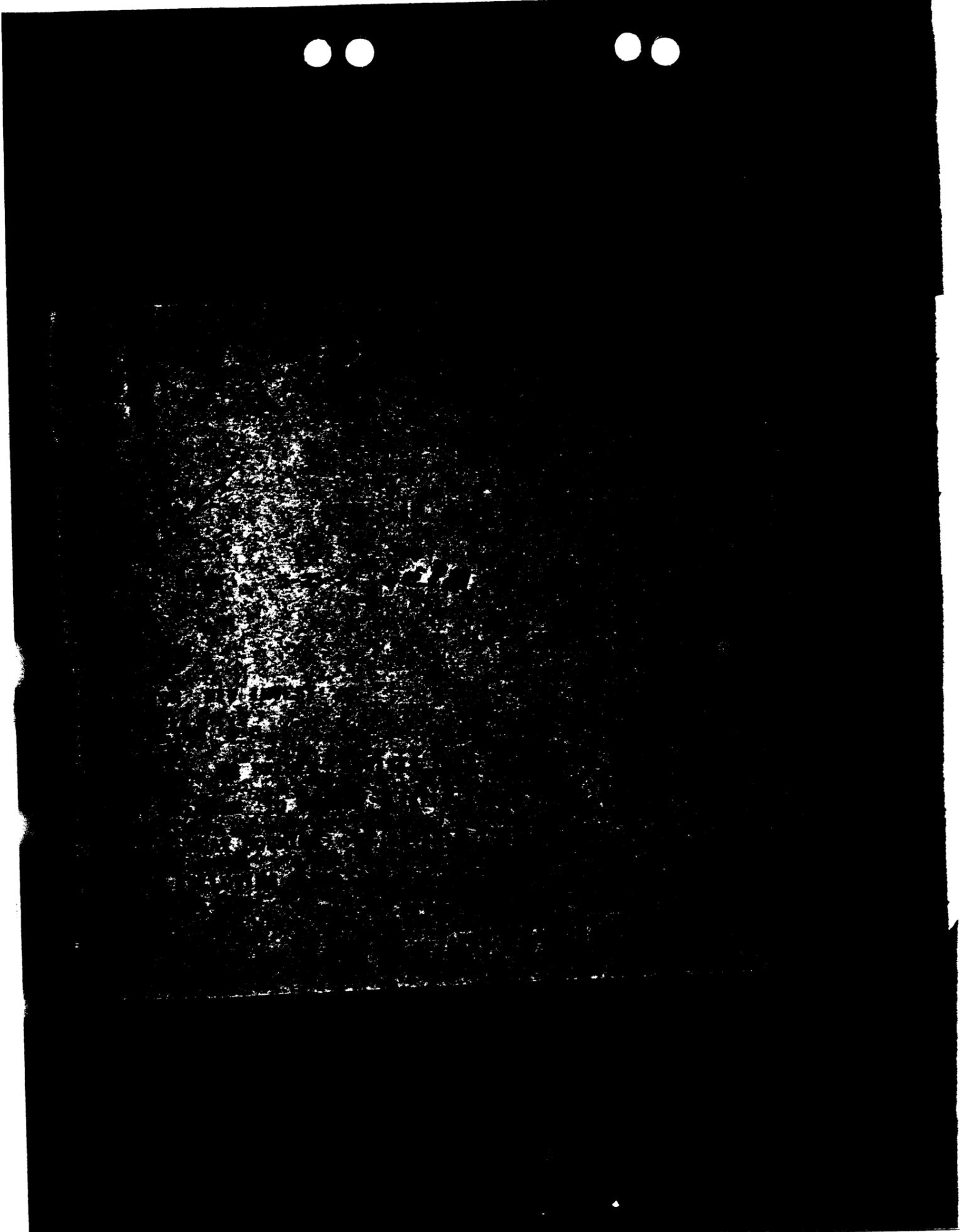


Gray is known to be driving a 1954 Ford
dark green or black in color, having a license plate
bearing 1954 Illinois license plates, number 2-1-1-1
583. For your assistance I am also enclosing a
copy of the handwriting of Ray Gray and two pages
a considerable amount of information concerning
his wife and Dr. Wynn has been reviewed by
file, and this will be the closing of the
report in the near future.

The personal data concerning
personnel are found on the following pages.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1000,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 1-20.

Reference is made to the Division's letter dated May 14, 1934, together with 62 photographs of individuals answering generally the description of Big Homer alias The Big Boy, reported to be a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. The photographs identified in the Division's letter of reference are returned herewith. None of them have been identified by Mrs. Bessie Skinner alias Mrs. Bessie Brown as being Big Homer alias The Big Boy. She did call attention earlier, however, to Division's photograph No. K-1188 bearing full length and profile views of an individual bearing number 29928, et al. Schilder has informed me by telephone, is James McDonough alias Martin alias Benton alias William Byrne alias William C. Hart, and Bessie Skinner stated definitely that this was not Big Homer but that the photograph of this individual represented the type, and his haircut since is similar to that of Big Homer. Big Homer does not have so much hair and she feels sure that he parts his hair on one side and that there is a difference in facial features, but the general appearance is very similar as to type.

There is enclosed herewith a description sheet which I put out, based on information furnished by Bessie Skinner.

Very truly yours,

E. E. GLENN,
Inspector.

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Portland, Me.

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U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

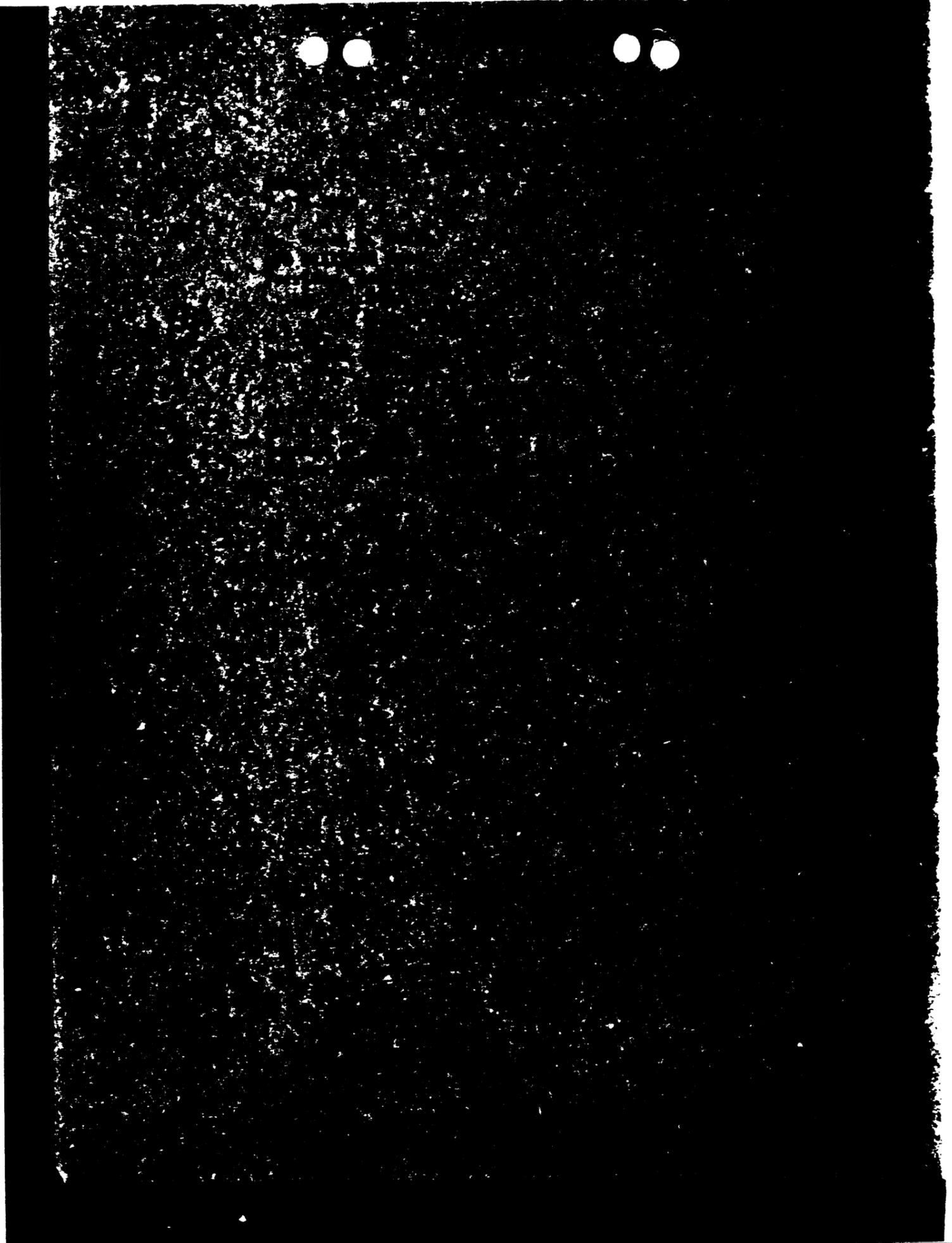
Sirs: I can, in all probability, give you information leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and other forces for participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St Paul Banker.

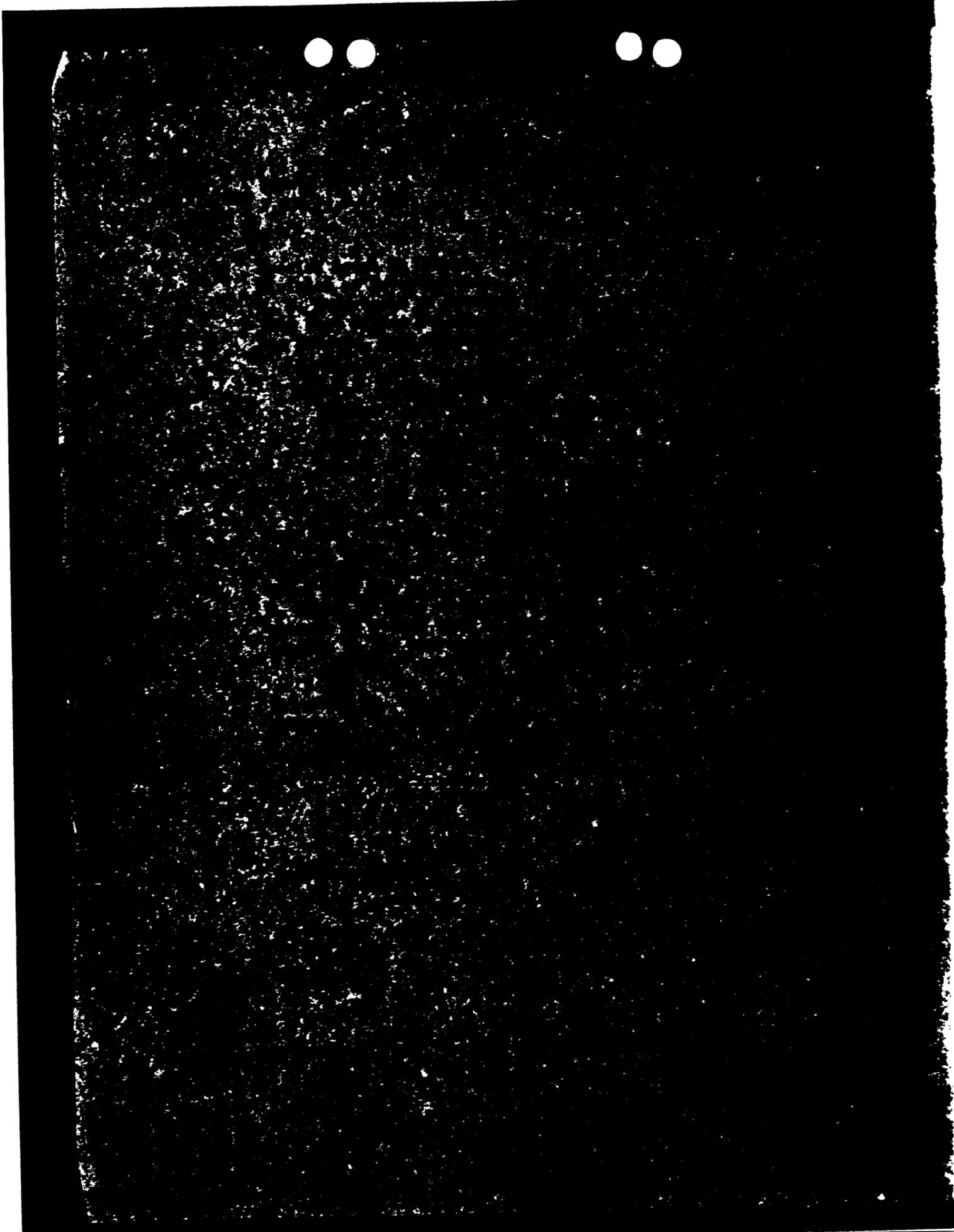
This identification is quite positive. I have not seen him a period of time since seen, however, I have information to incur his capture.

I want what outstanding rewards there are for information lead him, and so this I want definitely. Send reward circulars, etc, also notes for conference.

Very truly,
J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation

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

May 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

There are transmitted herewith six copies of the abstract of the criminal record of Phoenix Donald with aliases, Police Department, Joplin, Missouri #1189, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit:

The following description appears on fingerprints submitted by the Police Department of St. Paul, Minnesota, August 8, 1932:

Color white Age 35 (1932) Height 5'9 1/2" Weight 165 lbs.
Comp. medium Eyes blue Hair black Build medium
Birthplace Louisiana Occupation printer
Scars and marks: Vac. cic upper left arm - wears mustache & nose turns slightly to left - brows heavy and distant.

It is noted on fingerprints submitted by the Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, July 25, 1918, that the color of his hair was given as chestnut. On prints received in June, 1922 the color of his hair was given as chestnut brown and color of eyes as blue gray.

On prints received in May, 1925 from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, his residence was given as Hamlet Springs, Arkansas and place of birth, Arkansas.

The following scars and marks are recorded on the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma print:
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Respectfully,
S. F. CLEGG

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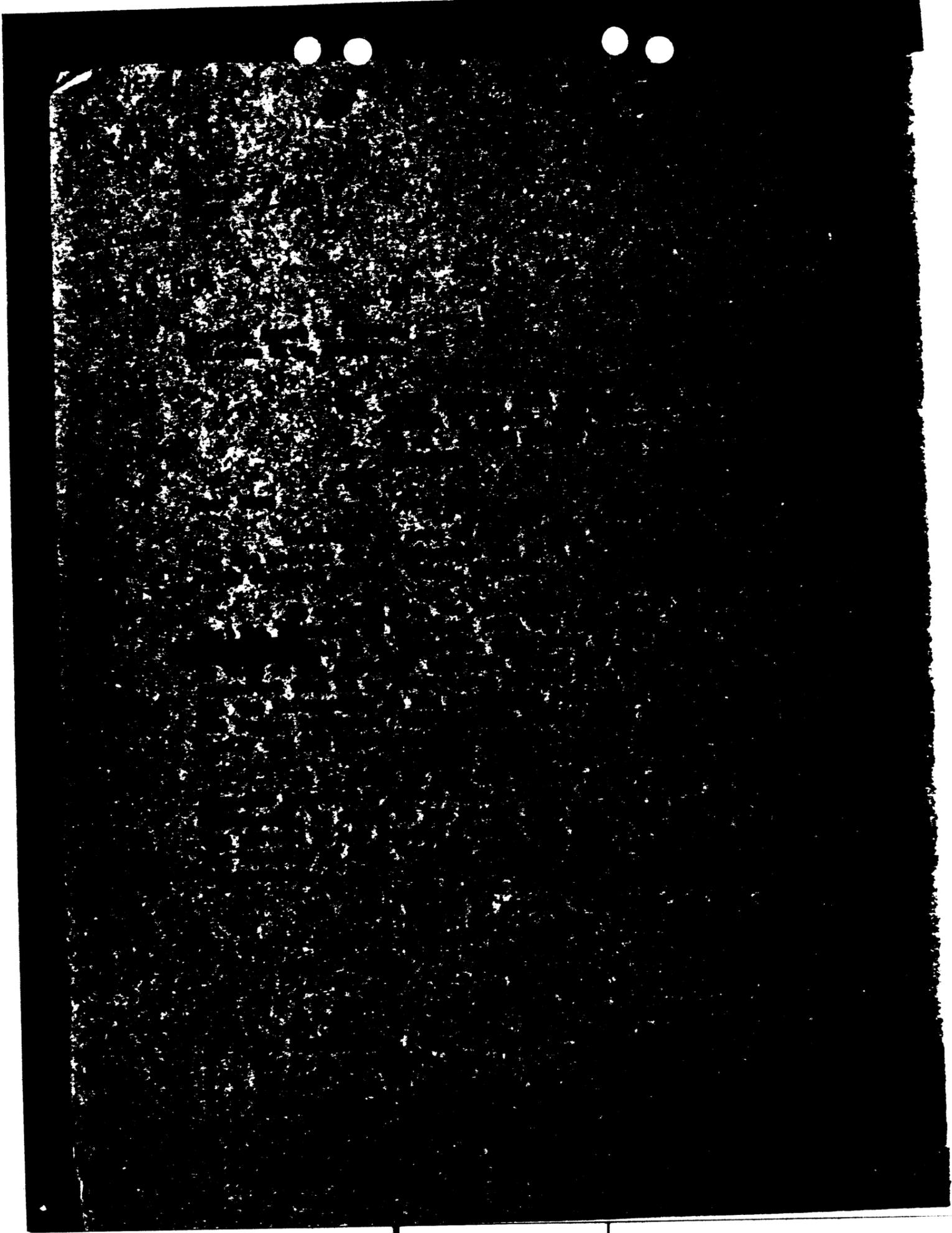
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office, as soon as possible, with fifteen copies of the photograph of ~~ROBERT H. SCHMIDT~~ HARDT, alias ROBERT SCHMIDT, alias YRISCO BURCH, Chicago Police Department No. 6-5813.

The fingerprint classification of this individual is as follows:-

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Very truly yours,

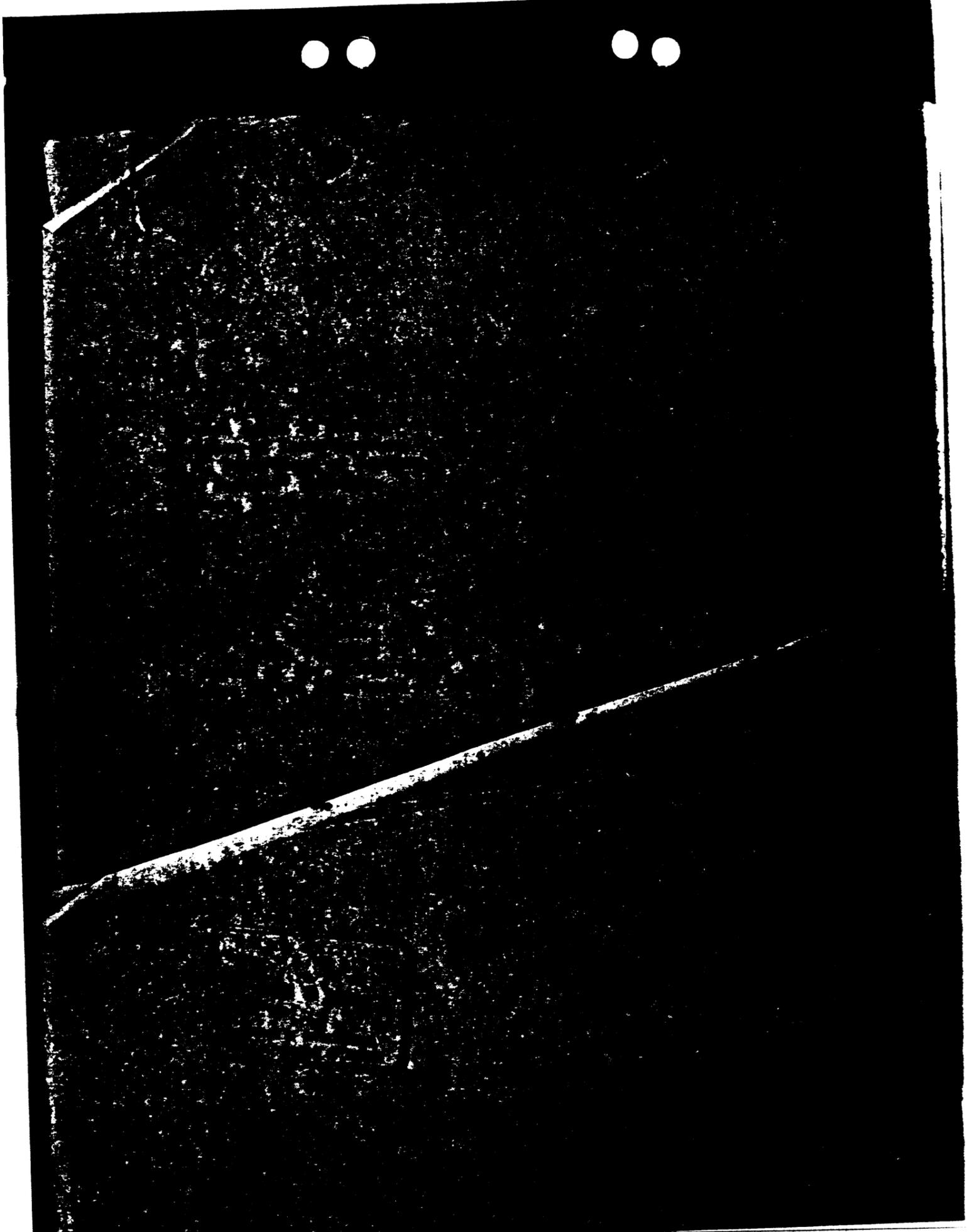
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M. H. PURVIS, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

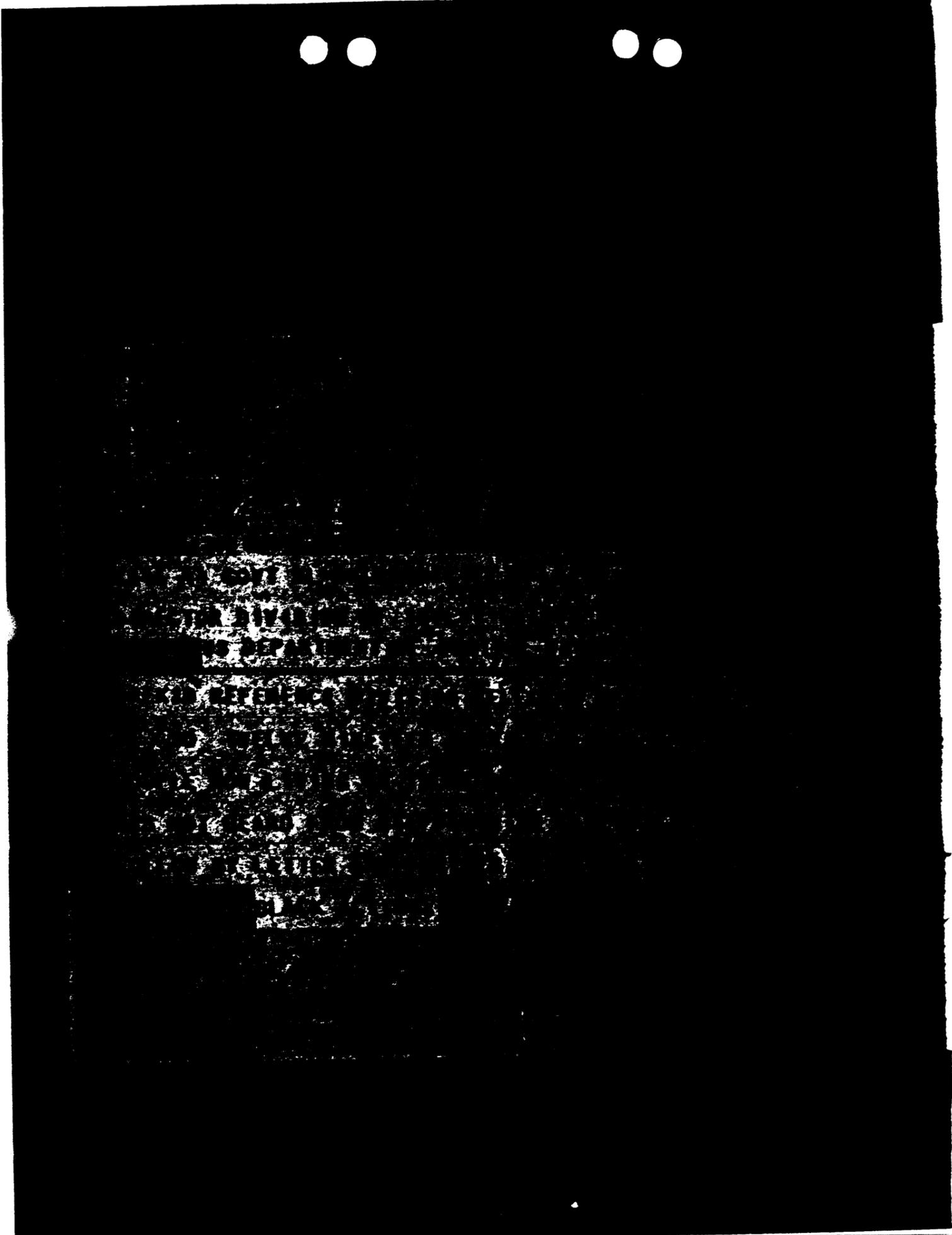
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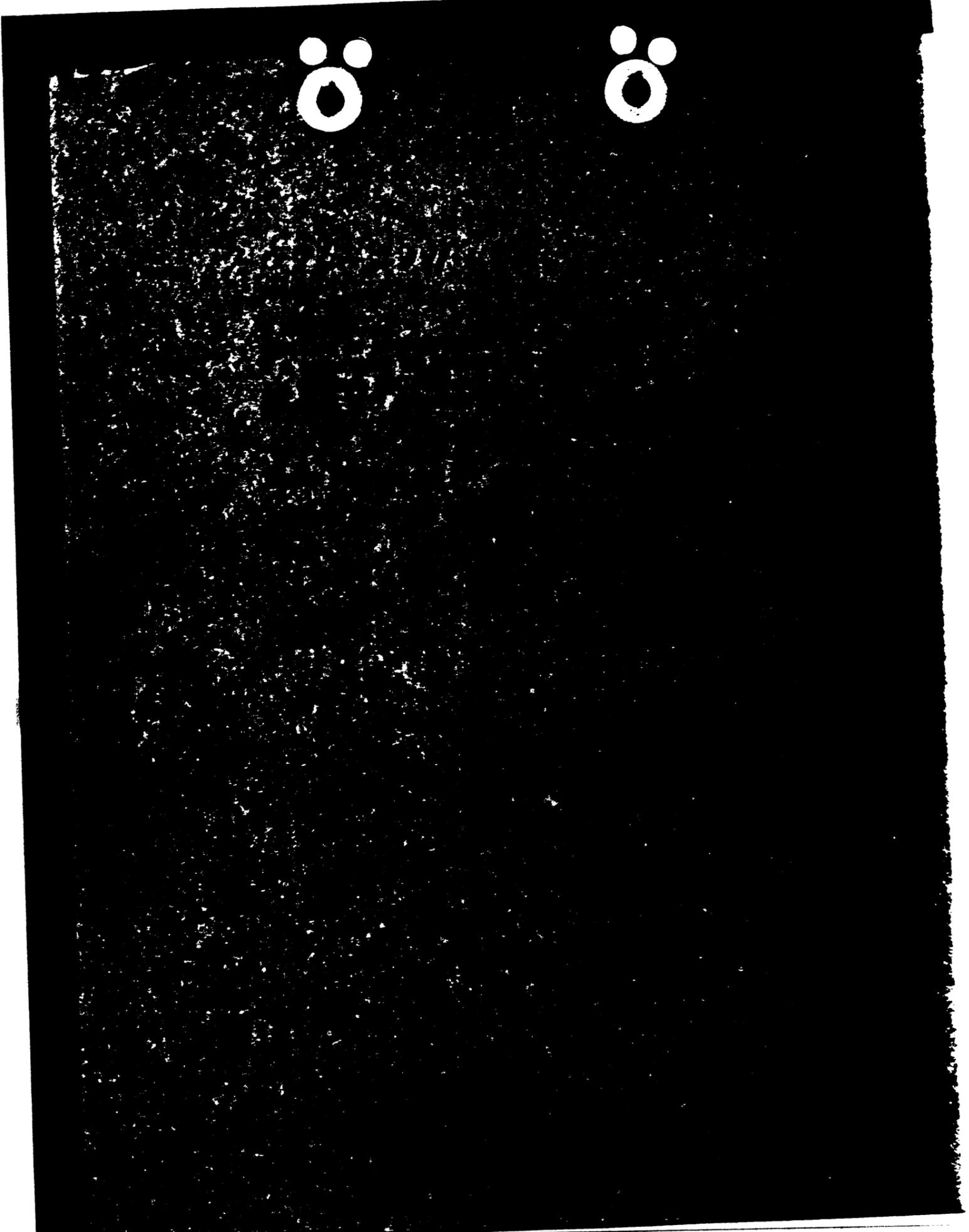
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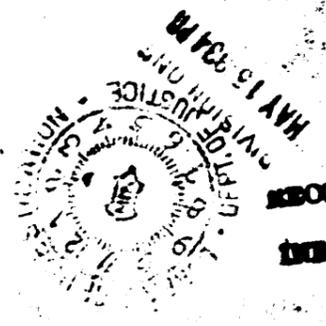
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BREKID COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS OF ROY GRAY ALIAS SLIN AND
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Edward J. Brennan

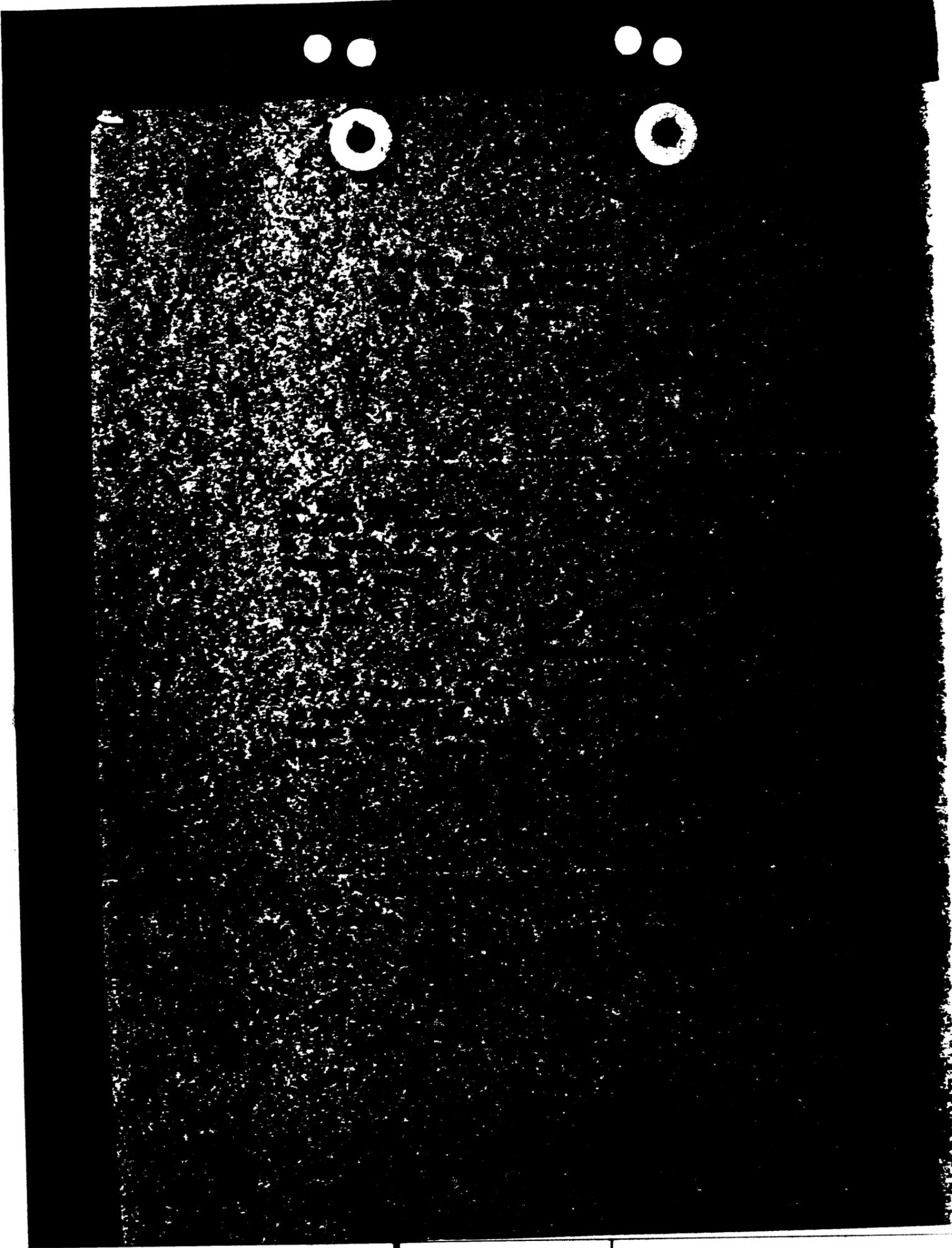
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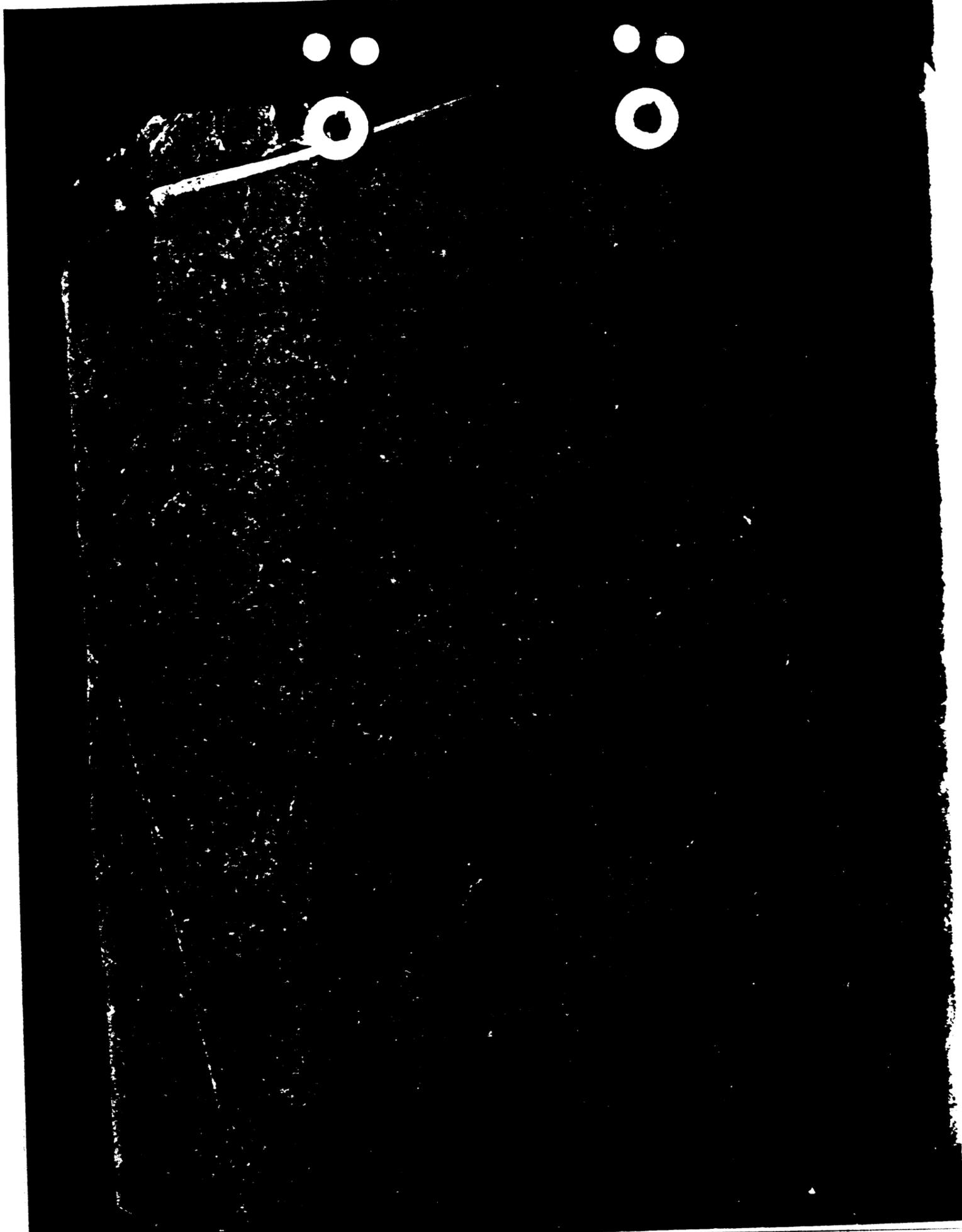


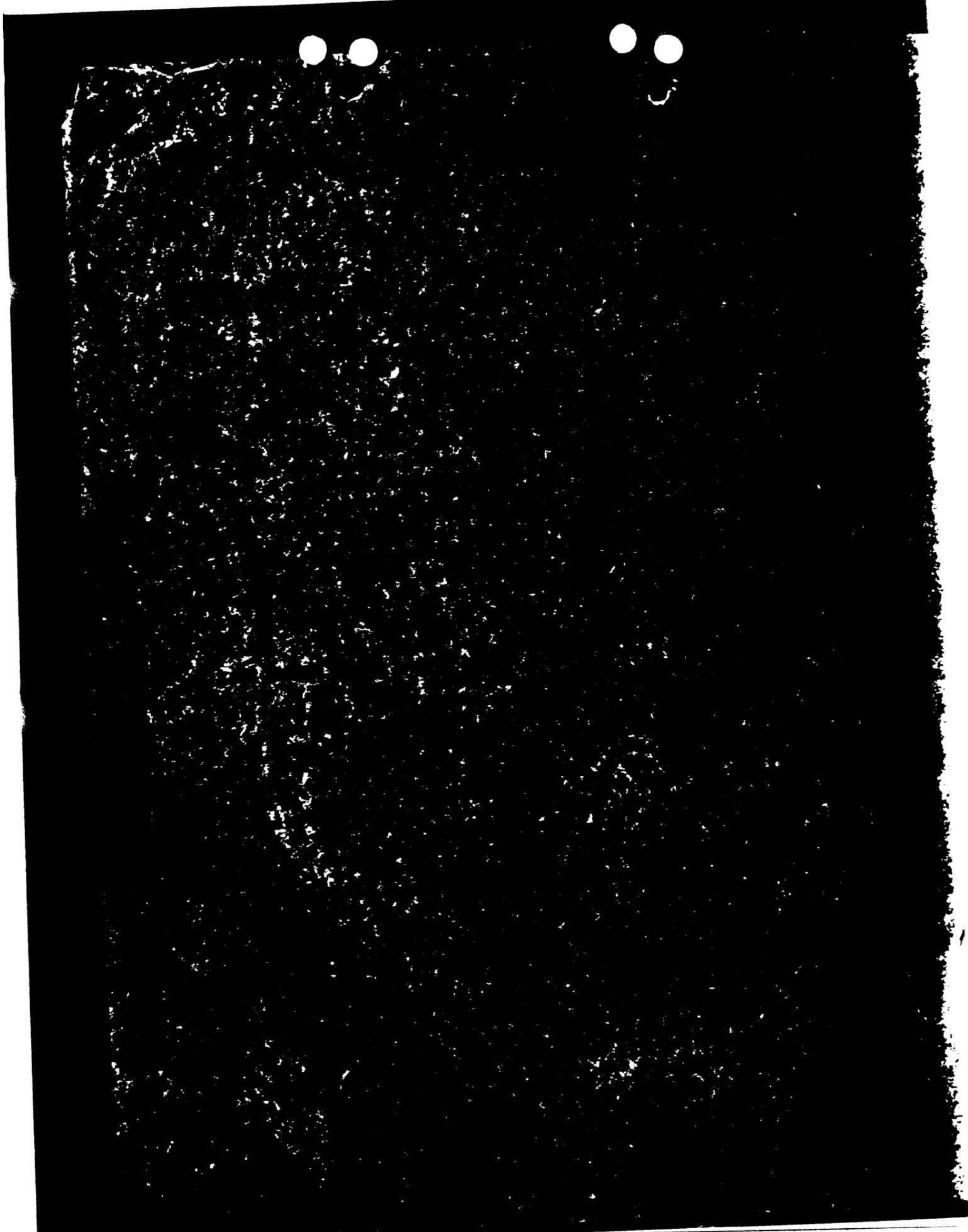
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Name and address

Wetzel 3322,

Wetzel, John A. 3322,

101 W. 10th St.,

Wetzel, Pa.

Wetzel 378

Wetzel, John A. 378,

101 W. 10th St.,

Wetzel, Pa.

Wetzel 7820,

Wetzel, John A. 7820,

101 W. 10th St.,

Wetzel, Pa.

Wetzel 9000,

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101 W. 10th St.,

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Wetzel 1200,

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101 W. 10th St.,

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Wetzel, Pa.

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Wetzel, John A. 1800,

101 W. 10th St.,

Wetzel, Pa.

After some questioning of Mr. [Name], the following information was obtained from his apartment at his place, under the name of [Name].

These parties filed application on December 14, 1975. A photograph is attached to the Division report of this report for the Saint Paul office, which was obtained in this office. This information concerns the following:

- 1. [Name]
- 2. [Name]
- 3. [Name]
- 4. [Name]
- 5. [Name]
- 6. [Name]
- 7. [Name]
- 8. [Name]
- 9. [Name]
- 10. [Name]

The following information was obtained from the [Name] office on [Date].

At this point, some exhibits were
civilianly, photographs of the person in
definitely identified the photograph as
who occupied the apartment at the time
he has not seen Mr. Johnson since the
he called at the apartment by this
reason that he was a traveling salesman
of the city. Mr. Johnson stated that
only once or twice a month and on these
days. Johnson stated that Mr. Johnson
that her husband was a traveling salesman
through the state of Ohio.

from his apartment house and he recalled having
parked there, which was similar to the other
apartment. He stated when he first saw the
car he carried California plates, but later they
were removed. He stated he first noticed the car
two weeks ago, but that he has not seen it since.
The latter part of the first week of the month
he had the California plates which he saw on
the car on a black car, which was also
driven by Mr. Deagan. He stated he was at the
time the car was seen and he was at the
apartment house at the time the car was
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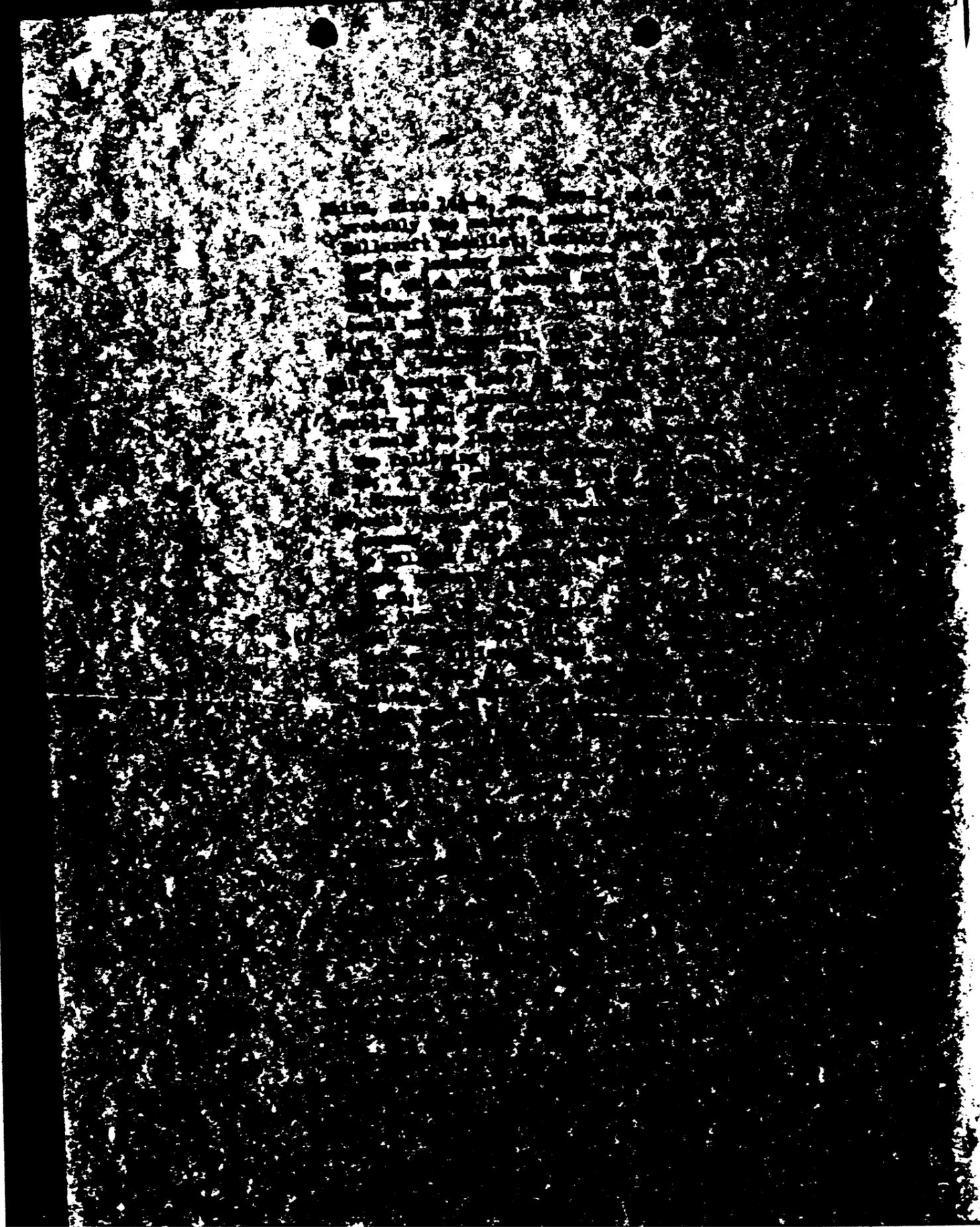
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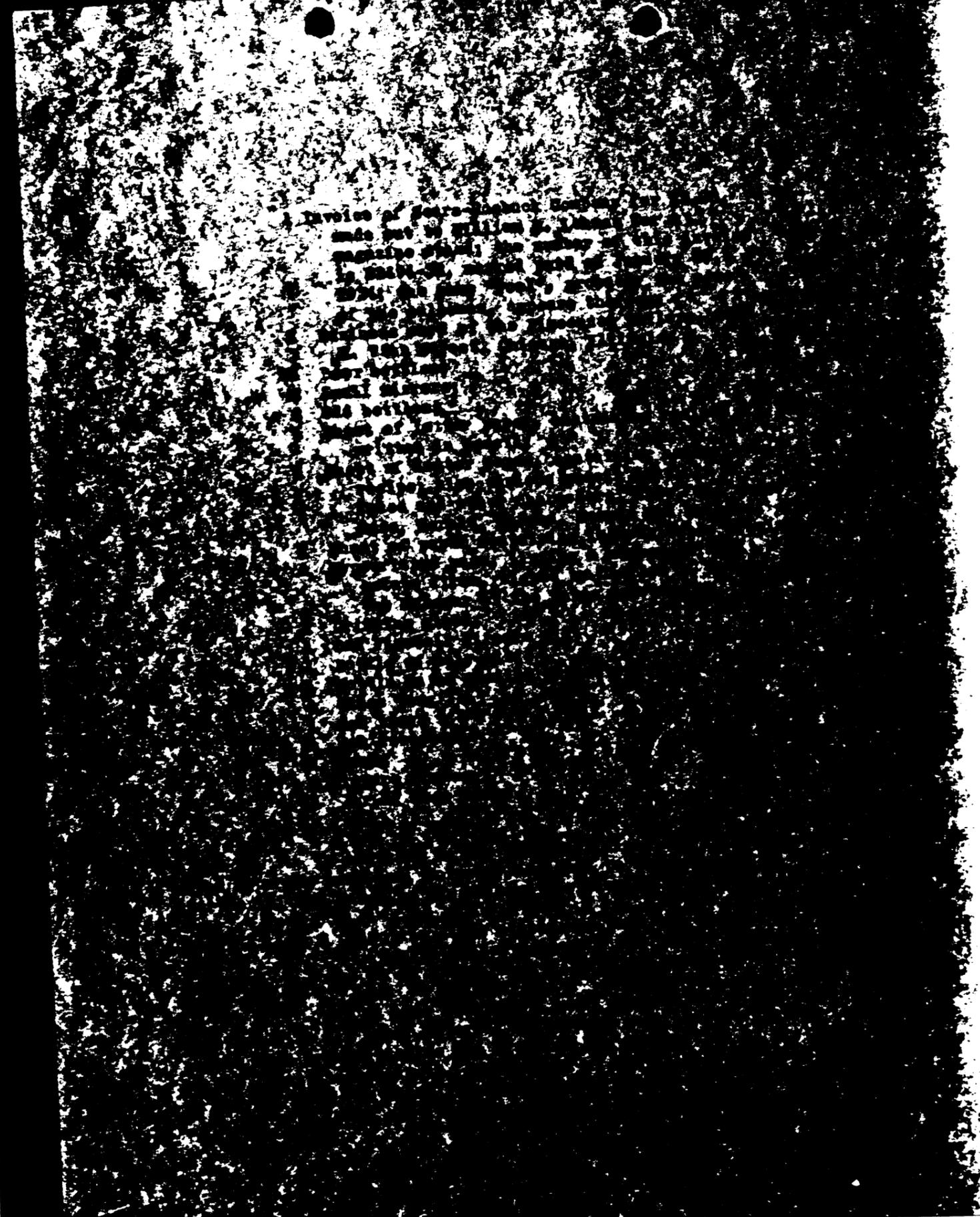
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With the permission of Special Agent in Charge Mr. Kohn remained in Chicago to examine the articles in the apartment at the Yates Apartments. Mr. Kohn was advised, however, that it would be almost impossible to remove the articles without the use of the Division's equipment. The articles were removed to Washington. The following letter dated May 12, 1934, at this office and the Chicago office:

On May 12, 1934, Mr. Kohn advised that the rear door of the apartment was found to be unfastened. The key is being retained for use in future inspections. The Chicago Division will be advised of this apartment. The following is a list of the articles found in the apartment:

1. A pair of trousers

2. A pair of shoes

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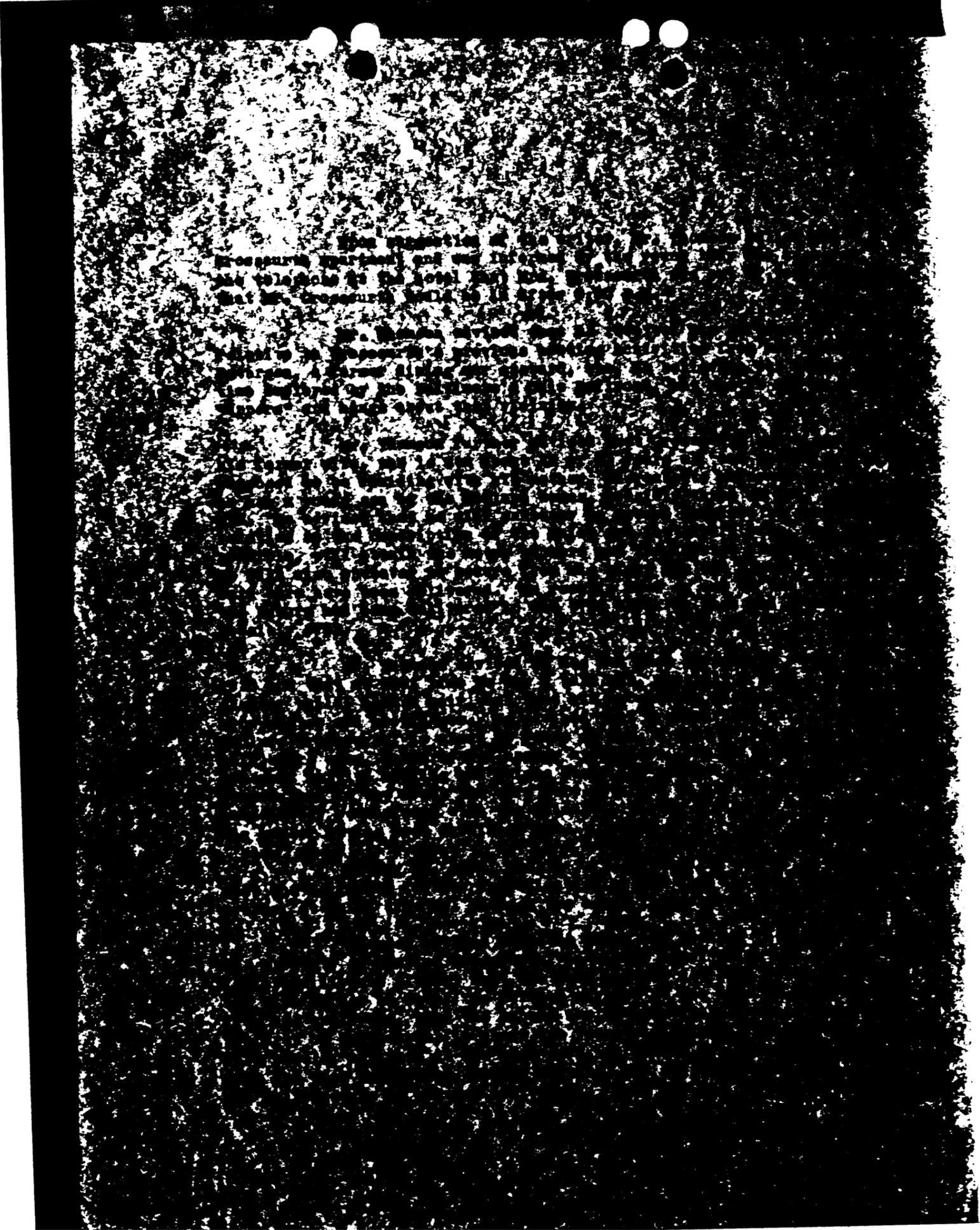
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...the... of the... Hotel... HARRY... of the... to be... with...

Mr. Rynkiewicz stated that
Miller had appeared in the Chicago
as being identical with the person
calling E. J. Sanderson.

The correct name is
Davidson Street, Chicago, Ill.
Sanderson Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Chicago, Ill. 60604.

It should be noted that on November 1, 1954, a
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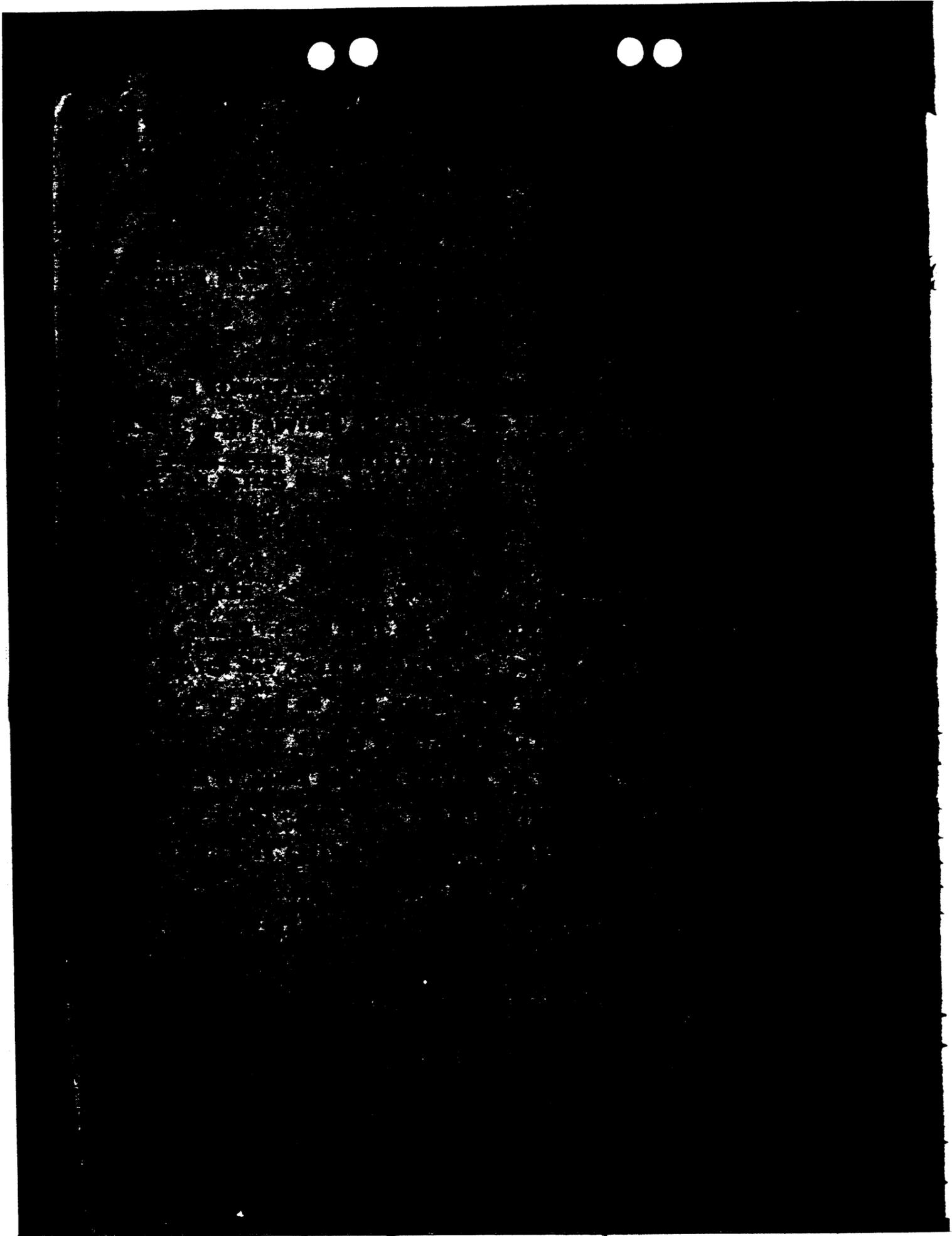
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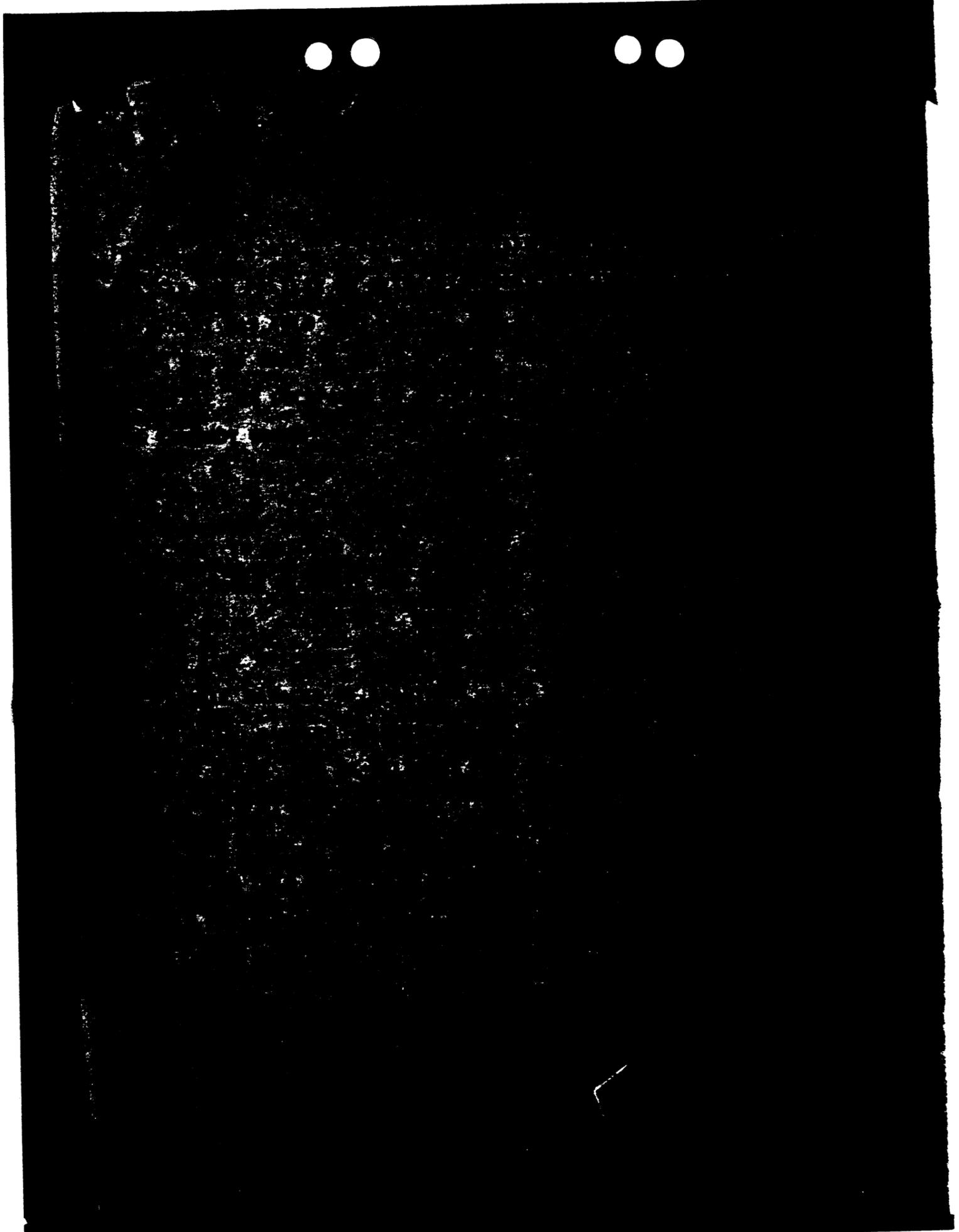
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and Mother who registred Orlando Hotel
Chicago, Ill., in June 1933; thought to
be Mrs. Kate Barker and one of Barker boys.

*Mr F. E. Gordon and
mother
Rockford Ill.*

CONTRACT for RENTAL of APARTMENT

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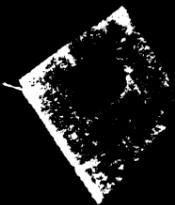
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
ET AL
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to my letter to Inspector Clegg at
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated May 18, 1934, relative to individuals
who could testify and identify an original photograph of Alvin Kar-
pis.

During inquiries by this office at the Kansas City,
Missouri, Police Department, relative to the photograph of Alvin
Karpis, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #17902, and
Lawrence De Valt, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #17901,
(See Division letter dated May 1, 1934, to St. Louis), Lieutenant
William C. Gordon, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau,
furnished this office with an additional photograph of these two
individuals taken behind a table upon which appear the guns and
tools which were taken from Karpis and De Valt at the time of
their arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.
As it is thought the Division may be interested in this photograph,
the same is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Fear
M. C. FEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
ST. PAUL, MINN.

RE: M. S. S. CASE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

YOUR AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR YOUR TRAVEL TO CHICAGO

TO ACCOMPANY BARKER IN LOCATING WITNESSES IN CHICAGO

BY BARKER LEAFLET CASE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

MR. TATMAN
MR. HOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. CONLEY
MR. ...

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May 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Edward J. Bremer

While talking with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul today, he advised that Ed Bremer had agreed to go with Division Agents this afternoon and visit a number of towns wherein it is thought likely he was held by the kidnapers; that he has requested that Agent Brennan be one of those to accompany him and an Agent be kept at his home during his absence.

I suggested to Mr. Clegg that in addition to Brennan, it would probably be advisable to have Mr. Newby join this party. Mr. Newby has devoted considerable time to the hide-out and is probably more familiar with it than any other Agent. Mr. Clegg stated that it was not conclusive that Bremer would take this trip but when he left the office this morning, he consented to do so and will call back later on.

Accordingly, if Bremer consents to make this trip, unless you are of a contrary opinion, Mr. Newby will proceed to Chicago today by plane. Arrangements, of course, will first be made with Mr. Clegg so that Mr. Newby can join Brennan and the party in search for the hide-out.

Respectfully,

S. P. Conley
S. P. Conley

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Oklahoma City at 11:15 A.M. concerning the Bremer case and advised he had talked with Agent Hanson at Tulsa this morning and Hanson advised him that he has received information from three different sources to the effect that Arthur R. Barber and Harry Campbell arrived in Tulsa yesterday and now are at Claremore, Oklahoma, which is northeast of Tulsa. He stated that he and another Agent will proceed to Tulsa immediately and will advise the Division this afternoon regarding any developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Clegg called from St. Paul and advised that Bessie Green would be sentenced this afternoon; that the judge presiding over the Frechette woman had designated the penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, as the institution in which she should be incarcerated. Mr. Clegg recommends strongly, however, that the Frechette woman not be placed in the same institution and that the United States Marshal be instructed to take Bessie Green by way of Chicago and Alcatraz or two in which to point out to Division agents the location of the Karpis. Mr. Newby is taking this up with the Bureau at the present time.

Respectfully,
Special Agent in Charge

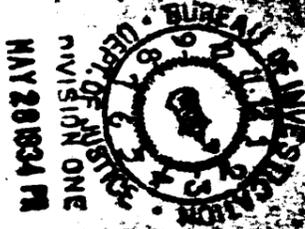
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May 25, 1934



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

RE: REKCID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1934, in the above matter, in which you suggest the desirability of paying KIMMER KUCERA, of Fox River Grove, Illinois, a small sum of money in order that he may be encouraged to act as an informant concerning the things he might observe at Louis Cernoocky's place in the same town.

This will advise that Special Agent W. G. Ryan of this office recently held conversation with Kucera, at which time Kucera informed Agent Ryan, it is his duty, as a deputy sheriff, to furnish the Government with information and that he does not, at this time, desire any money for such services as might be rendered by him. He was advised this Division would be very willing to furnish him a reasonable sum of money to defray expenses and to pay him for such time as he might lose from his regular work. Kucera stated in the event it becomes necessary for him to spend small sums of money, he will keep an account of same and advise an Agent of this Division of his expenses in connection with this investigation.

Kucera stated he has been maintaining a watch on Louis Cernoocky's place, but that from now on he will visit Cernoocky's bar and restaurant more frequently in the hope of securing information of value with regard to this case, the Billinger case, or any other prominent case in which the Division might be interested.

This office will arrange to have an Agent visit Kucera as often as possible, in order that proper contact may be maintained.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:St. Paul,
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*Edward J. Bremer
+ Confidential Informant*

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

May 25, 1934.



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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#123, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated May 21, 1934, which I have received from Special Agent Fortenberry now on an undercover assignment in Reno, Nevada.

A copy of an excerpt from this letter is being transmitted to the Chicago, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City Division Offices.

Very truly yours,

J.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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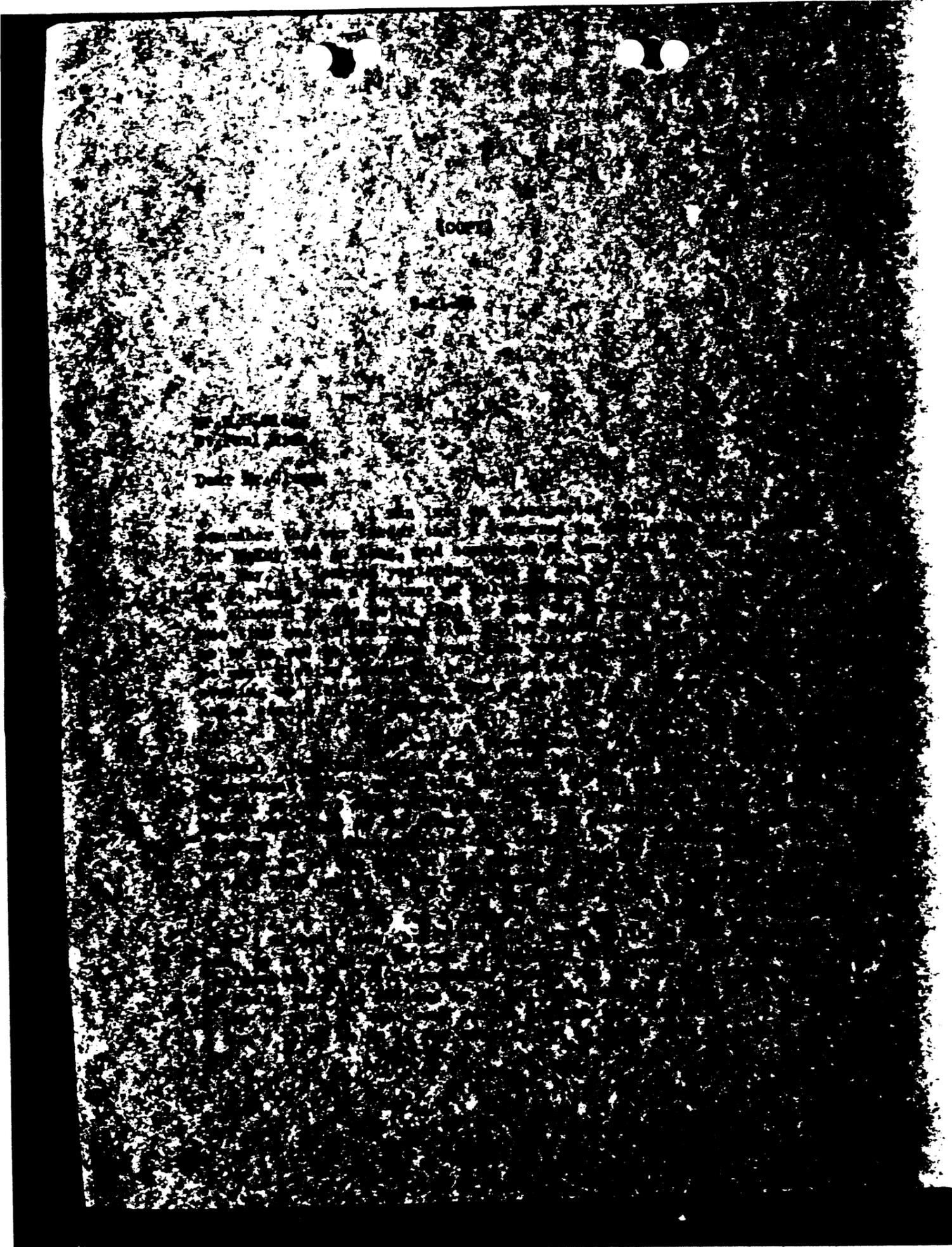
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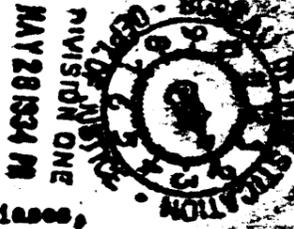
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.**

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May 25, 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 the Division's letter dated May 11, 1934. In this connection, you are advised that a copy of the memorandum enclosed with the letter summarizing the information furnished by Victim Bremer has been furnished to each agent at St. Paul, both those regularly assigned to this office as well as those on special assignment.

I have gone over this memorandum, in detail, with Mr. Bremer and he submits the following comments:

ROUTE TO HILKOUT

Mr. Bremer again repeated his observations that while passing through the city in which there were street cars it was clearly noticeable that the street cars were lighter in weight than those operated in St. Paul, indicating that perhaps the cars were smaller and leading to the further conclusion that possibly the town was considerably smaller.

He stated that, after leaving the city in which the street cars were located, he proceeded for about two hours with his captors and was then put out in a field for a time and it was at this moment that he decided that there was no snow as there was no snow on the ground where he was walking. The wind was blowing very hard and it was tremendously cold. The car went to get gas, at that time, and the question was asked by one of the kidnapers in a rather angry voice as to why one of the other members of his group of captors had not had the light fixed, indicating that only one light to the car was burning and that, after a time, he got back into the car. Since this was a change in his opinion...

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he had heretofore indicated that he arrived at the hideout... after he left the city, I inquired further as to details and he stated he didn't know whether he went into the field... leaving the city in which the street cars were located, on the... nation which is above recorded appears to be of little value... He claims that they took on gas during the day and in gas stations they appeared to be obtaining gas from a car which was... the car in which HEMER was held and that... was some talk of meeting a car that night and this car... the kidnapers if the money had already been paid and... were to proceed on to the hideout.

SIREN AND WHISTLE SOUNDS

Mr. Bremer advises that the whistle blew... morning and afternoon, while the siren blew only in the... exactly the same time that the whistle blew. He was... siren and whistle, in the morning, could have been... at any time before 10:00 A.M.. He claims that he... until what he judged to be about 10:00 o'clock in the... he usually woke up about 8:00 o'clock and... he is convinced that the siren and whistle... o'clock in the morning, at least, however... and probably any time between 8:00 and 9:00 A.M.. He... absolutely no siren in the afternoon although the... in the afternoon.

SUNDAY

He claims that on Sunday he... times in the morning and he saw... at about 8:00, 9:00, and 10:00 o'clock. He... no church bells heard Sunday afternoon... He is definitely that the siren was... the bells were at least on... at... the siren...

REMARKS

He stated that the... described by him, were... seemed to be... their... siren...

thing akin to a blasting rear. He both made noises trying to
the sound and the best I could recall by the engine which must
be found on certain Western Oil Burner Engines, or an obsolete
line engine which drives small tractors.

THE WITHOUT HEARD

He claims that, while being confined, he could
hear the kidnapers start the car, as they left the house, and
hear them drive by subsequently.

Concerning the wall paper border near the ceiling
he stated that the design on this border was somewhat like
wall paper itself and was something in the nature of a
a good many leaves on it. He was shown a diagram of the house
at Whitewater, Wisconsin, and he stated he didn't think this
do as it had a second room, after he passed through the living
his own den and he would pass through this second room into
the bathroom and in this second room it appeared as though
a bed on either side of the passage between the living room and
bathroom, and that he proceeded in a straight line from the living
suit to the bathroom entrance; that he seemed to have a view of
living room, as though he were walking across something, perhaps
the center of the living room floor.

He stated that his eyes were closed until
until the fourth or fifth day when they were opened and
he ate and while he was sitting in the car, he
got into the first car on the occasion of his escape, and
that the car was a roadster, although he didn't know what
closed and probably he should have said more. He was a
Wag, he felt sure, because he saw the top of his partner's
head.

In the small room in which he was held,
claims that there was an electric heater in the room
type. The heat came out of the top and he
about one and one-half to two feet in height and
as he sat in the room, the heat was
head and feet, the heat being very high.

He made a detailed examination of the chart which showed the hour period from the day of his capture to the day of his escape and suggested the following amendments:

For all week days, he stated that he desired that the sound of the siren and the whistles be recorded as same time between 2:00 A.M. and 3:00 A.M., instead of 7:00 A.M. For all Sundays, he desired that the church bells listed at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 o'clock A.M., be eliminated and he desired church bells to be started as having rung at 5:00, 6:00, and 10:00 o'clock A.M., and after the 10:00 A.M. church bells in January 28, 1934, he desired the siren to be reported as having sounded three or four times in more or less staccato fashion. He desired that the church bells recorded at 11:00 A.M., be eliminated for all weeks as well as the siren recorded at 11:00 A.M., on Sunday, January 28, 1934. The record of the whistle blowing on week days at 2:00 is in accordance with his recollection, but on Saturday afternoon he recalls that the church bells rang before the whistles sounded, although he does not remember how long a time intervened between the ringing of the bells and the blowing of the whistle. On Sunday, February 4, 1934, he stated that he signed letters for the third time at about 6:00 P.M. and again at 10:00 P.M.

The rough-draft chart of these sounds, as furnished by the witness, is therefore being returned herewith together with Mr. Brennan's notes which are being sent merely as a specimen of Mr. Brennan's handwriting.

Concerning the further investigation at Whitestar, Wisconsin, have persuaded Mr. Brennan to depart from St. Paul with Special Agent Brennan early Sunday morning, May 27, 1934, and he stated that he will remain at Whitestar until Wednesday when he must return to care for his duties preparatory to his going on a bus trip going in the State of Minnesota on Friday, June 1, 1934. He, at first, declined to go on the trip stating that he would be frightened and I told him that if he thought necessary for his protection would be sent and he was convinced that it would be better for only one agent to go because it would attract less attention and, after reaching town, he could stay for the most part, in hotel rooms or in the car with Agent Brennan. I told him the signals and sounds which he heard while being held there because he would consent to go, it was necessary to have some one with him, so he claimed this activity would result in his being held there the very night, I agreed to his leaving on the trip for the first three nights of his captivity.

Minnesota and he further agreed that, upon his return from his vacation, he would then be glad to accompany an agent in further search in the event likely places were found.

It is frankly my hope that, after he makes his departure, I will be able to confer with his father and uncle and by that time, be back in the Twin Cities from an N.E.A. Conference in Washington and possibly we may be able to continue Mr. Brennan's operation with Mr. Newby and Agent Brennan until all likely leads have been covered even though this necessitates his postponing this

Very truly yours,



E.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR

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- Chief Clerk's Office

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Division letter addressed to Inspector E. M. Clegg at St. Paul, Minnesota under date of May 17, 1934, with reference to disposition of criminal record and all information possible concerning same of Harry "Dutch" Sawyer, Division file #421335, investigation was made at Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska by Special Agent J. R. Brock of this office as follows:

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Lieut. Johnny Denison, in charge of the Identification Bureau of the Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, advised that their records disclosed that party referred to in letter as Harry "Dutch" Sawyer, as Harry J. Porche, alias Harry Sandevich, alias H. J. Porche, Omaha P. D. #1421, was arrested January 2, 1920 by Officers Dolan and Hagerman of their Department on charge of investigation in connection with a robbery of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Benson, Nebraska (now part of Omaha) on December 21, 1919 when same was robbed of \$105,000.00, he having been identified as one of the robbers. He stated that John Finn, their #3712 and [redacted] their #3713, were later identified at St. Paul, Minnesota as part of the men who held up aforesaid bank, however, the Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota refused to release the latter two men to Nebraska authorities and no action was taken against them. An information was filed in the State District Court at Omaha, Nebraska January 30, 1920 against aforesaid Porche on a charge of Robbery of aforesaid bank of Benson; that same was dismissed by the County Attorney May 19, 1921 because of insufficient evidence. Their records disclosed that aforesaid Porche was the same party who as Harry Sandevich, Minneapolis P. D. #18479 was arrested September 11, 1918 and as Harry Sandlovich, Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department #241, arrested May 16, 1920 for jumping bond and auto theft.

Mr. Everett Radzil, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department, stated that their records disclosed

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Harry Sandlovich, their #341, was arrested at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1920 for investigation by Officer Langstraband charged as was in the County Jail by order from the County Attorney and his want of evidence December 31, 1925 by the County Attorney. They disclose no further information.

Docket N-130 of the criminal records of Lancaster County, Nebraska, office of the Clerk of the State District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, disclosed that an information was filed by County Attorney Wm. L. Hager in said Court February 11, 1920 by the County Attorney against Harry Sandlovich, said information charged that on or about March 27, 1914 Lancaster County Harry Sandlovich unlawfully and feloniously did take and carry away one Ford Touring Car, an automobile, 1917 model, No. #2186315, of the value of \$400.00 and of the personal property of Joe C. Holderness. The records further disclosed that on March 14, 1920 Sandlovich failed to appear and his bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 was forfeited. The records further show that on January 27, 1921 Sandlovich appeared in open Court asking the Court to vacate the order of forfeiture for \$1,000.00 bond and the Court so did, stating that his failure to appear was due to the inadvertence of his attorney in not notifying him when to appear. A new bond was filed in which he was the principal, David Sandlovich and Gertrude Sandlovich, his parents, as sureties, being no further entries on the Docket nor any information is disclosed excepting that on December 31, 1925 the aforesaid information was filed against Harry Sandlovich on Motion of the County Attorney.

It should be noted that the Lancaster County District Court records further disclose that an information was filed against Harry Sandlovich and one Thomas Carr for breaking in and entering the office of the Oil Company at Lincoln, Nebraska and attempting to rob the safe therein by explosives (file not available); that on December 18, 1914 both parties pled not guilty; that Thomas Carr asked for a separate trial which the Jury brought in a verdict of not guilty against him; the records disclose that on December 22, 1914 Harry Sandlovich pleaded guilty and withdrew his plea of not guilty entering his plea of guilty whereupon Court ordered Sandlovich's release on parole to the State Prison at Lincoln, Nebraska for a period of three years.

George Hager, the County Attorney, who filed the aforesaid information informed Special Agent J. E. Green he did not remember any further and had no idea as to what became of Thomas Carr who prior to that time had been a notorious criminal at Lincoln, Nebraska. Hager appeared in Court. It should be noted that there is no record in the files of the Bureau of the Police Department at Lincoln, Nebraska of the aforesaid

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The correct name of the party designated in Division [redacted] is Harry Sandlovich, Special Agent Green having known some of the members of his family at Lincoln, Nebraska. He secured the following information from a confidential informant, [redacted]

[redacted] relative to the members of this family; [redacted] family were born in Russia and migrated with their parents to Lincoln, Nebraska when Harry Sandlovich was a small boy. The family is composed of Bell Hillman, the eldest, whose husband is [redacted] and is residing in Los Angeles, California; next in order of age is Albert Sandlovich who is married and lives at 2828 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska; Bessie Cattleman whose husband, Max Cattleman, died [redacted] years ago and she is now visiting her sister, Bell Hillman, in [redacted] John, Sam and Libbie Sandlovich residing at the original family home, 1519 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and Ray Sandlovich who is married and lives at 2111 Sewall Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, Harry Sandlovich [redacted] between John and Sam Sandlovich with reference to age. Sam and Ray Sandlovich now own and operate the Nebraska Auto Exchange at 1741 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska; Albert and John Sandlovich own and operate the [redacted] Meat Market at 1535 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The father of Harry Sandlovich died some five or six years ago and the mother only [redacted] ago.

Harry Sandlovich has not been around Lincoln, Nebraska since [redacted] 1920 but is understood to be connected with gangster activities in Minnesota. Mr. Feinstein was unable to ascertain if Harry Sandlovich had returned to Lincoln, Nebraska at the time of his mother's funeral.

Chief of Police W. C. Gendit, Lincoln, Nebraska, informed [redacted] of his officers had reported that they had seen Harry Sandlovich on the streets of Lincoln on two different occasions since the death of [redacted] the last time approximately May 18, 1934 but he had no [redacted] that he is now in Lincoln. Chief Gendit also stated that he had been informed that Harry Sandlovich was at one time working at [redacted] of, a road house called the Green Lantern at St. Paul, Minnesota and [redacted] stood he was associated with a fellow called "Dapper Dan" who was [redacted] six years ago killed in an automobile explosion. [redacted] attached to the starter.

A photograph furnished by the Omaha Police Department of [redacted] Sandlovich is being attached to Inspector Clegg's copy of [redacted] Photographs have already been furnished the Division in [redacted]

their special kidnaping and extortion file.

Very truly yours,

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

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2 CC - H. H. Clegg,
St. Paul, Minn.

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September 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

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

Under date of May 23, 1934 the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Division setting forth information obtained by Special Agent J. B. Cross from the files of the Identification Unit of the Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, with respect to an arrest of Harry "Doc" Boylston, with aliases, Omaha Police Department #2022, in connection with the robbery of the January 21, 1934, at Benson, Nebraska. The letter of the Kansas City Office made reference to John Finn and Mike Finn, Omaha, Nebraska, numbers 5712 and 5713 respectively, who were identified in Minnesota as participants in the same robbery, but were not at the instance of the Chief of Police at that time.

The Division advised by a letter of August 28, 1934, that two individuals who apparently resided in the city of Paul, Minnesota authorities and it had not been possible to locate record of these individuals in the files of the Division from the arrest robbery incident. The Division is instructed to obtain copies of the records of these individuals from the Omaha, Nebraska Police Department and return them to the Division.

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From: UNIT #1 Room 210

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From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

May 26, 1933

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

Re: SEVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218, et al. EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 2-20

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of May 15, 1934, in which reference was made to fingerprints of WILLIAM HART, St. Paul Police Department #23981, ALBERT DUVAL, St. Paul Police Department #23928, and JAMES BROOK, St. Paul Police Department #24075.

The records of the Identification Bureau, St. Paul Police Department reflect that prints of William Hart and Albert DuVal were forwarded to the Division on May 20, 1933. Under date of May 20, 1933, letters were received from the Division furnishing criminal records on these two individuals. Division file number for William Hart was given as 41222 and for Albert DuVal as 41223. Records of the Identification Bureau, St. Paul Police Department further reflect that prints of James Brook were forwarded to the Division under date of July 11, 1933, and under dates of July 11 and July 22, 1933, the Chief of Police at St. Paul received communications from the Division furnishing criminal records pertaining to this individual. The Division file number for James Brook was given as 65122.

You will find attached hereto photographs of William Hart, Albert DuVal and James Brook. The reverse of each is obtained on the reverse side of the photograph as well as fingerprint classification.

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Very truly yours,
A. N. Clark
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg
Chicago, Illinois
May 24, 1934

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1212; ARTHUR R. BROWN,
with aliases, I.O.#1212; et al
Edward George Bremer, et al
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

It is observed that one WILLIAM HENRY HEND has been mentioned in the Bremer file on numerous occasions and it has been intimated that he may have been the finger-man in this case. Have gone through all the information on HEND in our files and appears we have no evidence linking him with the kidnaping of Bremer. It further appears that little could be learned by any office of the Division, from HEND, in the event he were taken into custody for questioning.

A review of the file discloses that HEND is under indictment at Jacksonville, Florida in a mail fraud case. It is suggested therefore, that you consider the advisability of delivering to the Bremer postal authorities, all of the information in the possession of the Division with regard to HEND, which would assist them in locating him. It is believed that if he were given a substantial fine on the mail fraud charge, he would be willing to furnish a considerable amount of information with reference to underworld characters and would be able to furnish valuable information with regard to the Bremer case.

I have, therefore, caused a review of our files to be made and I am submitting to you and the office receiving copies of this letter, copies of all the reports, memoranda and letters in our files, pertaining to HEND, which will be of assistance. The following are, therefore, being transmitted herewith:

- Letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office, dated January 27, 1934;
- Letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office, dated January 28, 1934;
- Memorandum of the Chicago Office, dated April 11, 1934, prepared by Special Agent WILLIAM HEND;
- Memorandum of the Chicago Office, dated April 11, 1934, prepared by Special Agent WILLIAM HEND.

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Letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Chicago Office, dated April 29, 1934;
 Memorandum of the Chicago Office, dated May 1, 1934, prepared by Special Agent W. S. Jamison;
 Letter of the New York Office to the Chicago Office, dated May 2, 1934;
 Memorandum of the Chicago Office, dated May 2, 1934, prepared by Special Agent V. W. Peterson;
 Letter of the New Orleans Office to the Director, dated May 4, 1934;
 Memorandum of the New Orleans Office, dated May 4, 1934, prepared by Special Agent J. C. Foyrenain;
 Memorandum of the Chicago Office dated May 7, 1934, prepared by Special Agent K. E. McIntire;
 Report of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Dickson, Butte, dated May 7, 1934;
 Memorandum of the Chicago Office, dated May 11, 1934, prepared by Special Agent V. W. Peterson.

I am not including a copy of the criminal record of [redacted] for the interested offices, believing that if the suggestions made in this letter are followed out, such criminal record can be furnished these offices by the Division.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Harris

M. H. HARRIS, S.
 Special Agent in Charge

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 Enclosures for all offices above.
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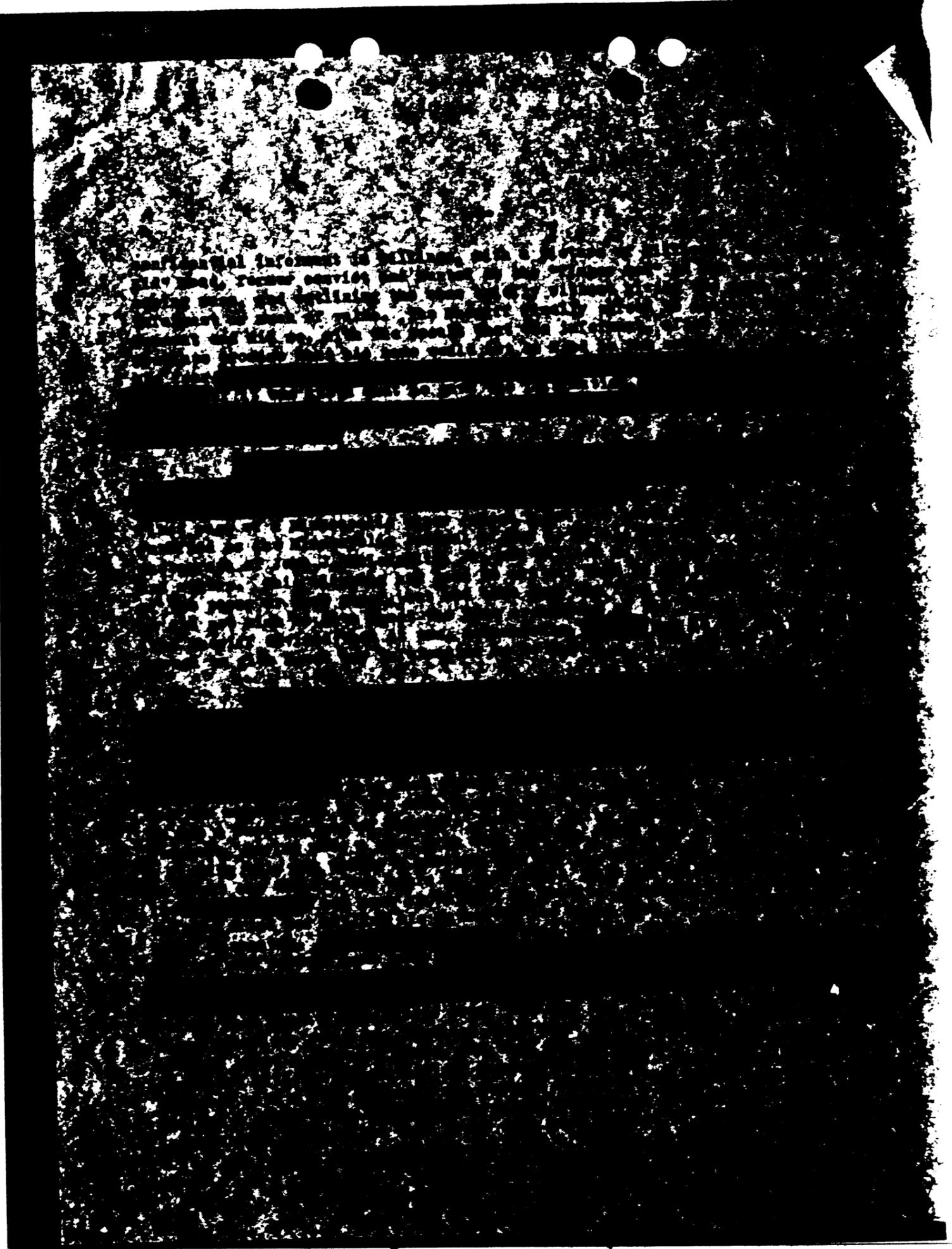
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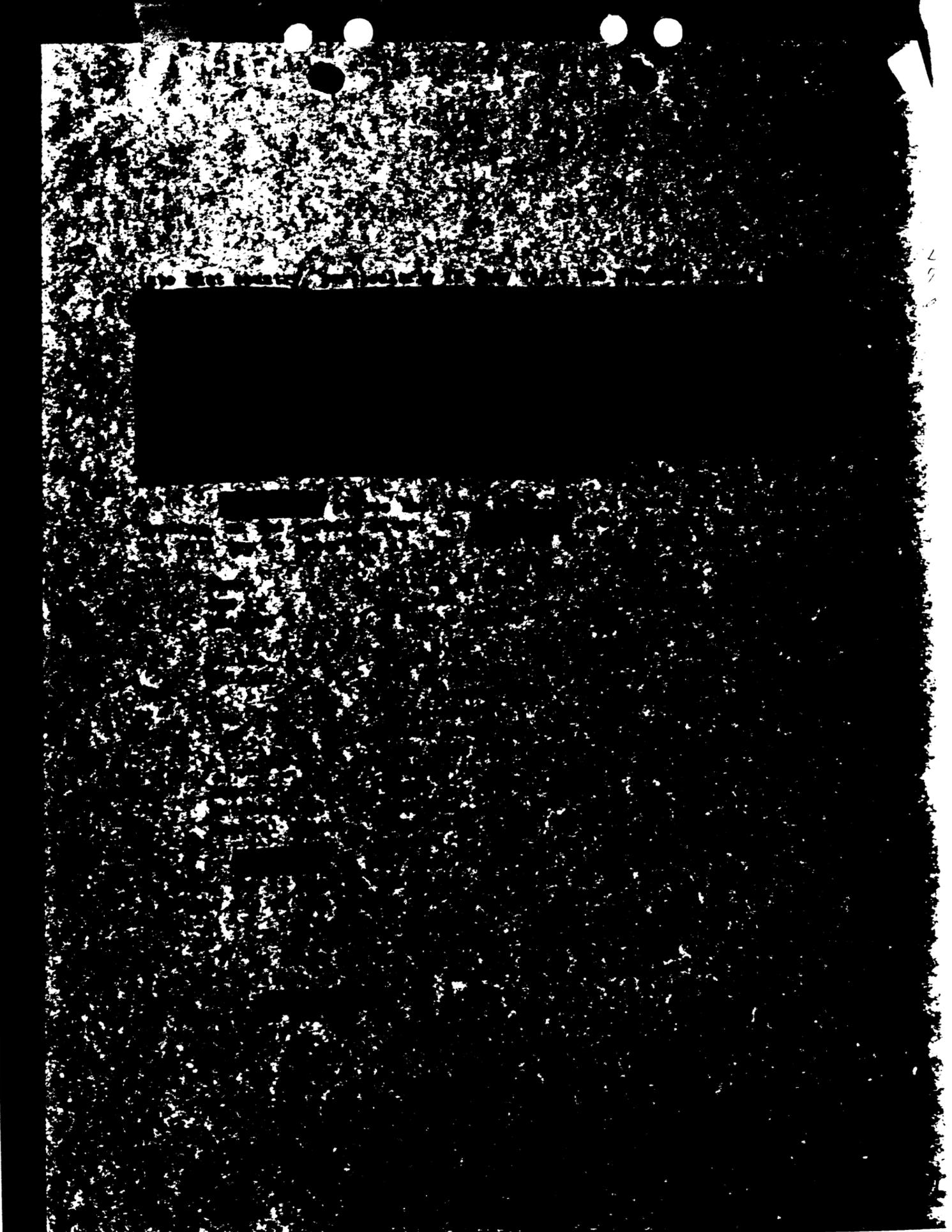
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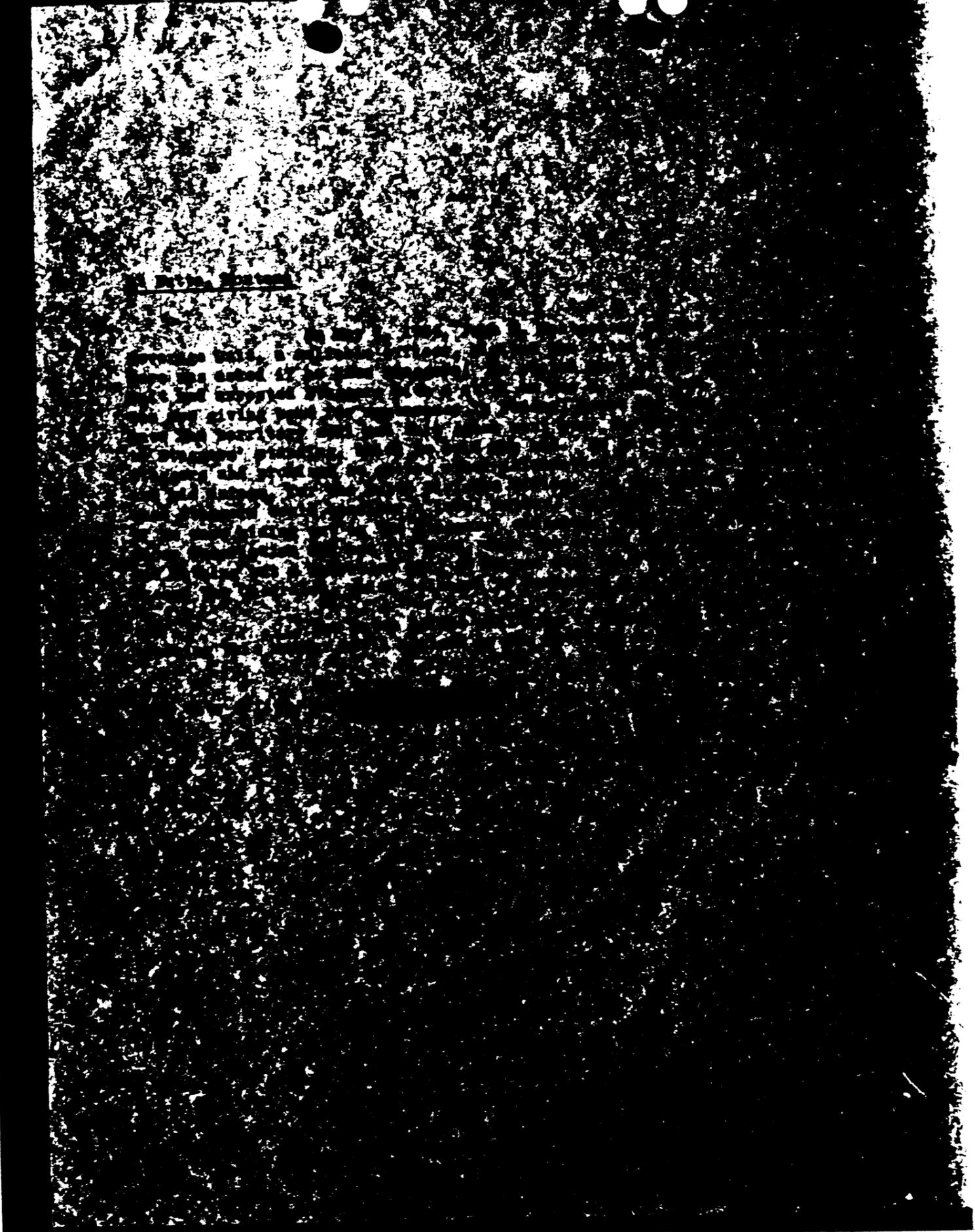
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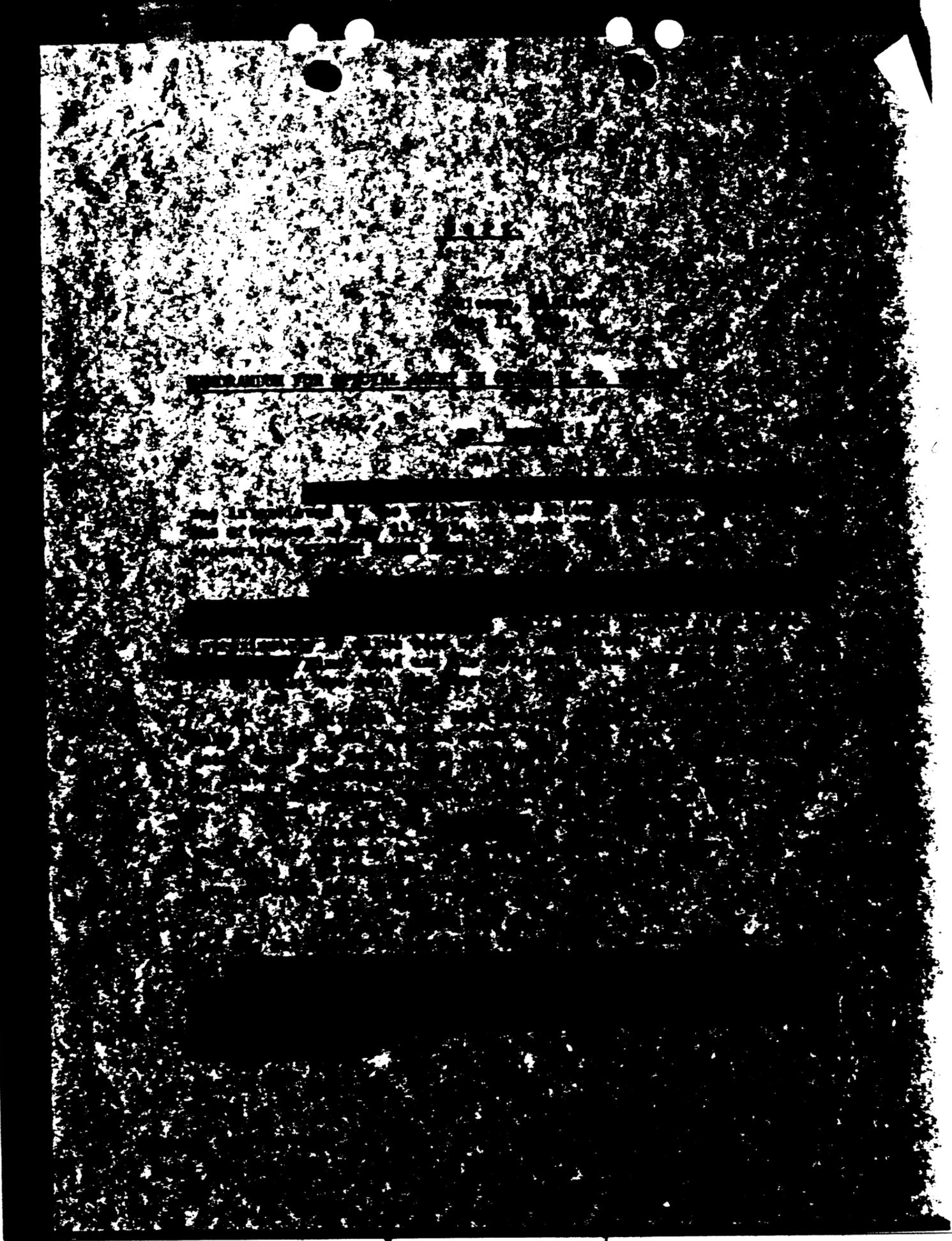
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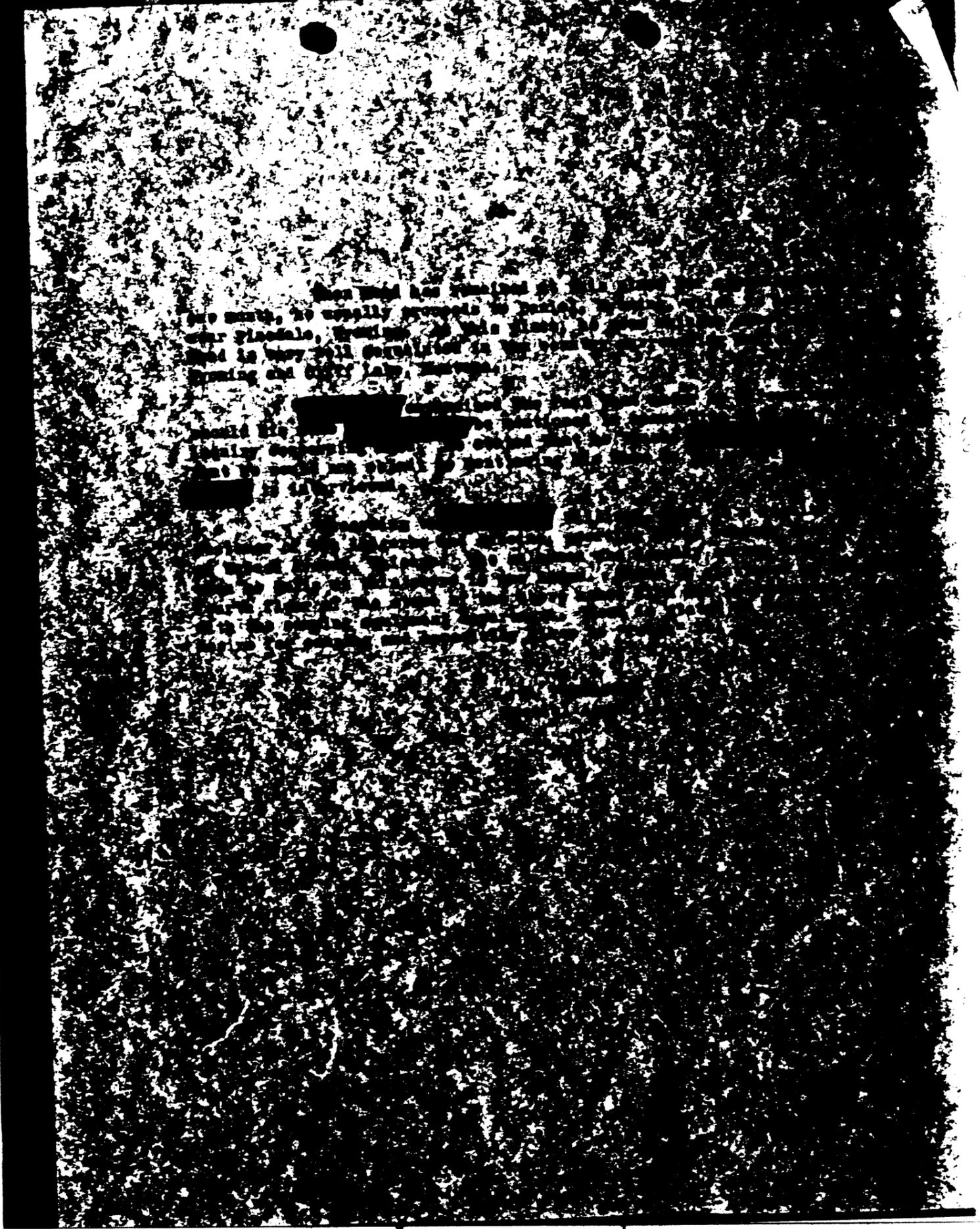


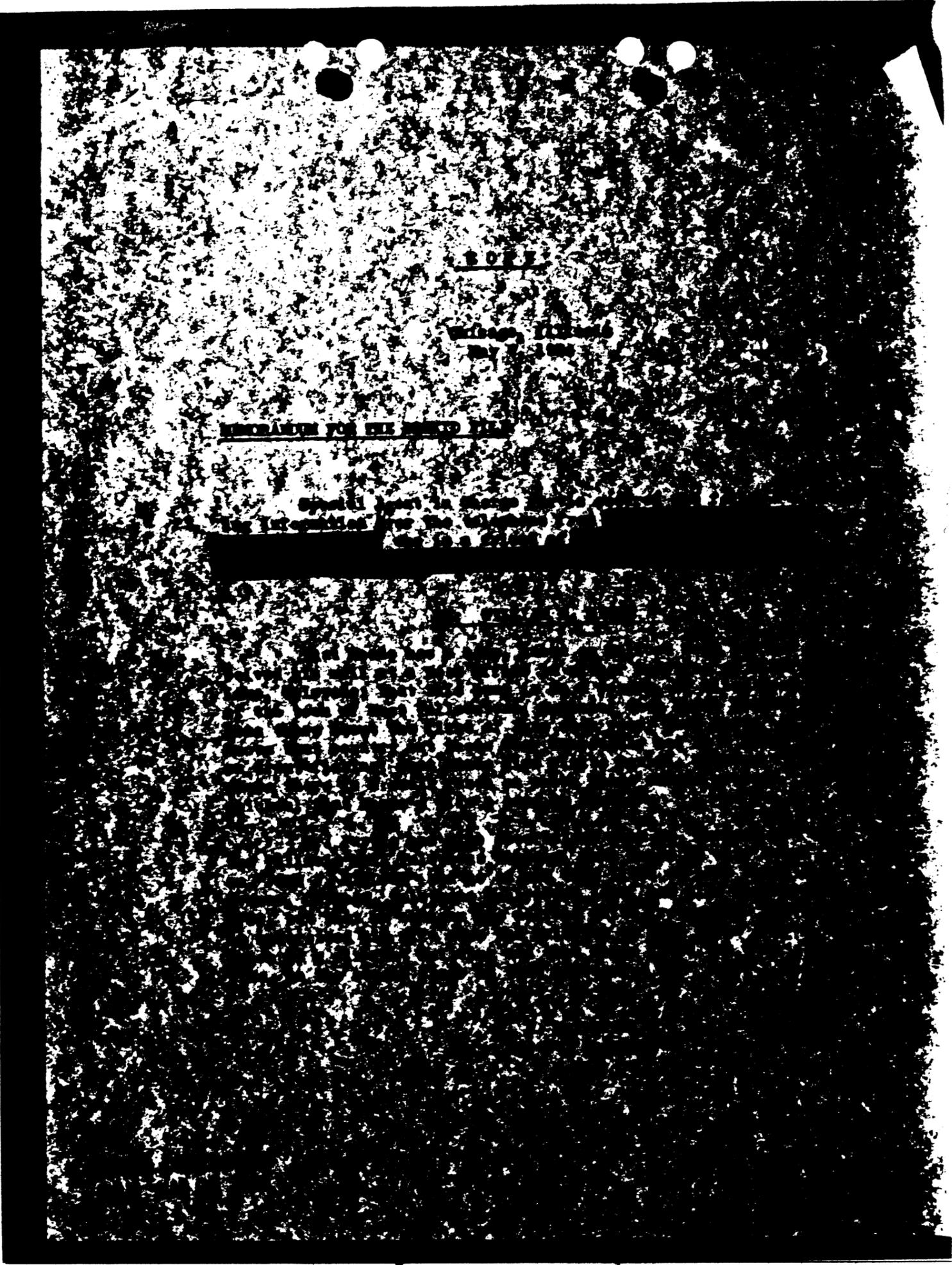


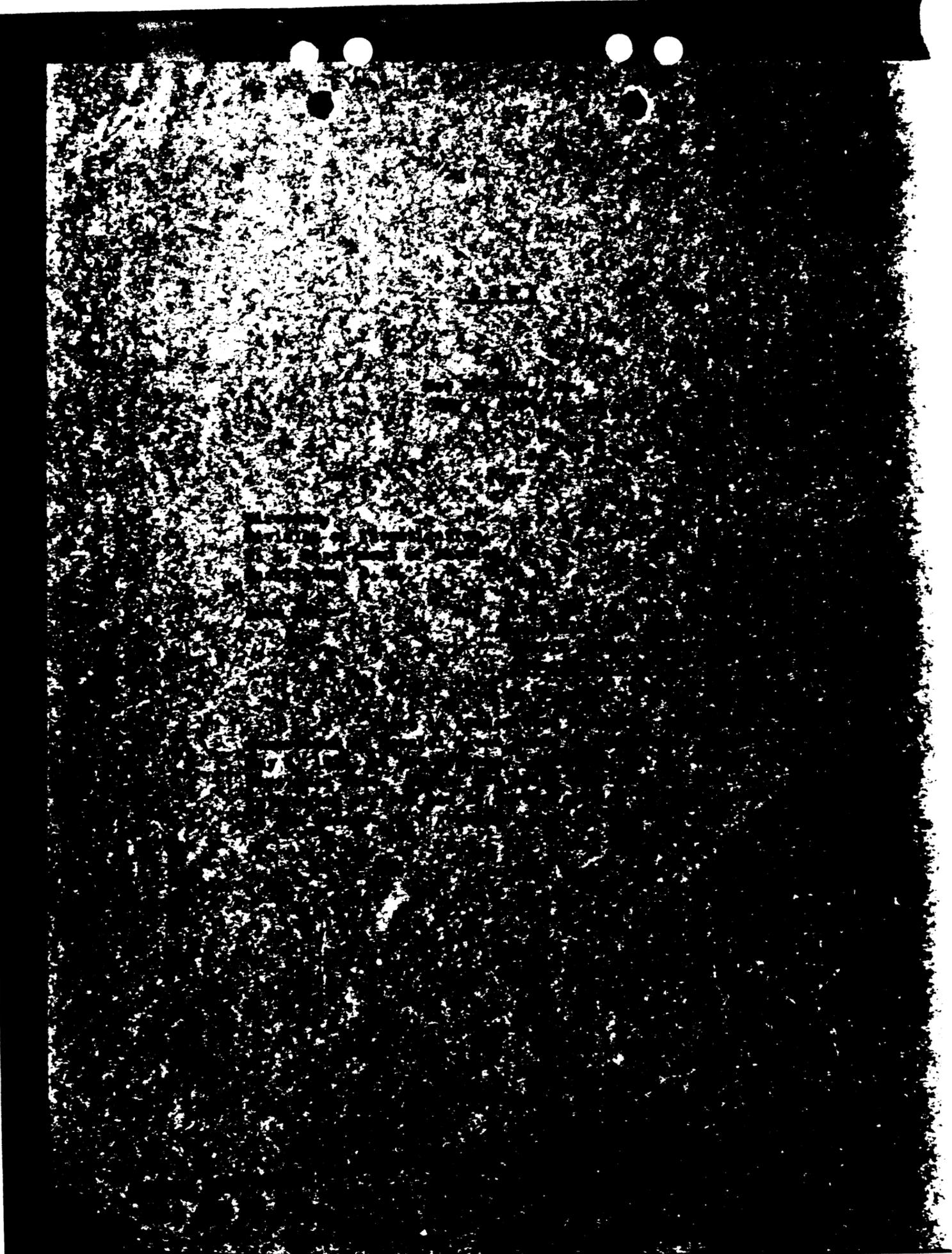
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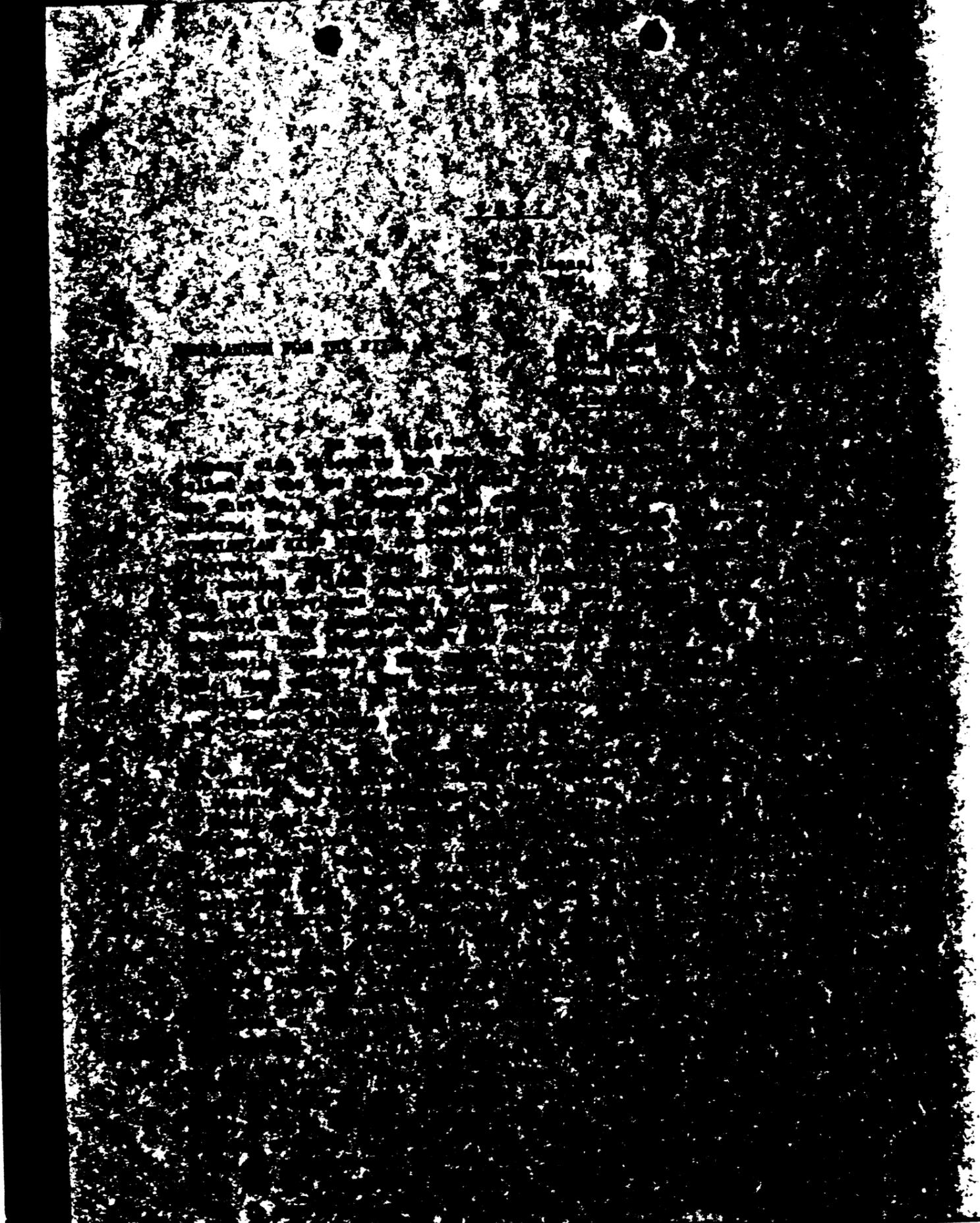
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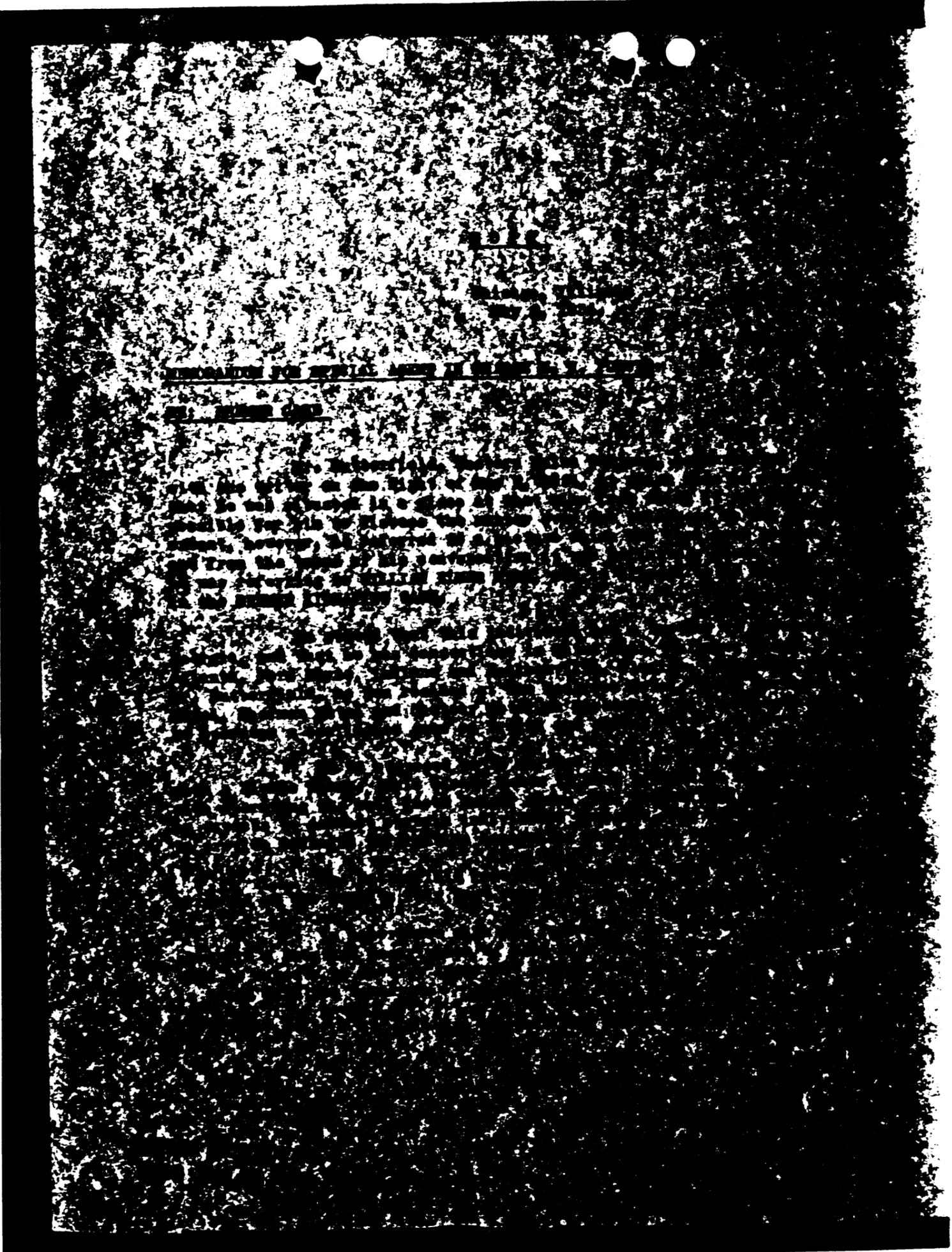
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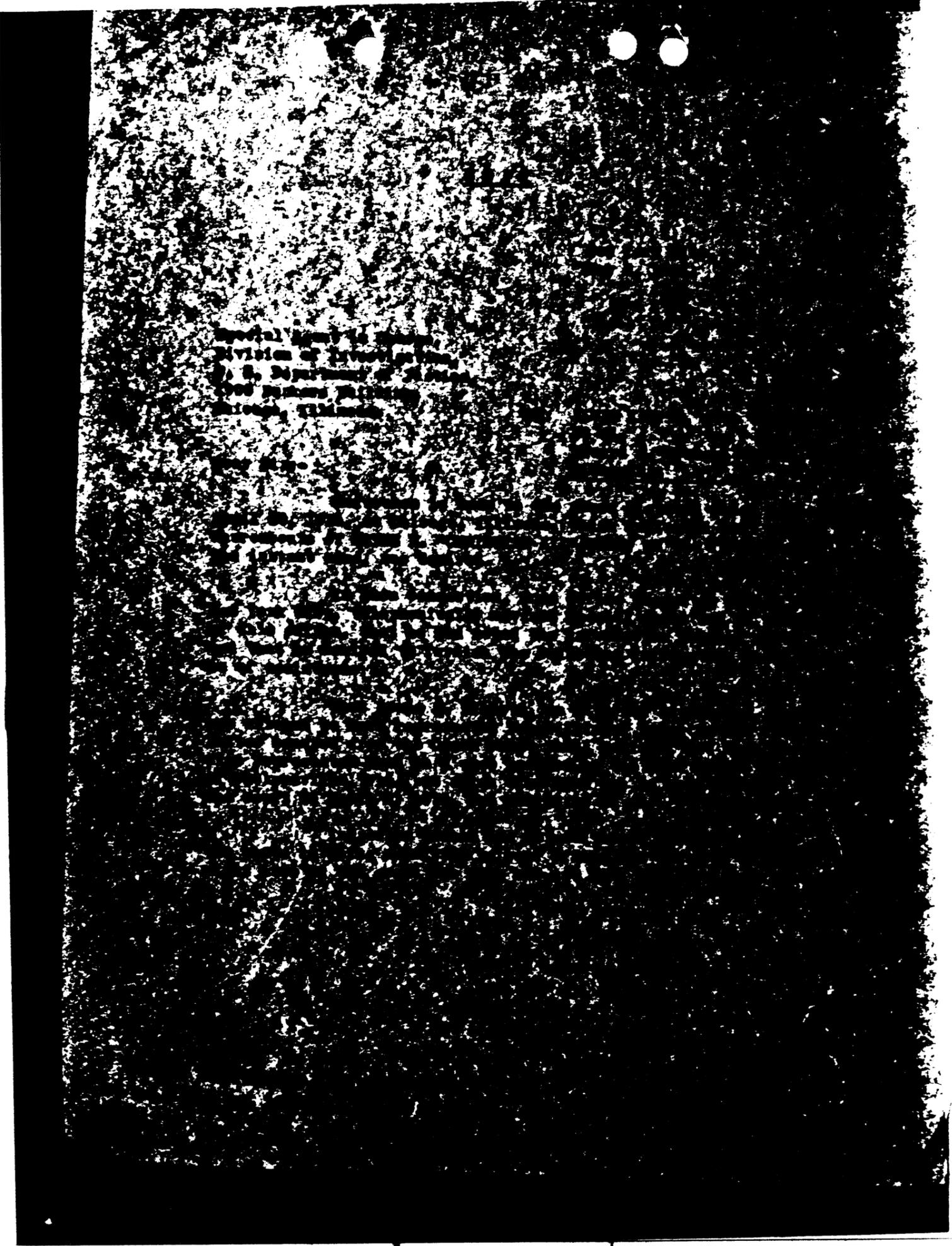












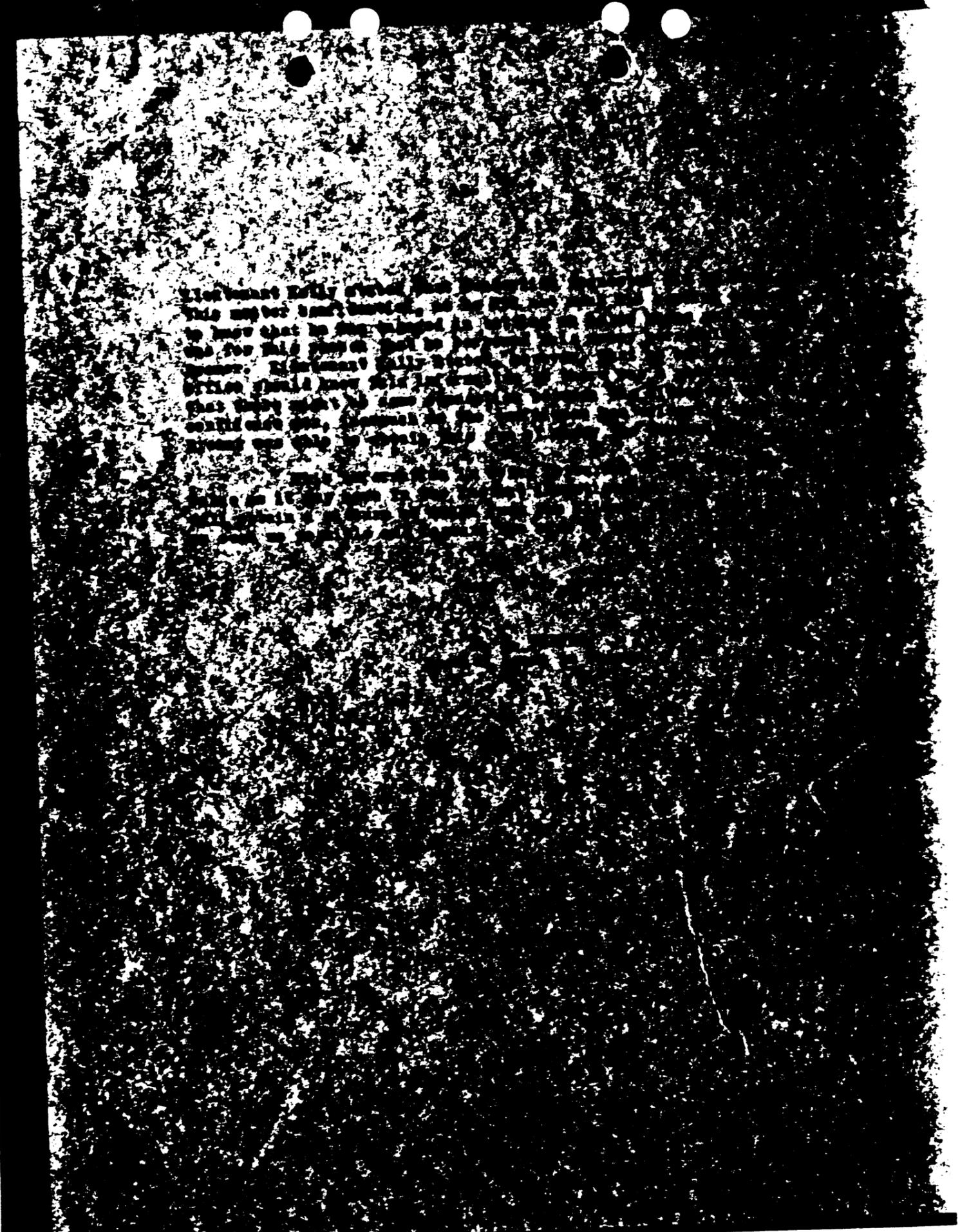
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Saint Paul, Minnesota

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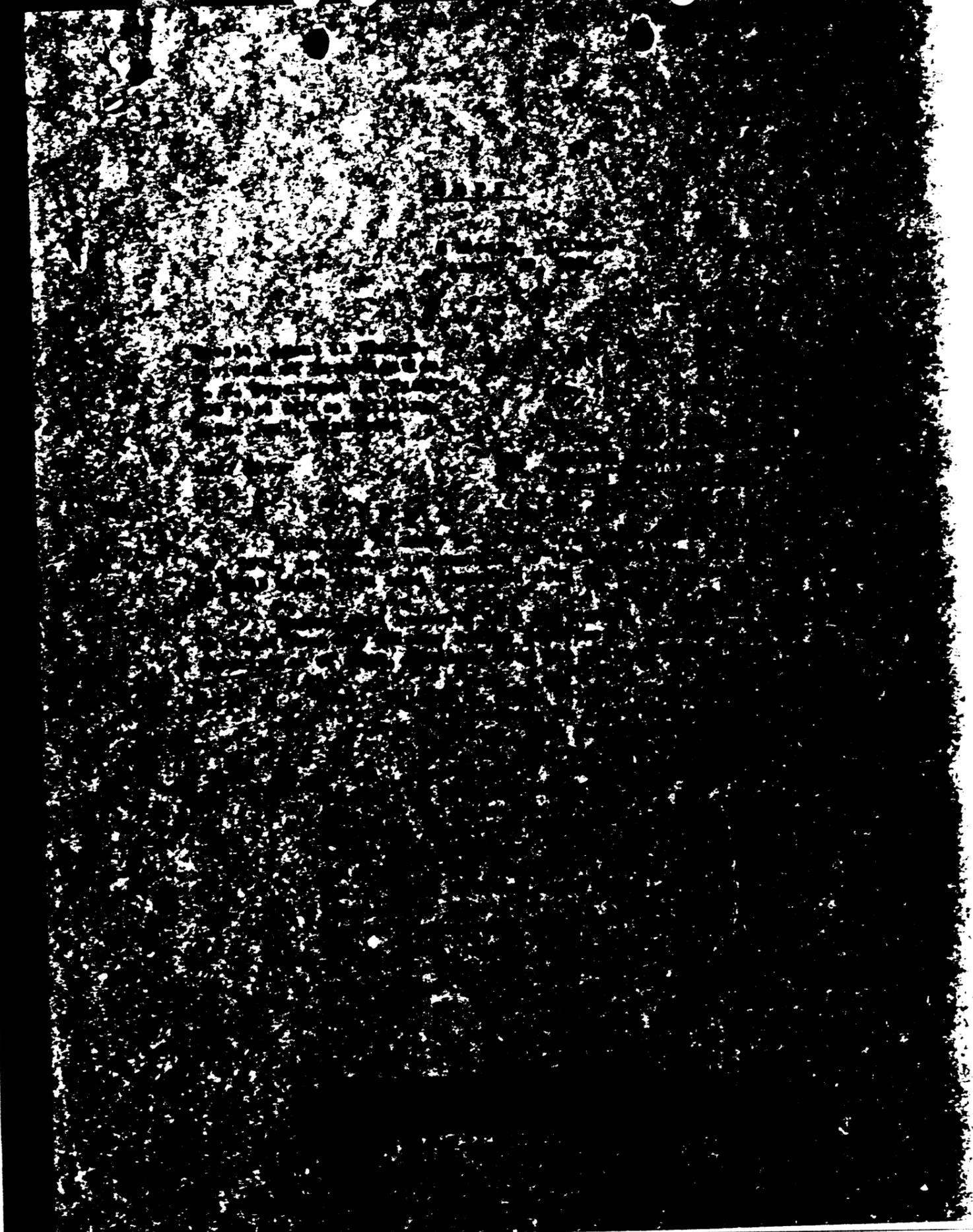
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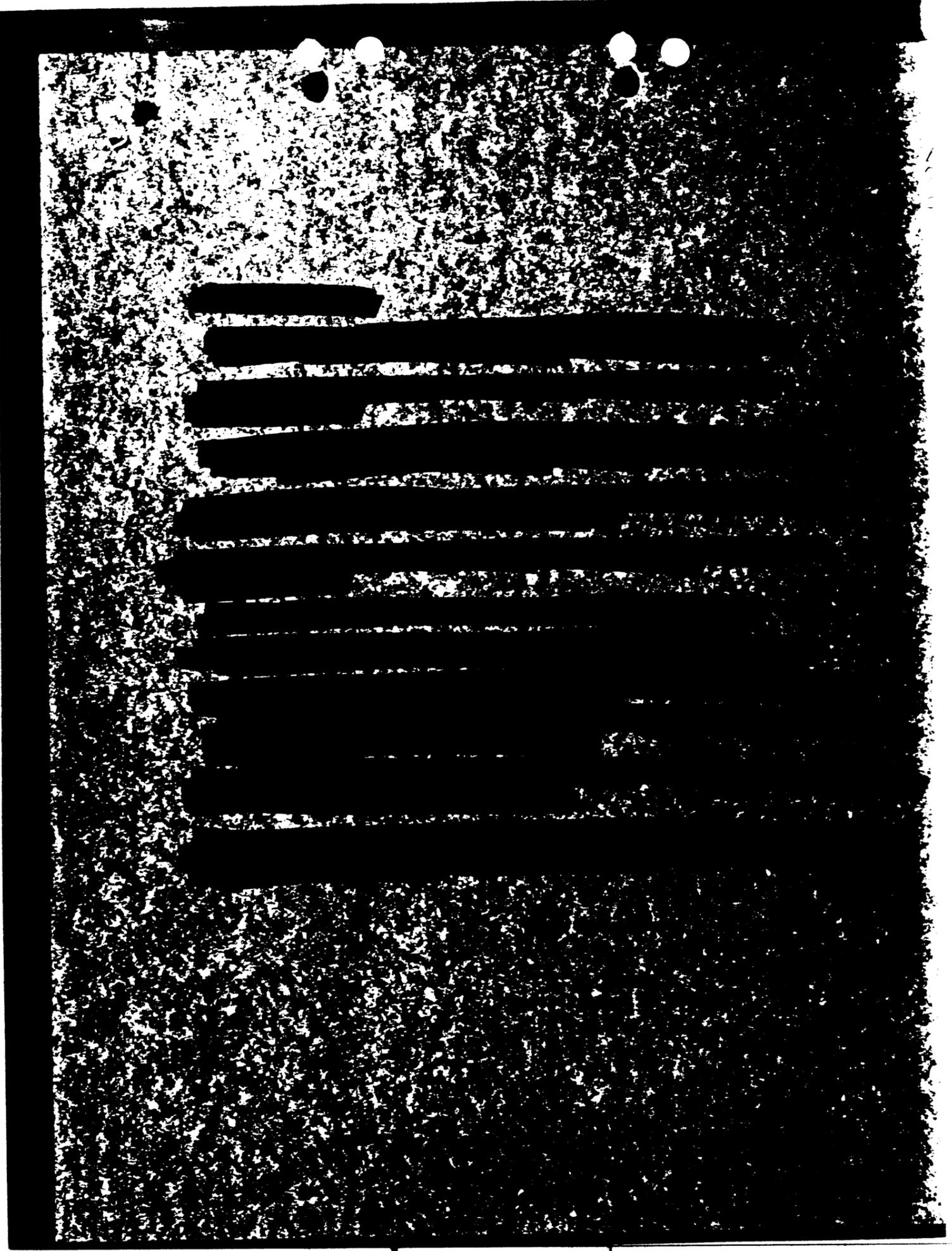
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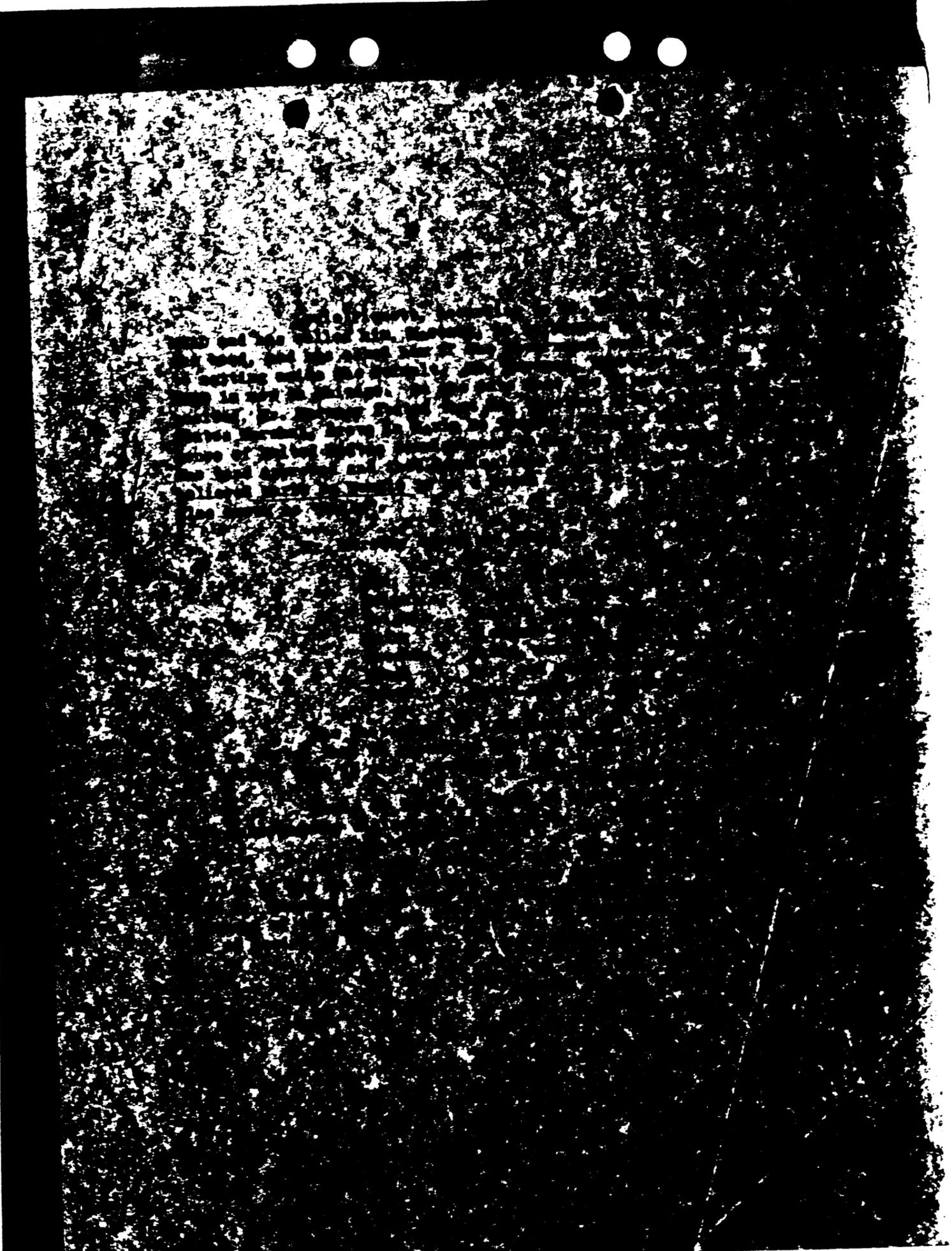
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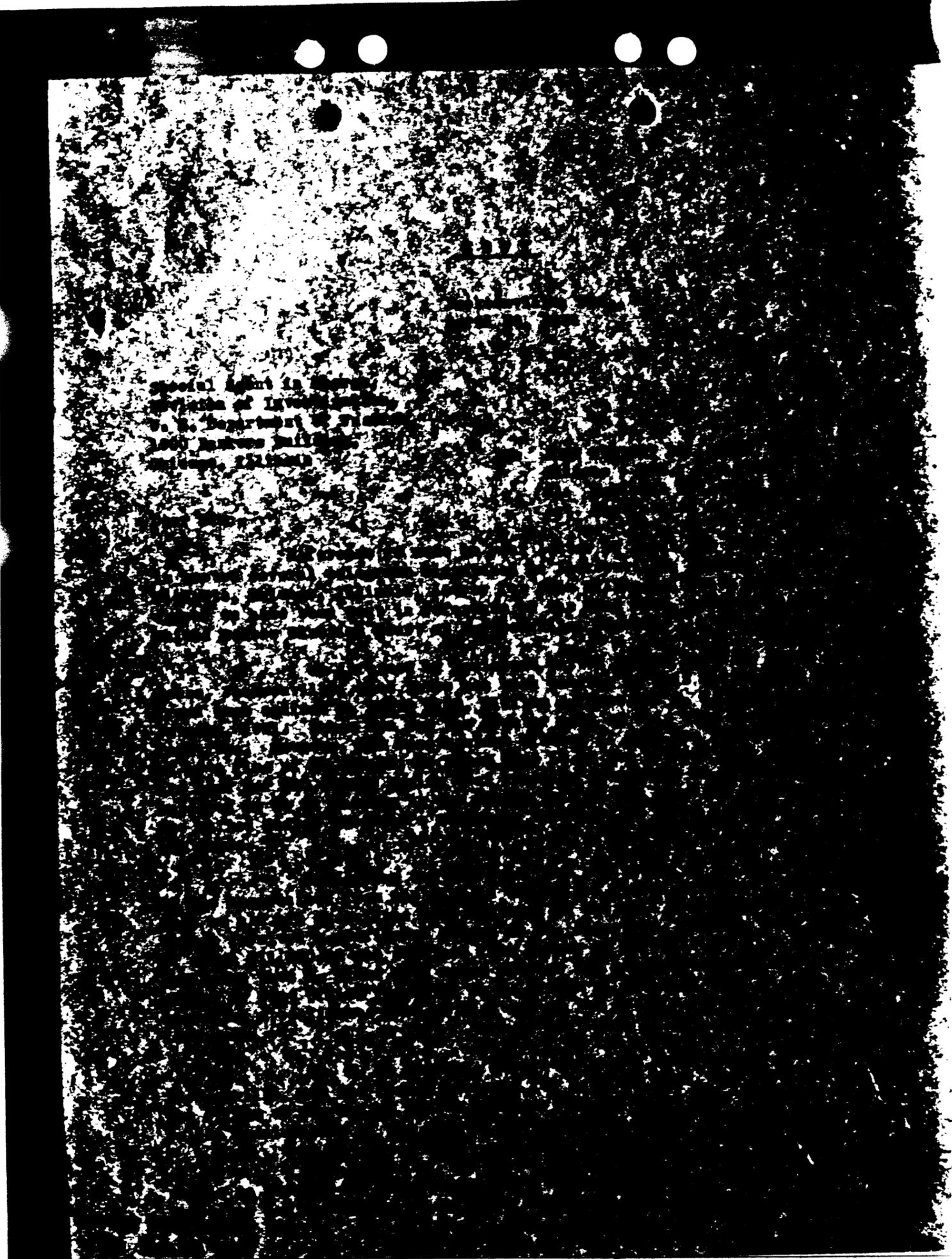


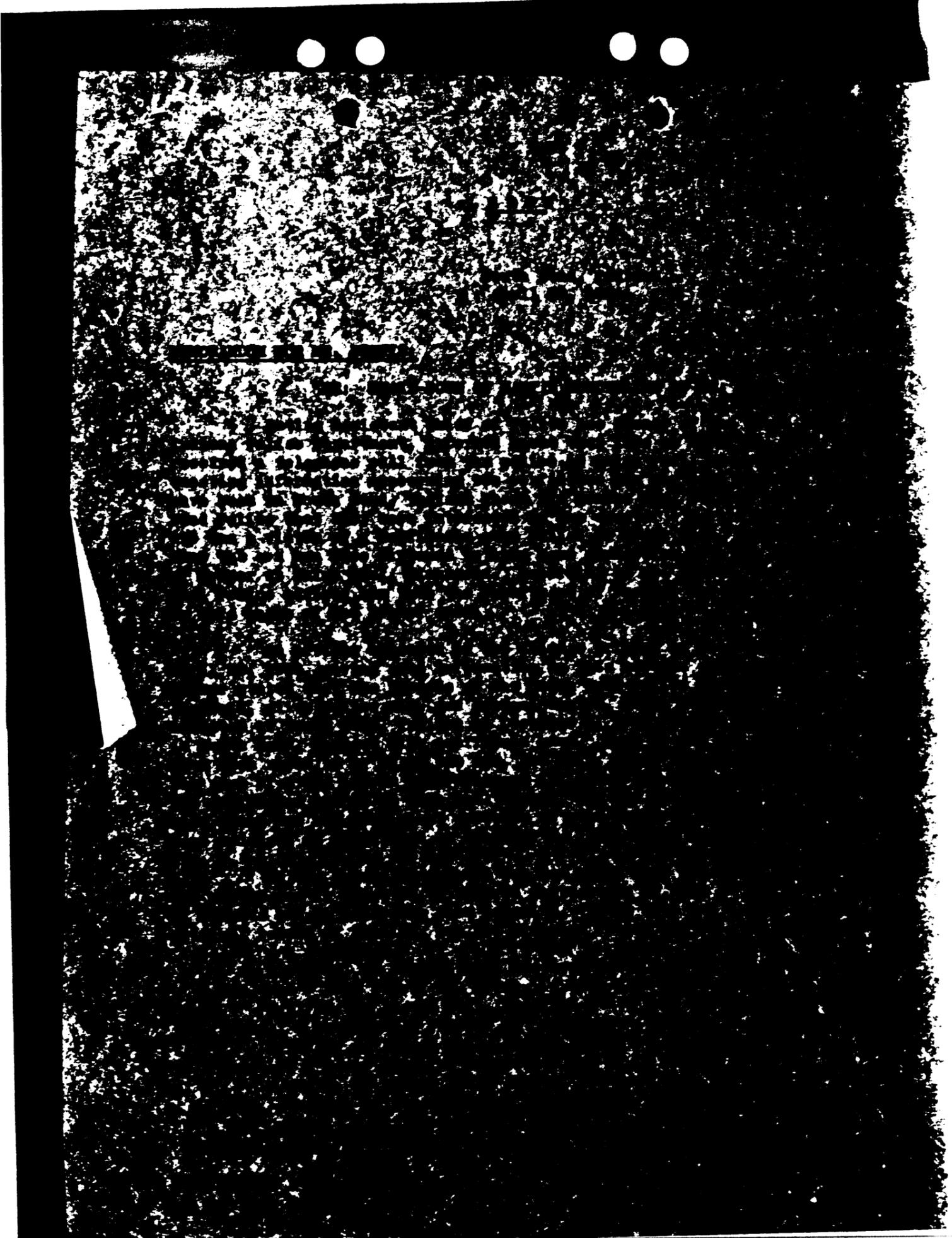


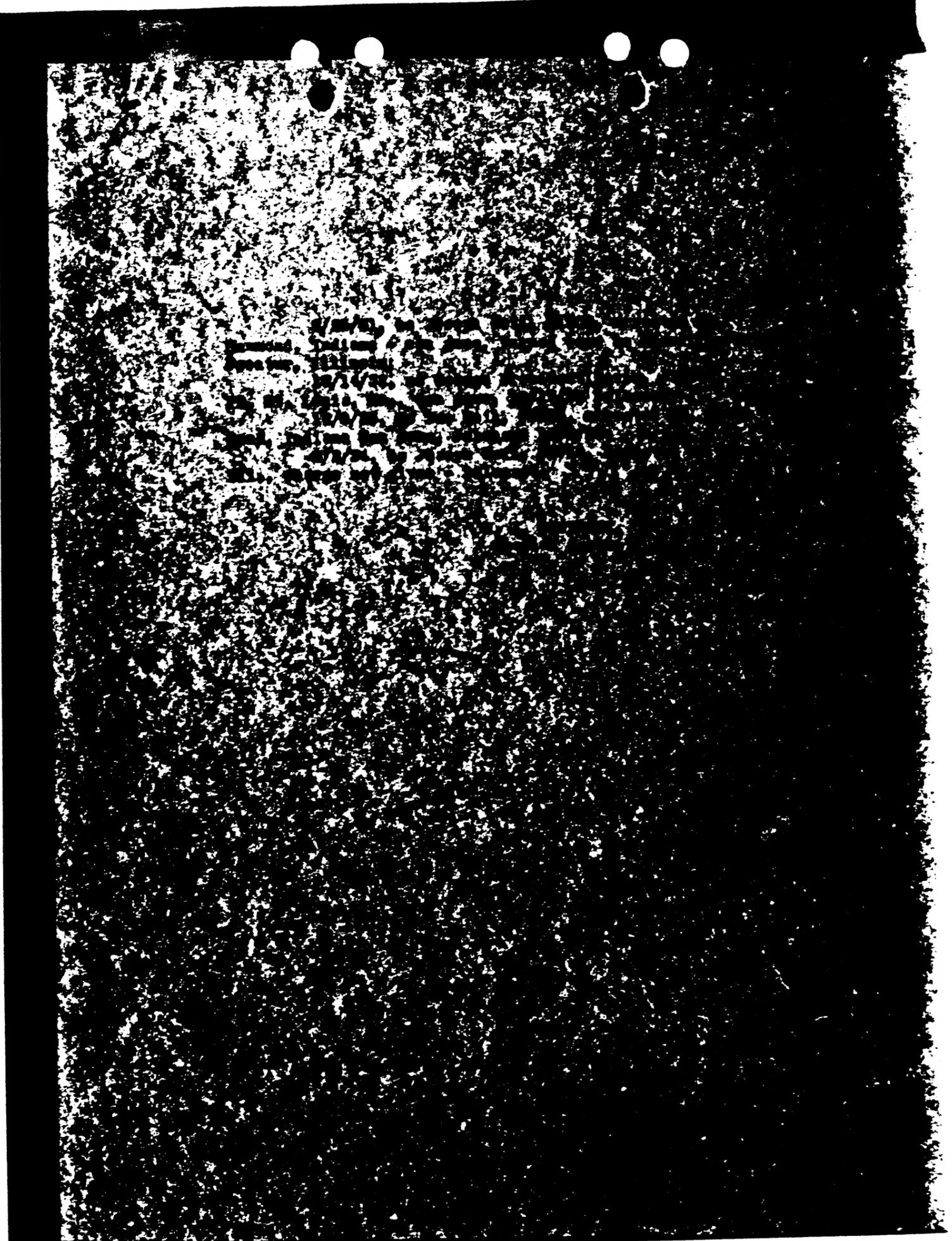
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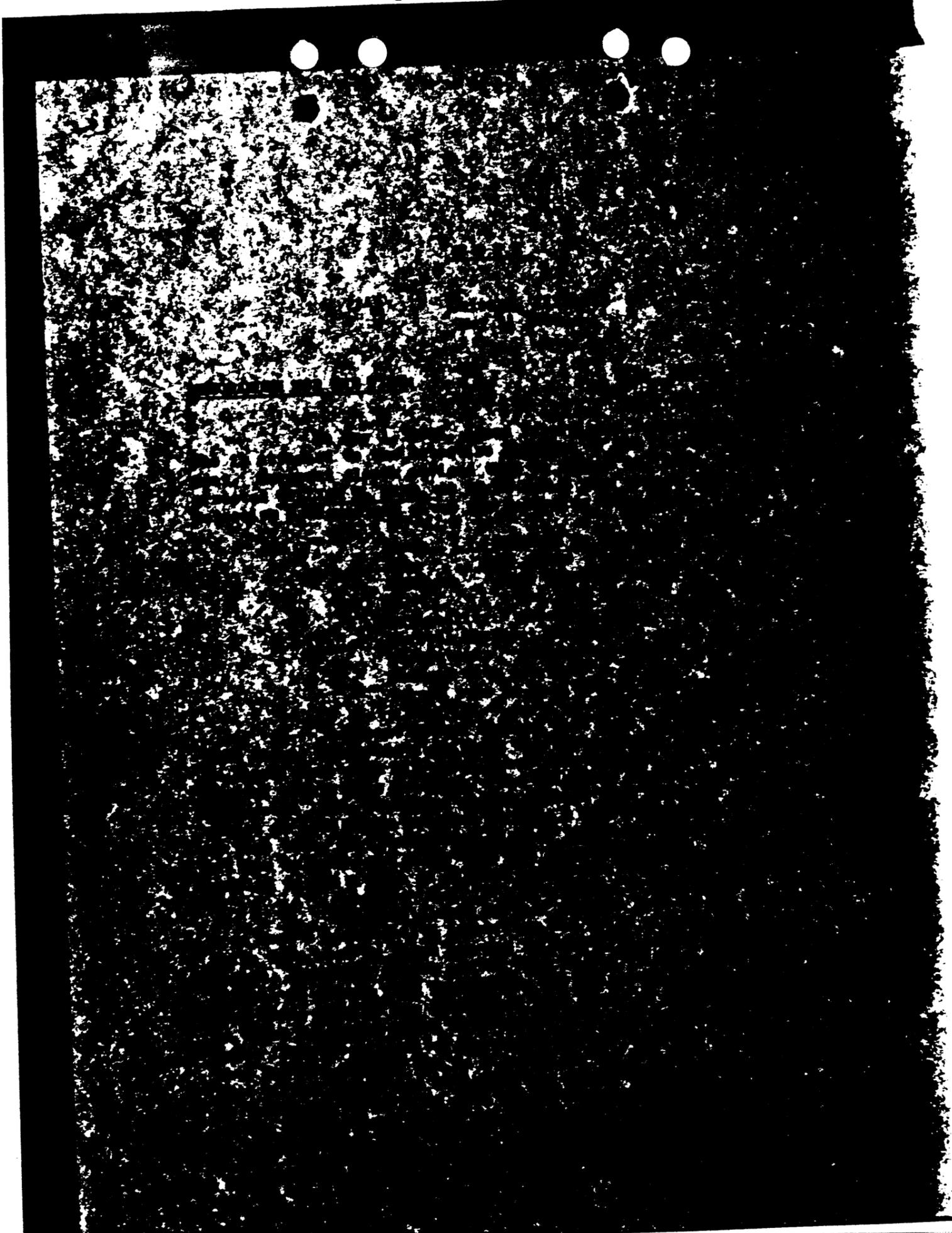
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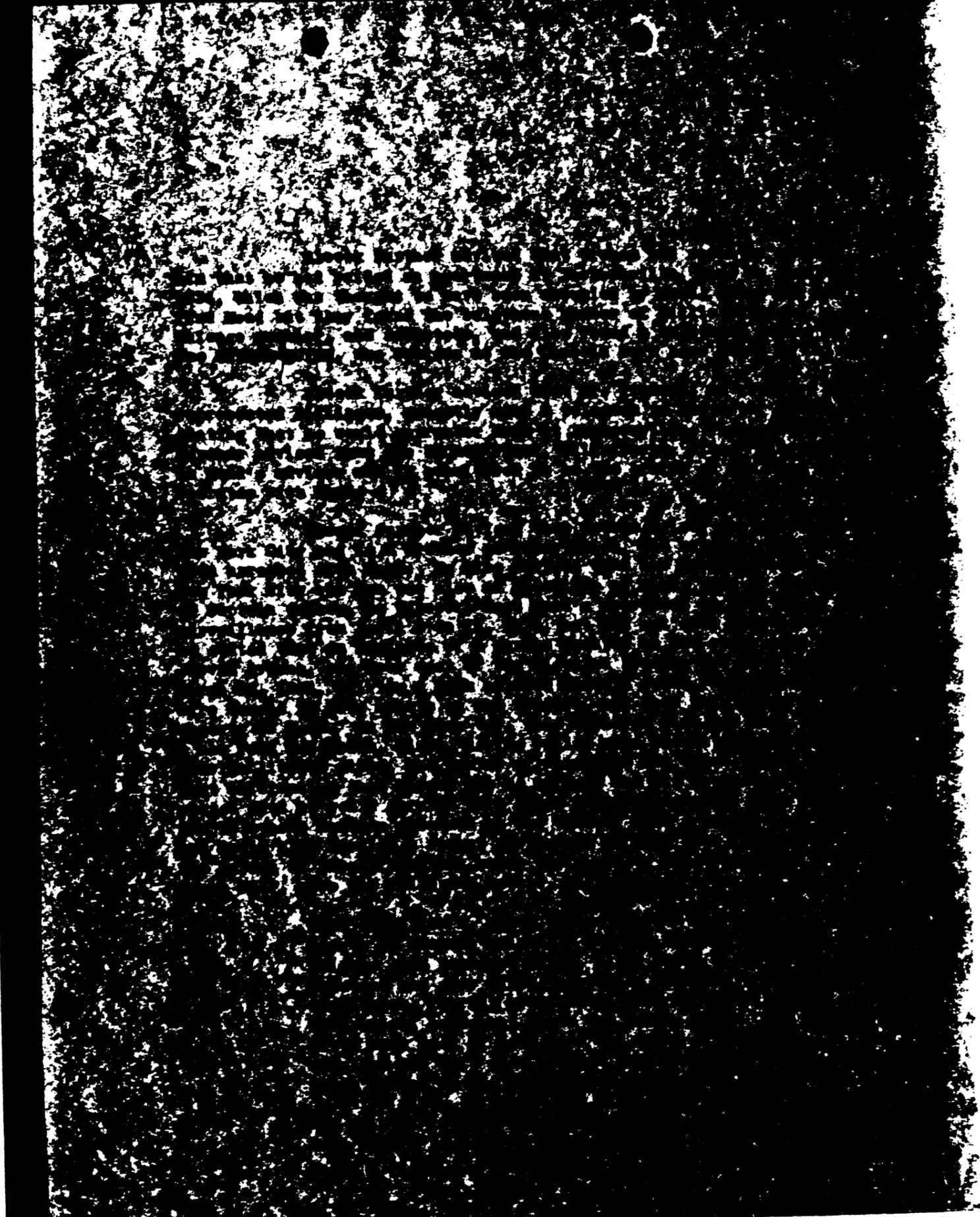


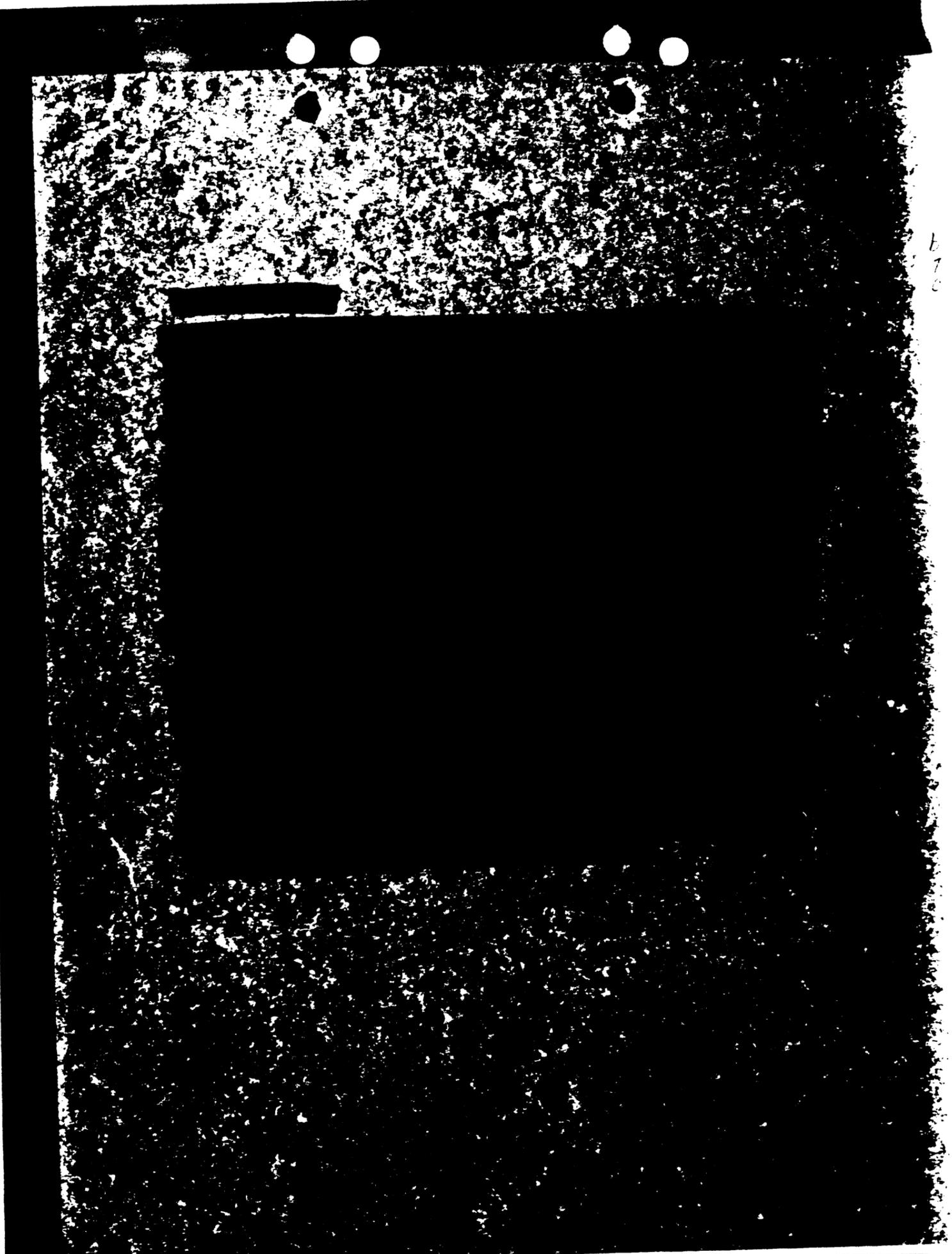












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May 25, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent S.G. Lawrence arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday, May 18, 1934, at 9:00 P.M.. He spent the first two or three days reviewing files and studying photographs and on Monday morning, May 21, 1934, he started his employment with the Standard Oil Company. His salary of \$85.00 per month is to be returned to the Standard Oil Company executives who are cooperating with the Division in the assignment, although they do not know the purpose of this cooperation.

Agent Lawrence is going through the same routine as other employees in the Standard Oil Company and, today, he is completing his training school experience with that company so that on Saturday morning, May 26, 1934, he will have completed his training school course and will be assigned to work at the Standard Oil Company Station which is adjacent to the garage which, according to MRS. BESSIE CRKEN, is owned by FRED BARKER. Agent Lawrence's employment will require him to work from early morning until mid-afternoon on one day and from mid-afternoon until late evening on the next day. He has been instructed specifically to telephone the office in the event any of the BARKER-KARPIS, or MILLINER, gang should be seen by him. He is otherwise to conduct himself as an employee of the STANDARD OIL COMPANY might, seeking within the course of several days to become friendly with the mechanic, who formerly was an employee of HARRY SAWYER and is now in charge of FRED BARKER'S garage.

Special Agent Lawrence is using the name of [redacted] and he is residing at the following address: 969 Linwood Place, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone Dale 4220.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

S. G. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Lester
- Miss Gandy
- Mrs. Kelley
- Chief, Unit
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Personnel Files
- Files
- Equipment Section
- Supervisor, Steno. Pool
- Miss Sheaffer

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Clyde Tolson

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

May 25, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: See attached list.

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: May 21, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S. J. [unclear]

May 22. The handwriting notes concerning the recipe for steak, etc. are not like those of the male members of the Karpis Gang whose signatures appear on fingerprint cards in the Division. This handwriting looks like that of a woman.

The typewriter which wrote the memorandum beginning "All the attached letter was sent to following Real Estate Firms, etc." was a Royal pica size such as was in existence in 1929.

The typewritten address on the envelope to Mrs. Dolores [unclear] was written with a Portable Underwood pica size typewriter.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING KEPT IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD THE OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT RECOVERY.

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2 - Chicago.
1 - Inspector Rorer.
2 - Laboratory.

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Laboratory Report #1057.

Specimens: Twenty Four "Foxhead" Beer Bottles.
One furniture polish bottle.
One small lamp chimney.
One Marchchrome bottle.
One "Sears Maid of Honor" furniture polish bottle.
One bottle of honey.
One "Wildroot Shampoo" bottle.
One glass lampshade (broken).
One mirror.
One page of Chicago Herald-Examiner, issue of March 14, 1934.
One page of Goldblatt's Shopping News.
Two sheets of blank white paper.
One typewritten memorandum beginning "RE: The attached letter
was sent to following Real Estate Firm."
One piece of white note paper containing cooking recipes and
drawings.
One apartment lease, "Russell Spence Company to W. B. Lohman."
One receipt, "Woman's Home Companion Reading Club."
One label from Vico Furniture Polish bottle.
One small advertisement blatter "Vincennes Tailors."
Three rent receipts for apartment occupied by W. B. Lohman at
Yates Apartment.
One envelope addressed to Mrs. Helene Lohman without return
One request for electric deposit from W. B. Lohman to
Mison Company.
One bill from McCall Co. to Mrs. W. B. Lohman.
Deposit receipt from Commonwealth Edison Co. to W. B. Lohman.
Electric bill from Commonwealth Co. to W. B. Lohman, dated
24, 1934.
One sales slip, Sears Roebuck Co.
Three cut film holders with films for development.

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SPC:mr

May 26, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

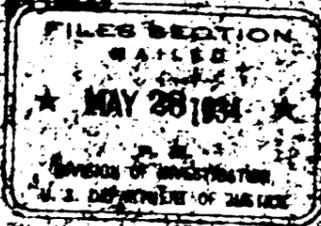
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division on May 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

Enclosure:



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

May 22, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter written in Swedish and addressed to the Mayor
at St. Paul.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: May 16, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: E.F. [unclear]

The envelope which was of plain white paper without watermark, in the upper left hand corner a return address of A.G. Carlson, Port Hope, Wisconsin.

The letter which was signed with the same name was written in Swedish on paper which had been cut from a notebook bound along the side edge. The sheet is 8.32 inches high and is ruled with 19 blue lines to a page.

The handwriting of this letter is not similar to any of the handwriting which has been previously submitted in this case.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. IF YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Inspector Borer - St. Paul.
2 - Laboratory.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 211,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received by the Division on May 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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May 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Black at Oklahoma City, he advised that the wife of Herman Barker, who was to make the trip to Keeboha, has disappeared and left word at the post office that she had no money and was hitch-hiking. Mr. Black advised that no money had been advanced to this woman.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

Edward L. Bremer

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box # 887
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 29, 1934

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

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephonic conversation between Mr. Cowley and the undersigned this morning, please be informed that in the absence of Mr. H. H. Johnson, Confidential Secretary to Mr. Andrew H. Mellon, I talked with Mr. R. S. Scott. The latter is acting as Mr. Mellon's secretary during Mr. Johnson's illness.

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Scott confirming our conversation relative to the information contained in the Division's letter of May 26th and its enclosures.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Waters
J. J. WATERS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl.

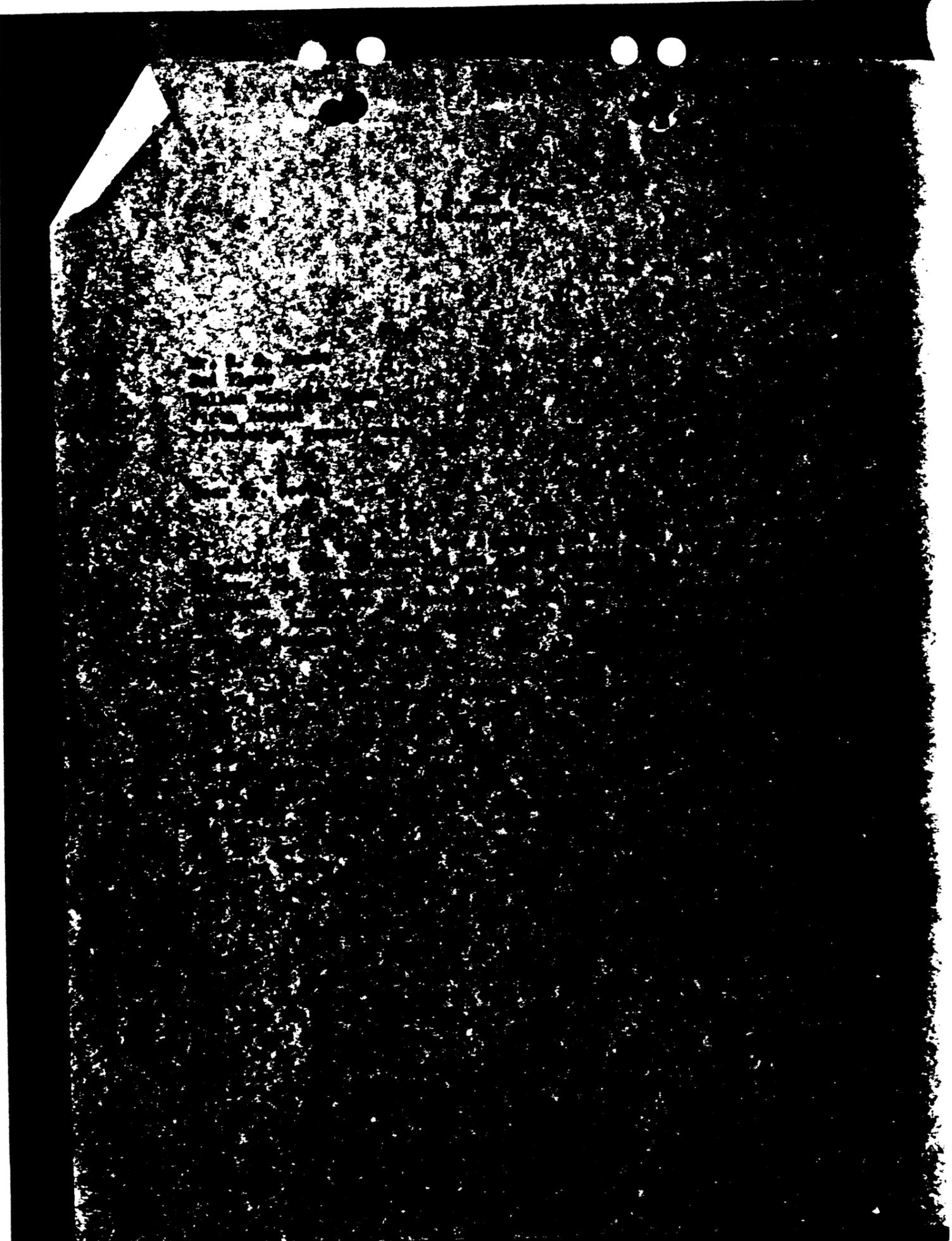
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Memo. to Director

steering - which is a new lead in that case, in seeing
Karpis frequent in the summer with his girl friend, and
near the airport where big buses and trucks are
known hang out and drink beer.

Mr. Clegg advised that Brown had been seen
with them in their trip to Chicago, and that he
three of them, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Brown
occasional business of the Hotel Hotel and
there.

Mr. Clegg plans to take Brown to Chicago
in St. Paul Sunday morning.

FORM 1

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
ON THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF
THE LIFE OF CHARLES JAMES HENRY
AND HIS ASSOCIATES

UNITED STATES

NO. 100-100000-100000

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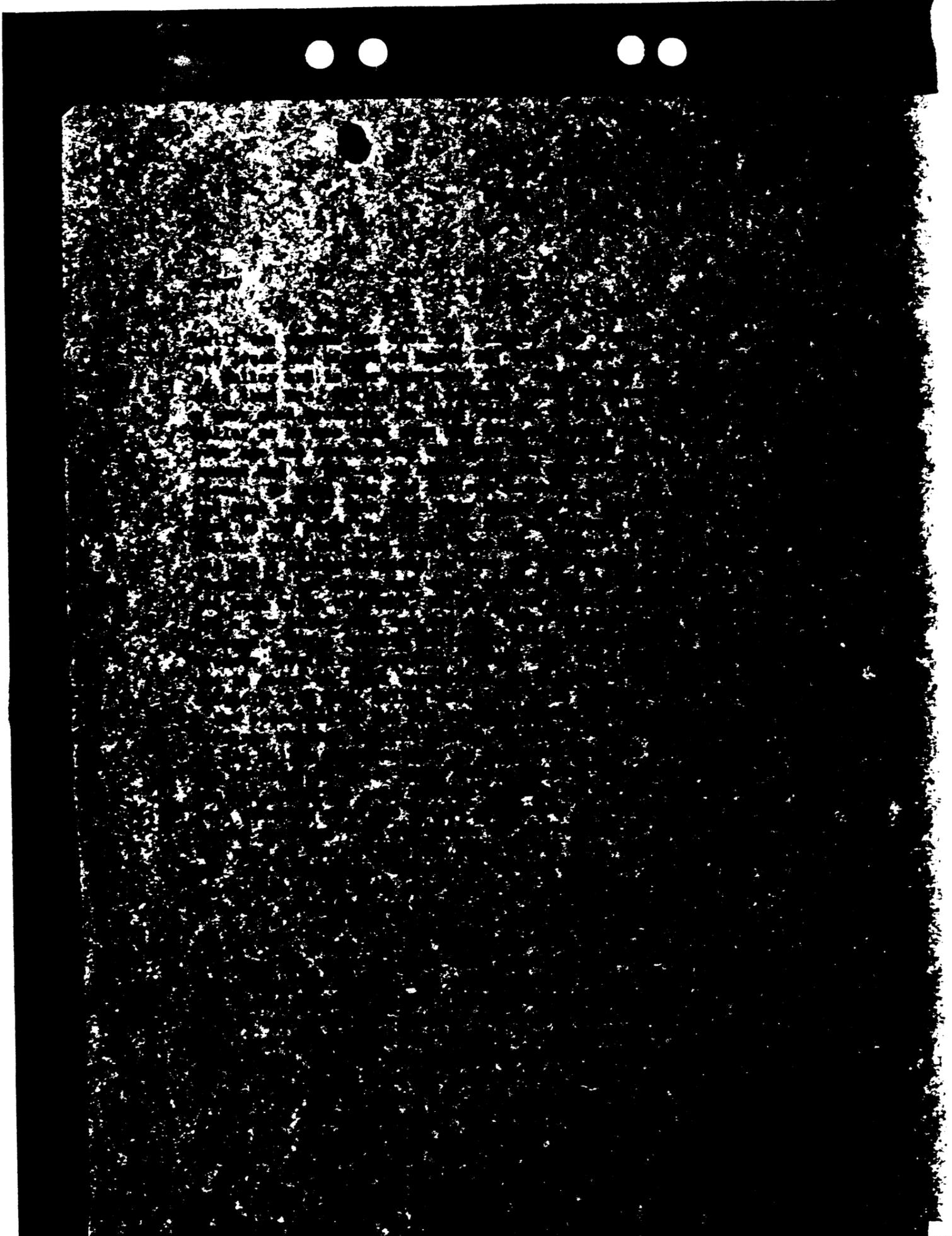
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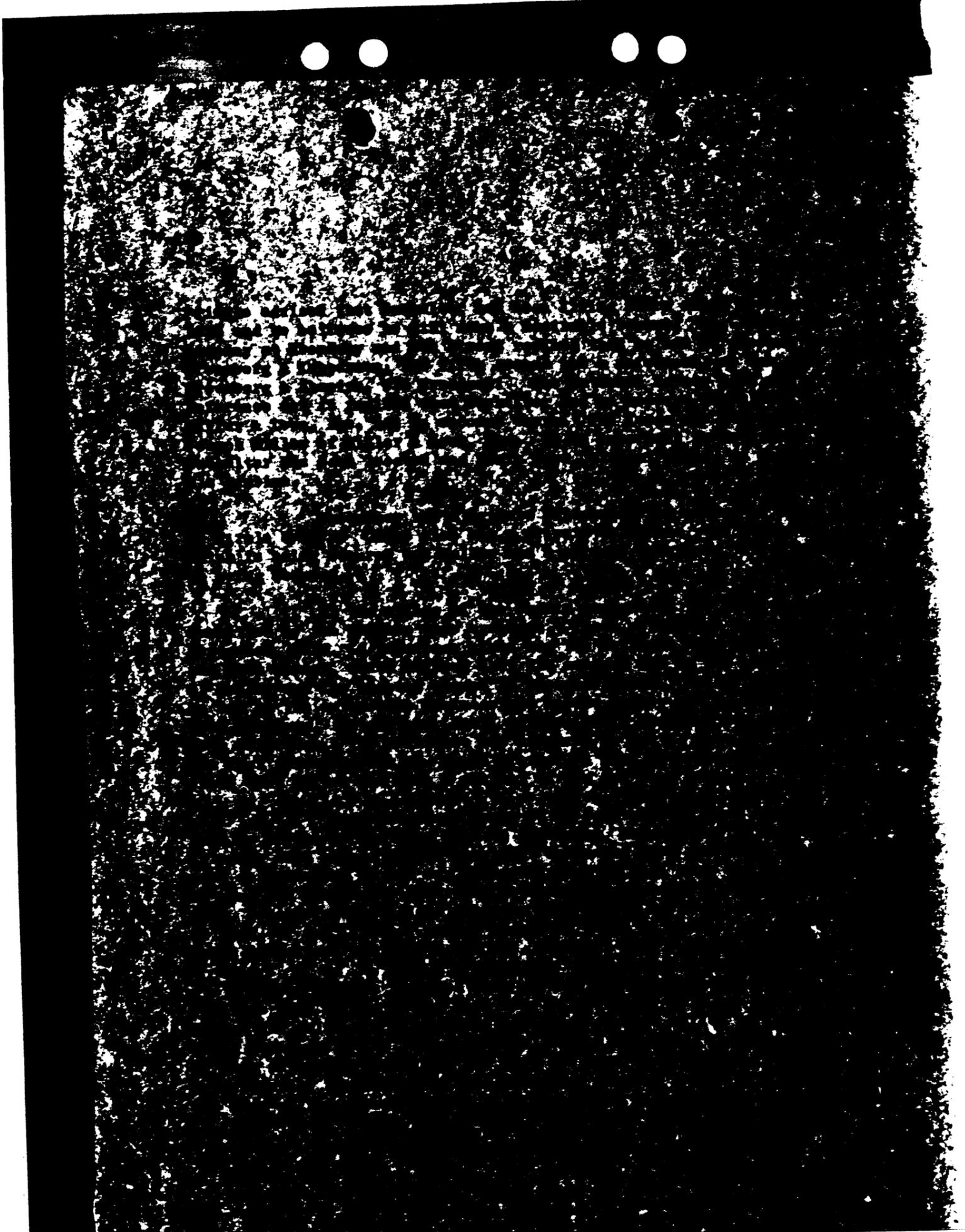
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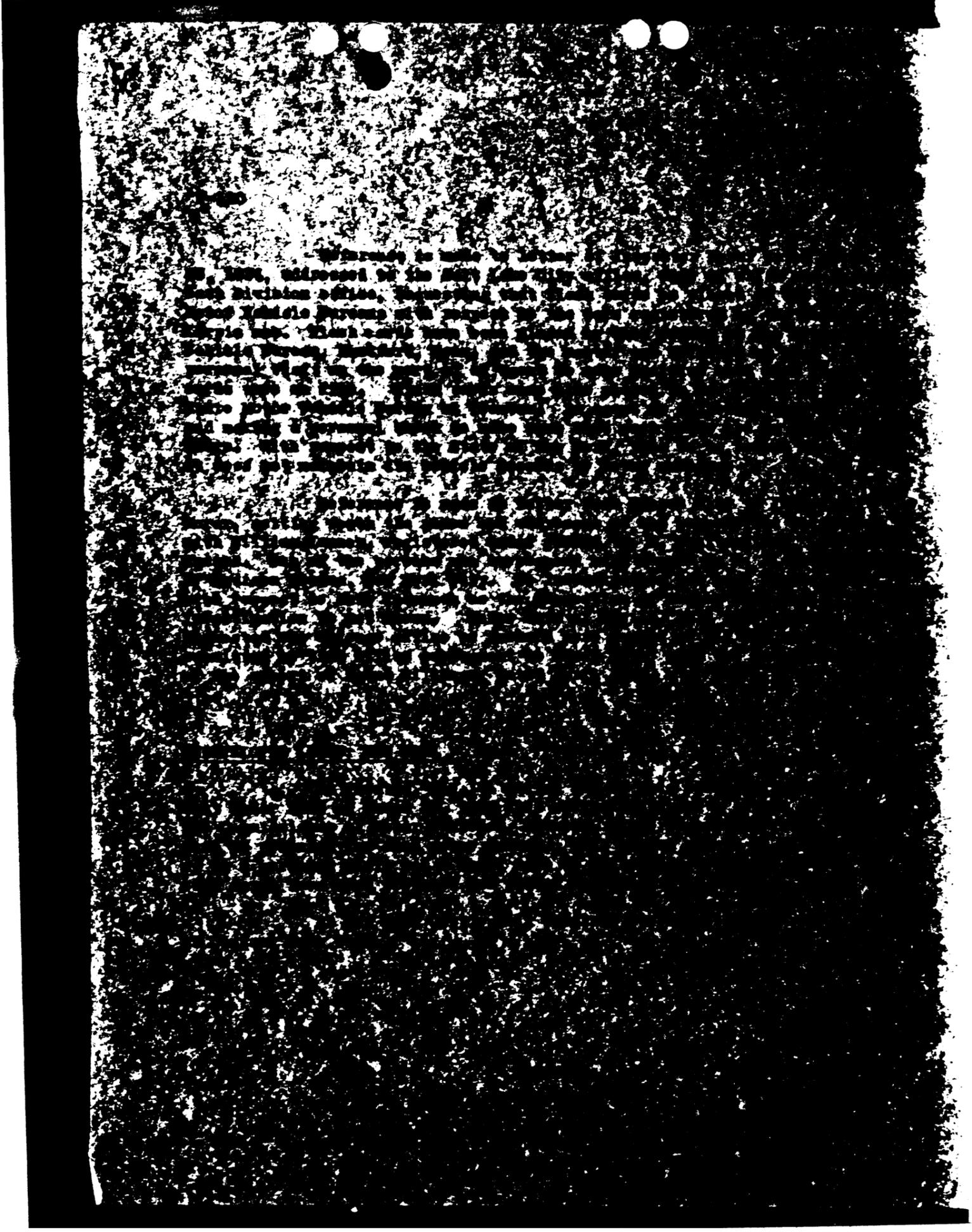
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVE

CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/24/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-20-34
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CHARACTER OF CASE:
 ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES, A.O. NO. 1
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM
 EDWARD R. BREMER, WITH ALIASES, A.O. NO. 1

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT

- ST. PAUL, MINN.
- CHICAGO, ILL.
- ST. LOUIS, MO.
- ST. CINCINNATI, OH.
- ST. CLEVELAND, OH.
- ST. DETROIT, MICH.
- ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
- ST. KANSAS CITY, MO.
- ST. MEMPHIS, TENN.
- ST. MILWAUKEE, WIS.
- ST. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
- ST. OMAHA, NEB.
- ST. PORTLAND, ORE.
- ST. RICHMOND, VA.
- ST. ST. LOUIS, MO.
- ST. WASHINGTON, D.C.
- ST. WICHITA, KAN.

REPORT

Report of Special Agent in Charge

7/19/44

STATE

The following investigation

was conducted in an effort to locate and identify

the person or persons who

on 5/9, 10, 1944

at Chicago, Illinois

for the purpose of

identifying the

person or persons

who are

connected with

the activities of

the Chicago

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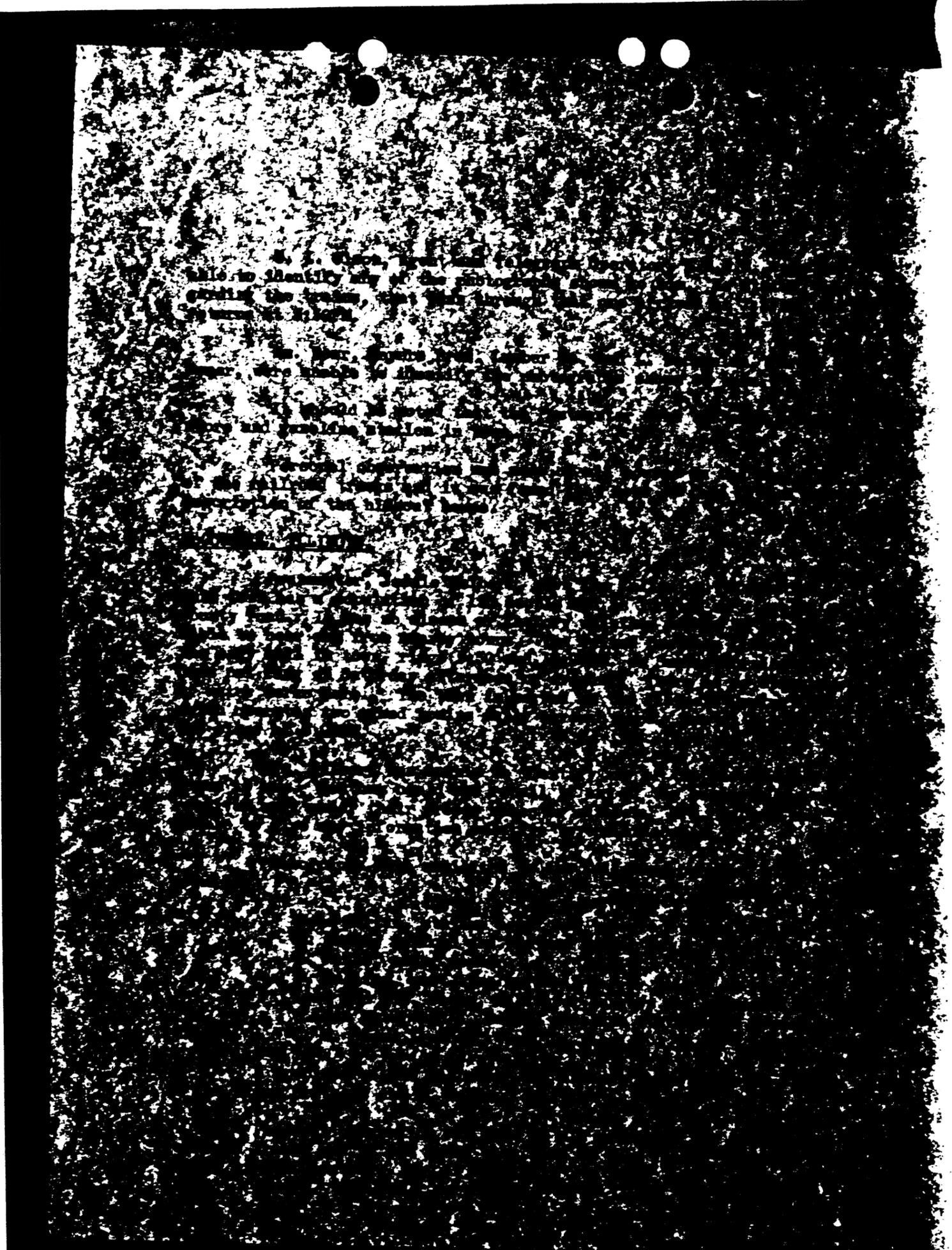
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RED OAK, ILLINOIS.

Sarah Miller, Postmaster, gave the following information. Red Oak has a population of 70 people and is located on a dirt road. There are no sirens or factory whistles and it is not possible to hear either from either town. The only church in town is the Methodist Church, which is located on the east side of town. The church is open on Sunday morning and at no other time.

This town is served by the Illinois Central Railroad. There are no stores through town. There are no drug stores, lumber yards, or other stores.

Ms. Miller was unable to identify any person who could be identified as having been in the area. She could not give any information as to the name or address of any person who could be identified as having been in the area.



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during the course of the investigation
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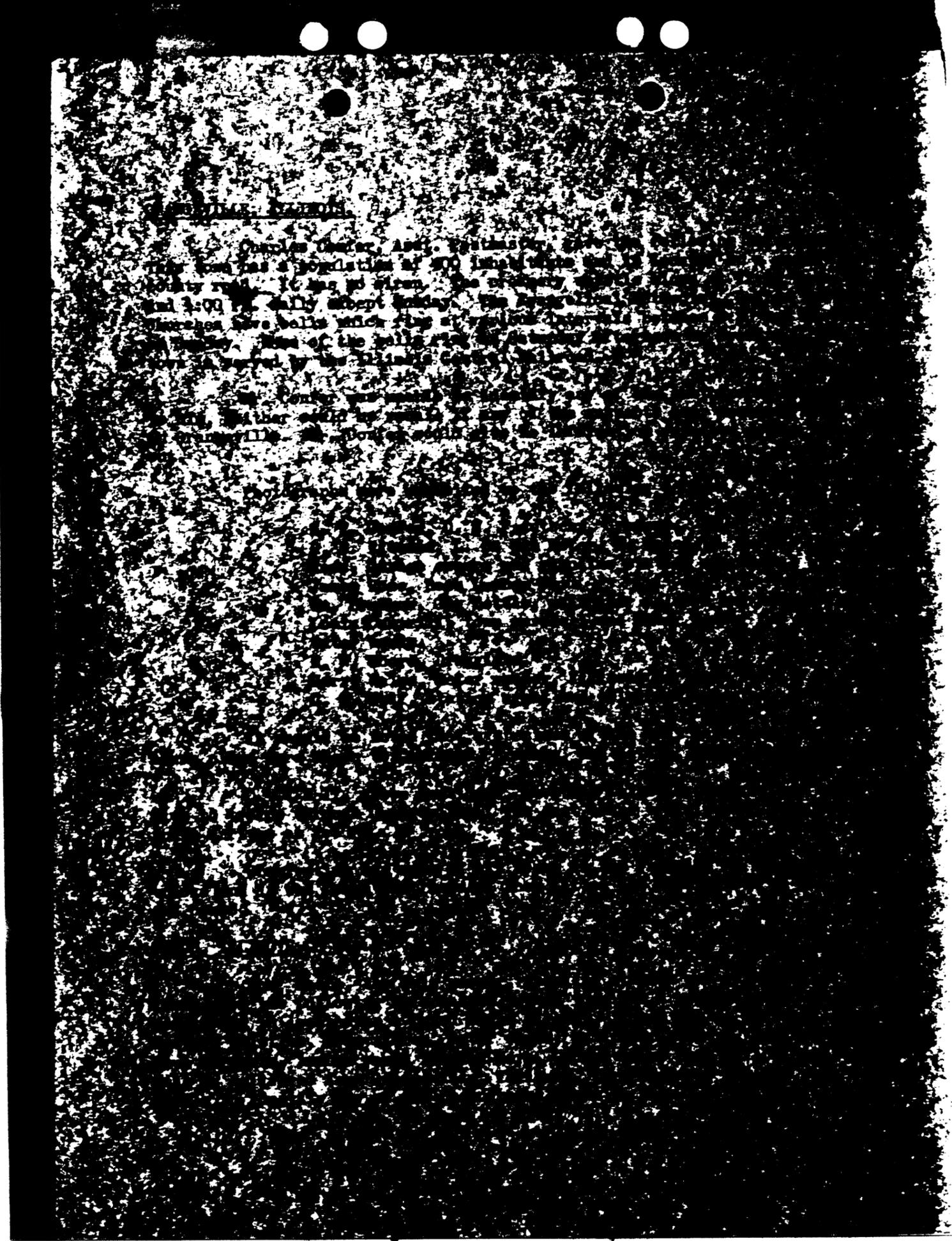
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WINDY HILLS.

The District of Columbia
has a population of 200,000
and no ship or factory
is. The only hills in
the city are not
that it is not
any more.

There are
many hills
in the city
and they are
not very high.

Mr. Thoren could not identify any of the
men, neither could he recall if any of the suspects
mentioned could give no information relative to the case.

Photographs were shown to the following:

- D. E. Thoren, Sec. Sheriff, Lincoln Co.
- J. Veitch and E. J. ...
- F. L. ...

ADOLESCENT SUBJECTS

Mr. E. J. ... gave the following information:
people and is located in a gravel ...
... and it is not possible to ...
... as the ...
... were all ...

ADOLESCENT SUBJECTS

...
...
...

Personal observation was made of the railroad tracks and it was noted that they are on the side of the Midcoast house.

BOLTON, ILLINOIS.

According to Ellen Schaefer, owner of the station here, this town has a population of 100. There is no Post Office here. There are no churches, barber shops, or town marshal here. Miss Schaefer has photographs shown to her.

This town is served by the Illinois Central station which is located here and also by the

WEST CITY, ILLINOIS.

Miss Schaefer has a collection of photographs showing the town and its surroundings. The town is located on the Illinois Central Railroad and is served by the West City station. There are no churches, barber shops, or town marshal here. Miss Schaefer has photographs shown to her.

A specimen of the wall paper
shown to the meter readers and wall paper

Personal observation was made of
the T.O.W.S. tracks and it was found
that at the night house

FORA. TELNOB.

It was found that the
specimen of wall paper is
not the same as the wall paper
in the night house

It should be noted that the specimens
in Bremer's book, together with the present
to the other reader and will appear elsewhere.

There are also some specimens
Marshall in Davis.

Marshall placed in
the railroad tracks and I am
of the Richmond, Va.

The Davis specimens
are from the same area as the
Richmond, Va.

Personal observation was made of the
C. & N. E. tracks and it was found that
the location of the hideout house.

CENTRAL VALLEY, MICHIGAN.

Postmaster, J. C. ...
town has a population of 250 ...
... has a store or factory ...
... The Evangelical ...
... 2200, 1800, and 1000 ...
... is served by the Chicago ...
... following train ...
... and ...

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or his wife were unable to identify
suspects.

REGBY, QUEEN. LATERAL LINE

People living in the
vicinity of Regby, Queen, are
5 miles apart on a gravel road
the near vicinity of Regby, Queen,
by loading goods on the
There are no stations in the area.

REGBY, QUEEN. LATERAL LINE

Post
The area is populated by
The area is populated by
The area is populated by

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

C. S. Kelly, pastor, describes
this town as a population of 110 people and is
located 2 1/2 miles southwest of Rockford, Illinois. It
closes every day except Sunday, at 12:00 noon. There
are no factories located here, and on a street
near the S.O.P.M. which runs from Rockford, Illinois
from Rockford, Illinois. There are two churches,
Methodist and Presbyterian, which are served
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regarding the hideout after having examined the

DRAND, ILLINOIS

The town has a population of 500 people and
is one of the largest in the county. It
has a daily store except Sunday, St. Paul
and a factory whistle can be heard
from churches in this town, St. Paul
at 11:00AM, and 11:00AM every Sunday,
at 9:00AM, and 10:00AM every Sunday,
and 9:00AM every Sunday morning.
On Saturday afternoon of packing
at 11:00AM, St. Paul and Pacific
at 11:00AM. The last train
west bound leaving at 11:00AM.

Information regarding the
hideout in Drand, Illinois, is
very information regarding the

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Lightfoot, N.C.
This town has a
County Highway 12 miles
from here and the
heard from nearby
morning at 8:45
no railroad
about 10 miles

Personal observation was made of all houses
the U.S. St. P. & M. tracks and it was found that
the description of the attached house.

WHEATON, ILLINOIS.

Art. Edward, Wheaton, Ill.
Identify any of persons mentioned in the

WHEATON, ILLINOIS.

Wheaton, Ill. is a small town
with a population of 2500 people and is
located in Adams County, Illinois. It
is a daily freight stop and also
has a passenger service. There are
several hotels and a large
restaurant. The town is
located on the U.S. St. P. & M.
tracks and is a busy
freight stop.

It should be noted that a number of
out house plans were shown to Bill and Harry
Personal observation was made of
the railroad tracks and it was determined that
this is the hideout point.
John Lynch, water pump
interviewed on agent's visit to
house in Rockton, Illinois.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir: Re: St. Paul file No. 7-22.

In further reference to Division's letter dated May 4, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, inquiry at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul, at which point an original ransom letter addressed to Mr. George E. Brakeman was forwarded by George M. Murray, Faribault, Minnesota, was developed that the ransom letter in question and the open metal box in which it was contained were not handled by any member of that bureau. I am, therefore, transmitting herewith the fingerprints and palm prints of George M. Murray, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota; Mrs. George M. Murray, his wife; and Arthur Murray, his son, all of whom handled the ransom letter and the box in question, for the purpose of eliminating their fingerprints and palm prints from the twenty latent fingerprints mentioned in the Division's letter referred to above.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
L. E. GLASS,
Inspector.

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[Handwritten initials]

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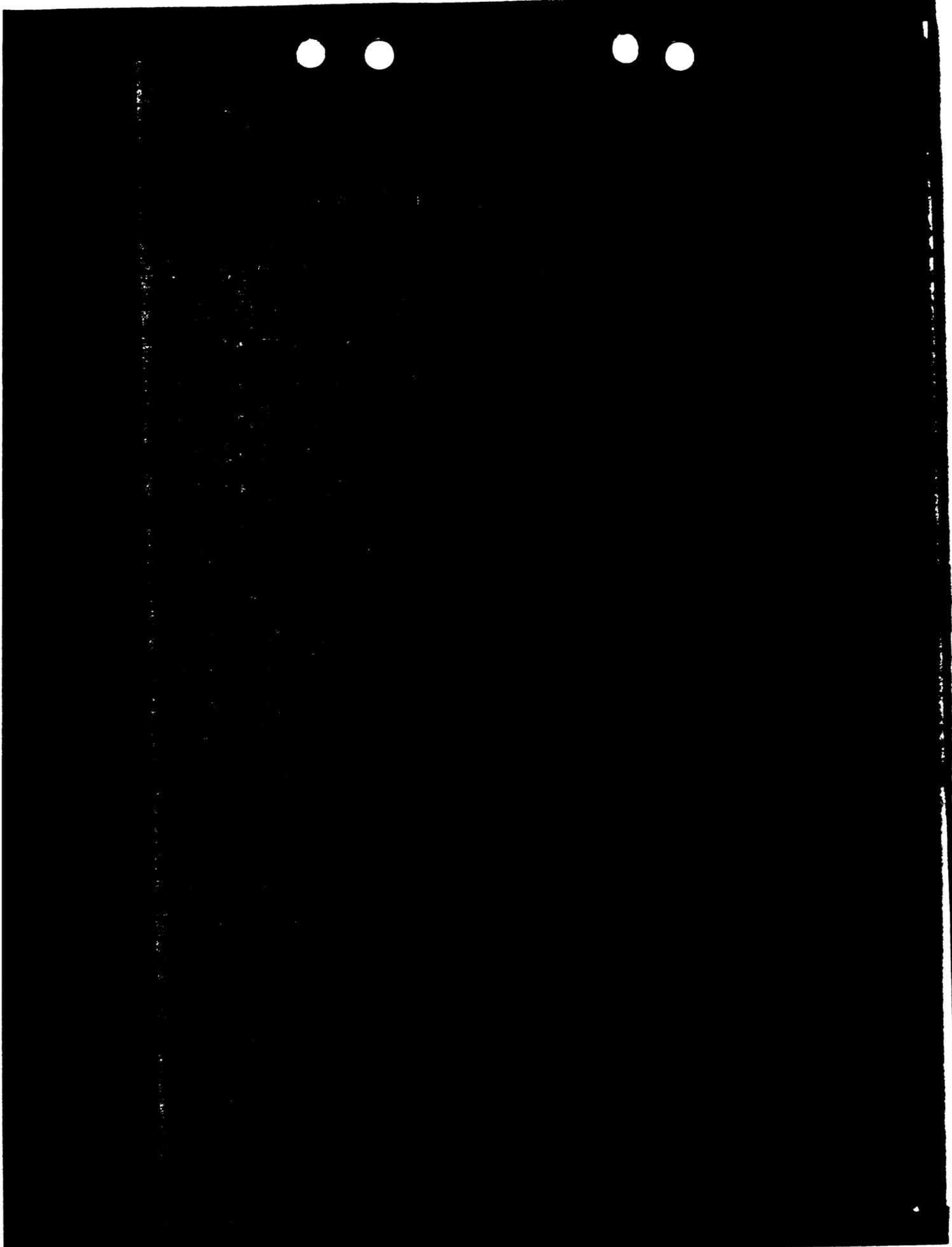
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 17, 1934.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 15, 1934, in relation to the above captioned matter. The Bureau is currently conducting an investigation of the activities of the [redacted] and it is hoped that the information furnished by you will be of assistance in this connection.

Sincerely,
John Edgar Hoover

Keep me in mind if you have any further information.

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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May 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1818, et al. BREKID
GEORGE BREKID - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-22.

Reference is made to Director's letter of April 21, 1934, with which were enclosed copies of a memorandum dated April 20, 1934, setting forth data obtained from the fingerprint card of Mrs. S. E. Hansen, with aliases, together with an abstract of the criminal record and photographs of this individual. As requested in letter of reference, the photograph of Mrs. Hansen was exhibited to Mrs. Lucy Jackson, colored, 778 Duane Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Jackson stated that the front view is a very good likeness of Mrs. Hansen and strongly resembles her.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
L. E. GALT,
Inspector.

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SAC PURVIS

UNITED PRESS REPORTER HERE ADVISES HE IS IN RECEIPT OF BULLETIN FROM CHICAGO TO EFFECT BESSIE GREEN HAS BEEN IN CHICAGO FOR FOUR WEEK AIDING THE GOVERNMENT IN LOCATION OF CRIMINALS. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF INFORMATION IF POSSIBLE.

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P. O. Box 118,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MAY 25 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, aka
E. J. BREMER, et al.
KIDNAPING - Victim
EDWARD BREMER, Sr.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
W. J. Jennings dated 5-14-34 at Chicago wherein it was
stated that effort was made to locate and identify the
that report indicates that it was believed that she
went into a new apartment in March, 1934, at which
she could be located. It is desired to know if
that she has not been identified and if it is
possible and important that she be located
at the earliest possible date.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 28, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Reference is made to the letter dated May 19, 1934, from the Chicago Division Office in connection with the case designated BREKID, describing the beer bottles and other material which were brought to the Division at Washington by Mr. Aaron/Kohn, fingerprint classifier, from the Chicago Office for the developing and photographing of latent fingerprints.

It is the general policy of the Division to require Special Agents conducting these investigations to develop latent fingerprints on such objects. In connection with this particular case I am informed by Mr. Kohn that he reached Chicago enroute from St. Paul and had a two hour lay-over in the former city, at which time he visited the Chicago Division Office. Mr. Kohn has informed me that Special Agent Chaffetz and later Mr. Purvis requested that he stay and assist in the development of certain latent fingerprints on these materials which had been just brought into the Chicago Office by Special Agent Chaffetz. As a result Mr. Kohn did not take the next train but took a train twelve hours later out of Chicago and upon leaving Chicago brought with him to the Division one case of 24 beer bottles together with other miscellaneous articles in the collection.

With regard to bringing the material into the Division the Chicago letter of reference, dated May 19, makes the statement, "Mr. Kohn stated it would be impossible to obtain latent fingerprints properly, from these articles, particularly the bottles, without the use of the Division equipment. I, therefore, requested him to personally transport to the Division, the following articles for laboratory examination:" On the contrary, Mr. Kohn informs me that it was Agent Chaffetz and the photographer assigned to the Chicago Office who informed him that photographic equipment was not sufficient in the Chicago Office to permit the photographing of the latent prints and that Agent Chaffetz had previously been unsuccessful in recording latent fingerprints with a fingerprint camera. Subsequently both Special Agents Purvis and Chaffetz requested that Mr. Kohn bring the material into the Division. Mr. Kohn states he did not make the statement attributed to him in the Chicago letter.

Respectfully,

E P Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York City, N.Y.

(Name and address of Contributor)

Date 5/21/34

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
NYC PD B-107316	Edward Rudick	9/20/32 discharged;
Division of Investigation	alias	U.S. Marshal, Miami, Fla.
No. 710269.	Ed Rudick	No. 296, 3/16/34; dismissed.

*Ed Rudick
5-26-34
NYC*

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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This form to be submitted to the United States Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been 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.

Primary classifications, if available, should be given in reporting common names.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPE

May 22, 1935

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT MEMPHIS

RECEIVED THREE LATEST FINGERPRINTS ON PAPER MATERIAL FOUND AT MEMPHIS
THREE SEVEN YEARS AGO WERE IDENTIFIED AS THOSE OF ALVIN KARPIS

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-14-36	REPORT MADE BY Paul Hansen
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Alleged hideout in Geage Hills, northern Oklahoma, not located to date. Volney Davis is applying for a passport in Oklahoma through Dudley Lester, law clerk, Muskogee, Oklahoma, who promises to furnish all information given to him regarding Davis or his associates. Bureau received from several separate sources strong indication that the Barker-Karpis gang has recently been in Oklahoma and is hanging out in either Oklahoma, Arkansas or Missouri. Several confidential informants in Tulsa, Oklahoma promised to cooperate and aid in apprehending this mob.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office, May 10, 1936 and report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma, May 10, 1936.

DETAILS

Information having been submitted to the Oklahoma City office from the Kansas City office dated April 24, 1936, regarding an alleged hideout in the Geage Hills in northern Oklahoma, alleged to be frequented by "Doc" Barker and Jim Clark, et al. Hills, an Indian near Okfuskee (not stretch), Oklahoma Territory. fugitives, inquiry was made at the Sheriff's office at Muskogee, Sheriff V. S. Cannon and Under-Sheriff Leubertson said that Sheriff Robert Brown of Okfuskee is a reliable officer.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:
Paul Hansen

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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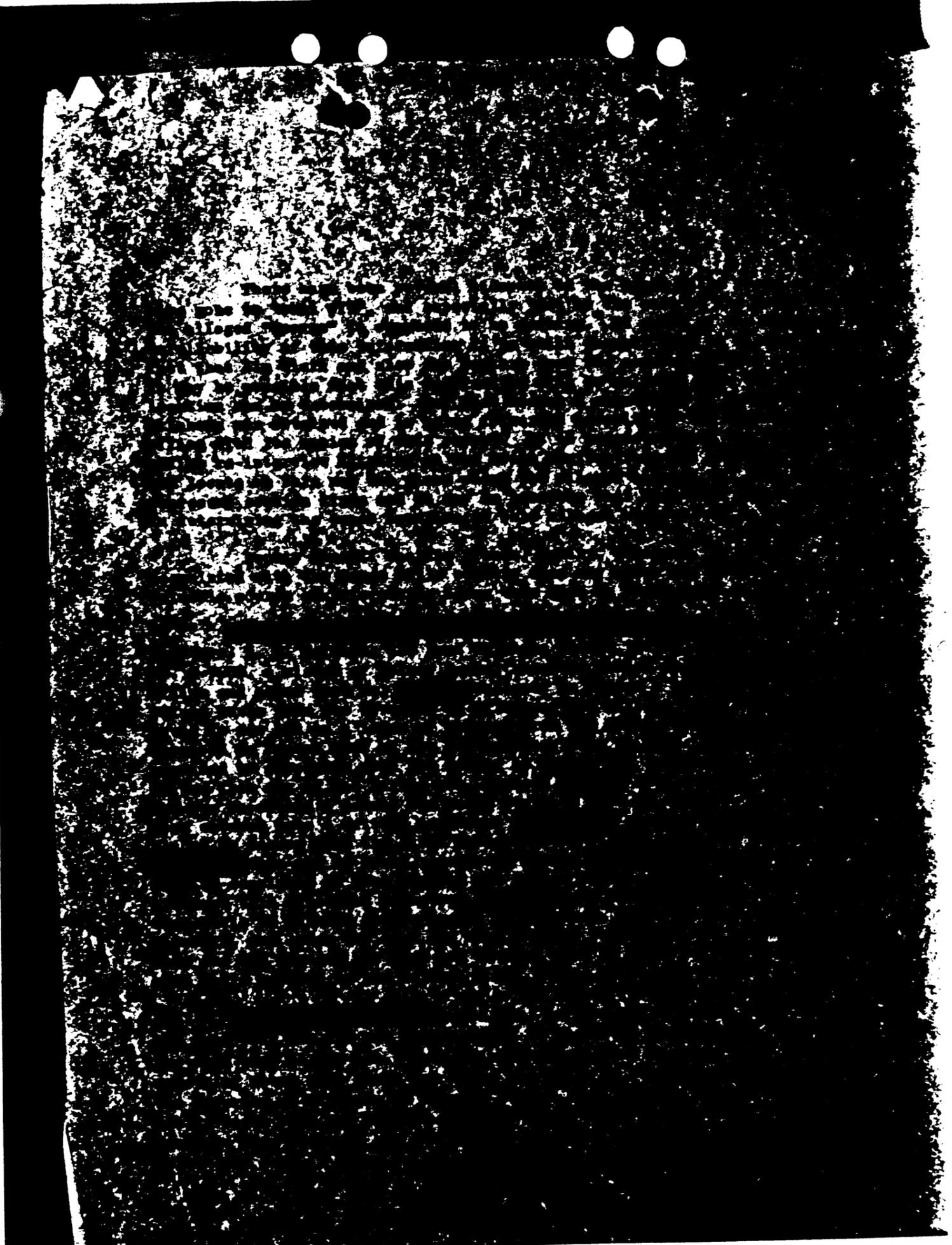
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Egbert Brown was interviewed at Okotah and advised that there is a Melvin Miller who is a part Creek Indian, about 30 years old, living in Okotah. There is no Okotah in Oklahoma and there is no Melvin Miller living in Okotah. In all probability the Melvin Miller of Okotah is the Miller spoken of by the informant Opus A. Kitching, an inmate of the Kansas Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Brown said that he would not get in touch with Melvin Miller is a contact to either Jim Clark or "Doc" Barker, but that he is a person who has very little regard for law and order and would be capable of acting in the capacity of a contact man for bank robbery. Brown advised that Miller has a brother, Jay Miller, about 25 years old, who is a "two time loser", once at Granite Reformatory and then at McPherson Penitentiary for robbery with firearms. This brother Jay is now in Santa Barbara, California with two other brothers, Cecil and Floyd Miller. The two latter brothers probably are employed as ordinary laborers in Santa Barbara. Brown said that Melvin Miller sells Sapper's Weekly, a Kansas farm magazine, and is out of town a considerable part of the time. Brown said that it is entirely reasonable that Miller should be pegged in this sort of occupation as he does not seem to be set out to be a salaried man. He has never heard of Melvin Miller being connected with Jim Clark, who Brown knows personally, and has never heard of his being connected with the Barker-Karpis gang. Brown will keep a very close lookout on the home of Melvin Miller, and will home answers the description of the Miller spoken of by the informant Kitching and if any thing happens at his place which is suspicious, he will notify the Sheriff at Muskogee, Oklahoma, who will in turn notify the Oklahoma City office.

Sheriff Dick Conner, Muskogee, Oklahoma, after receiving a copy of the directions given by informant Kitching concerning the alleged hideout in the Oage Hills between Bartlesville and Muskogee, Oklahoma, advised that there could be no hideout located in the section where the hideout is alleged.

The Oklahoma City office requested the Muskogee office to prepare a map at the direction of Kitching concerning the location of the hideout and accompanied with the letter of reference and a copy of the letter from Kitching. Deputy Sheriff Fred Whitaker, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and the Muskogee office endeavored to locate this hideout, but after driving around in the area alleged for several miles it seemed certain that this hideout is not in the exact place shown on the map prepared by the informant Kitching. The only oil company located at the point where the alleged "hideout" is supposed to be taking care of some oil wells is the Atlantic Refining Company. To the east of this location one to two miles is a tidal Oage lagoon.

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by Mrs. Hoffman, [redacted] is of the opinion from what Mrs. Hoffman said that Davis is probably in either Kansas or Missouri. [redacted] would advise the writer of any future developments concerning this parole and will immediately get in touch with the writer, if he receives any information whatsoever concerning Davis or any of his associates. [redacted] asked that his name be treated in a very confidential manner and asked that he be permitted to deal with but one Agent, as he said that he realizes that when one undertakes to give information regarding any of the Barker gang that he is taking his life in his own hands should that mob ever find out where the information came from. [redacted] also advised that Mrs. Hoffman said her brother Volney calls her on the telephone occasionally and it was [redacted] opinion that if that telephone were watched closely, some valuable information would probably be obtained concerning where Davis is hanging out.

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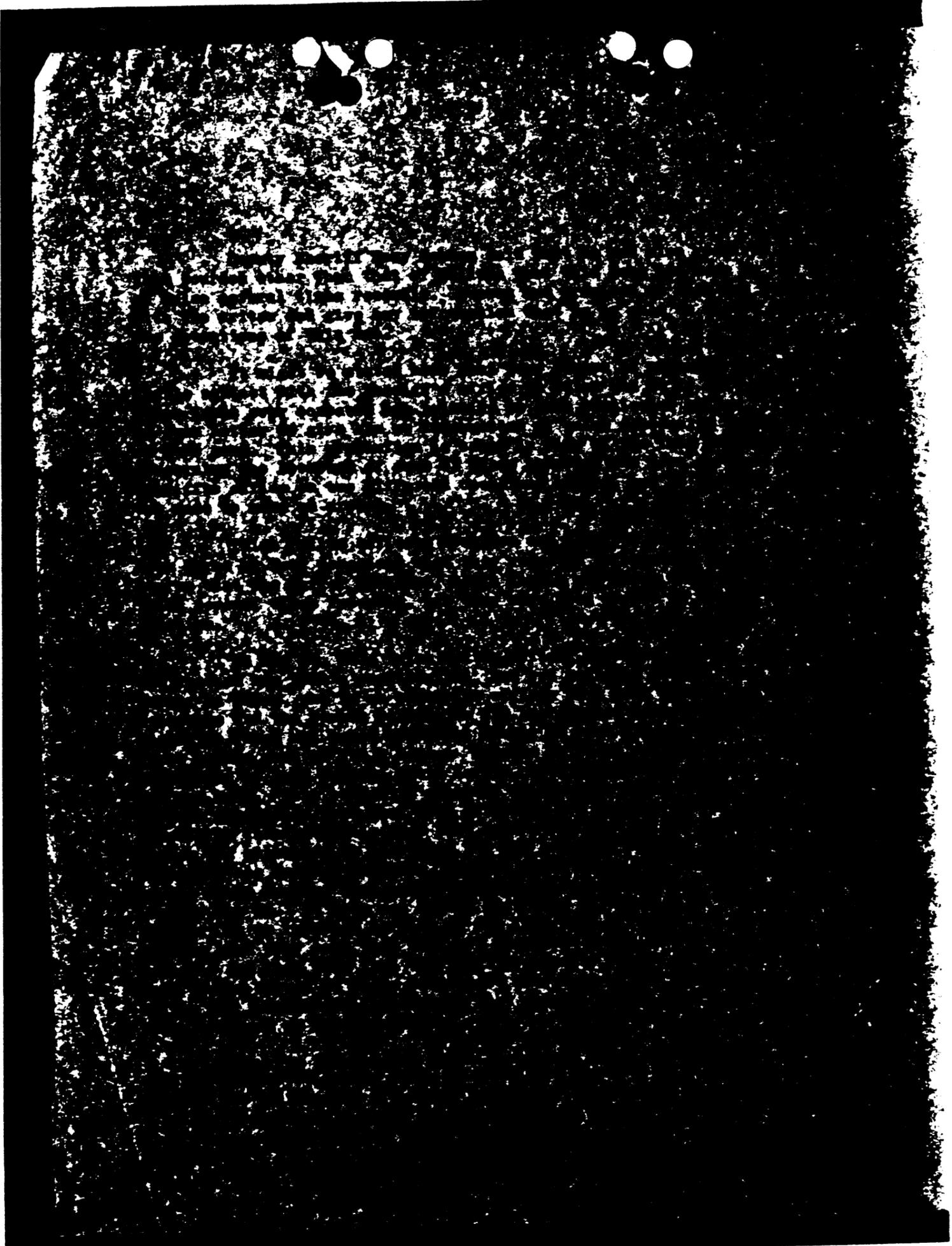
This angle of the investigation was discussed with Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division in Washington, who granted Acting SAC Earle M. Black authority to hire a special employee to make a record of all calls coming in or going out from 2-7866 in Tulsa, the telephone number of Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, sister-in-law of Volney Davis. Arrangements have therefore been made [redacted]

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[redacted] This angle is thought to be important at this time, especially in view of the fact that there will apparently be some negotiations between Volney Davis and his sister concerning his parole within the next two or three weeks.

Melissa Bevens, 1433 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who operates a beauty parlor there and who is a former underworld character, was interviewed by the writer and at first refused to give any information concerning this matter as she said she had been giving information to Agent H. E. Hollis and she did not propose to be giving information to every person who came along. After talking with her at some length, however, she advised that only a few days before the interview she was told by Roy Sexton, a brother-in-law to one Lon Webb, that nine members of the Barker gang had recently been in the vicinity of Tulsa and that some of them had stayed with his brother-in-law Webb, who was living either at Sperry or Turley, Oklahoma and had recently moved to Tulsa. Sperry and Turley are very small places just a few miles out of Tulsa. Melissa said that she did not question this informant concerning the exact address where Webb had moved for fear the informant would think she was trying to get some information which might be used to apprehend these people. An extensive investigation was made to try and locate the exact address where Webb is now living, but it has not been determined to date, and investigation along this line will be continued in the immediate future. Melissa has promised the writer to communicate with him or to communicate with Deputy Sheriff Tony Benson if she receives any information concerning any of this mob.

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Oklahoma to Tulsa, Oklahoma and let them out on Admiral and Federal Streets in Tulsa, where they all got into a new 4-door Chevrolet Sedan. Warner later gave the writer confidentially the name of this cab driver, which is Mack Winnery. Winnery went to school with Fred Barker and knows probably all of the Barker gang and Warner feels that he will be able to obtain some information either from Mack Winnery or his father and when he does he has promised to advise the writer concerning any information of value he receives.

It might be stated here that along this same line George Stewart, former Captain of Detectives, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, was advised by a confidential informant, and the same informant who gave information leading to the apprehension of Glen Roy Wright and others near Mannford, Oklahoma, that on this same date, May 25, 1934, these same outlaws were hauled into Tulsa from Turley by some cab driver, whose name he refused to give. The information concerning the transfer of these men by Mack Winnery is supposed to have been given at 10:00 A.M. on that date.

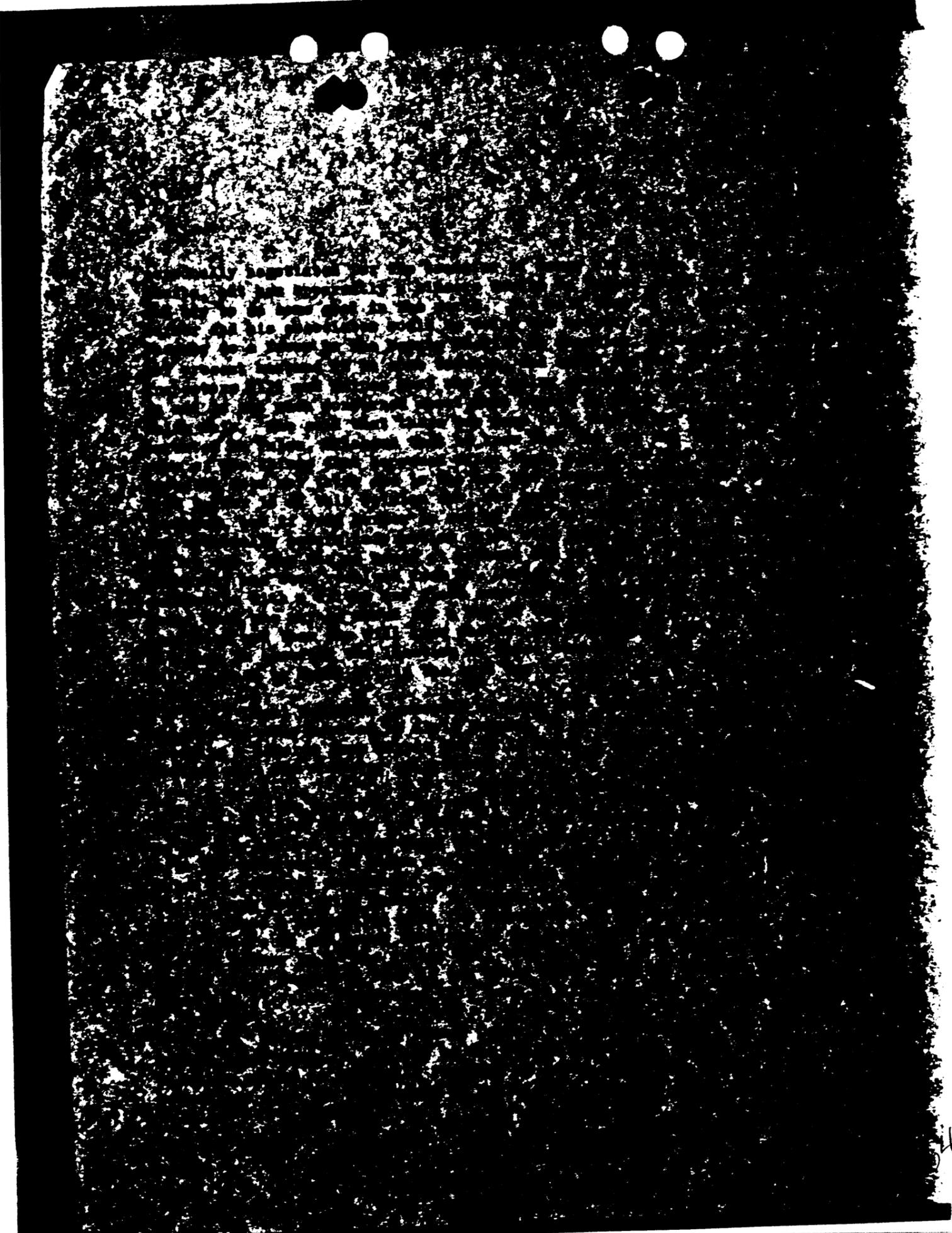
Charlie Warner introduced the writer to Bob Eydé, a former Police officer in Tulsa, who says that he has an informant who he thinks will eventually be able to obtain information which will lead to the apprehension of this mob. Eydé also advised that Karpis is alleged to have a home near Bristow, Oklahoma and this angle will be checked in the near future.

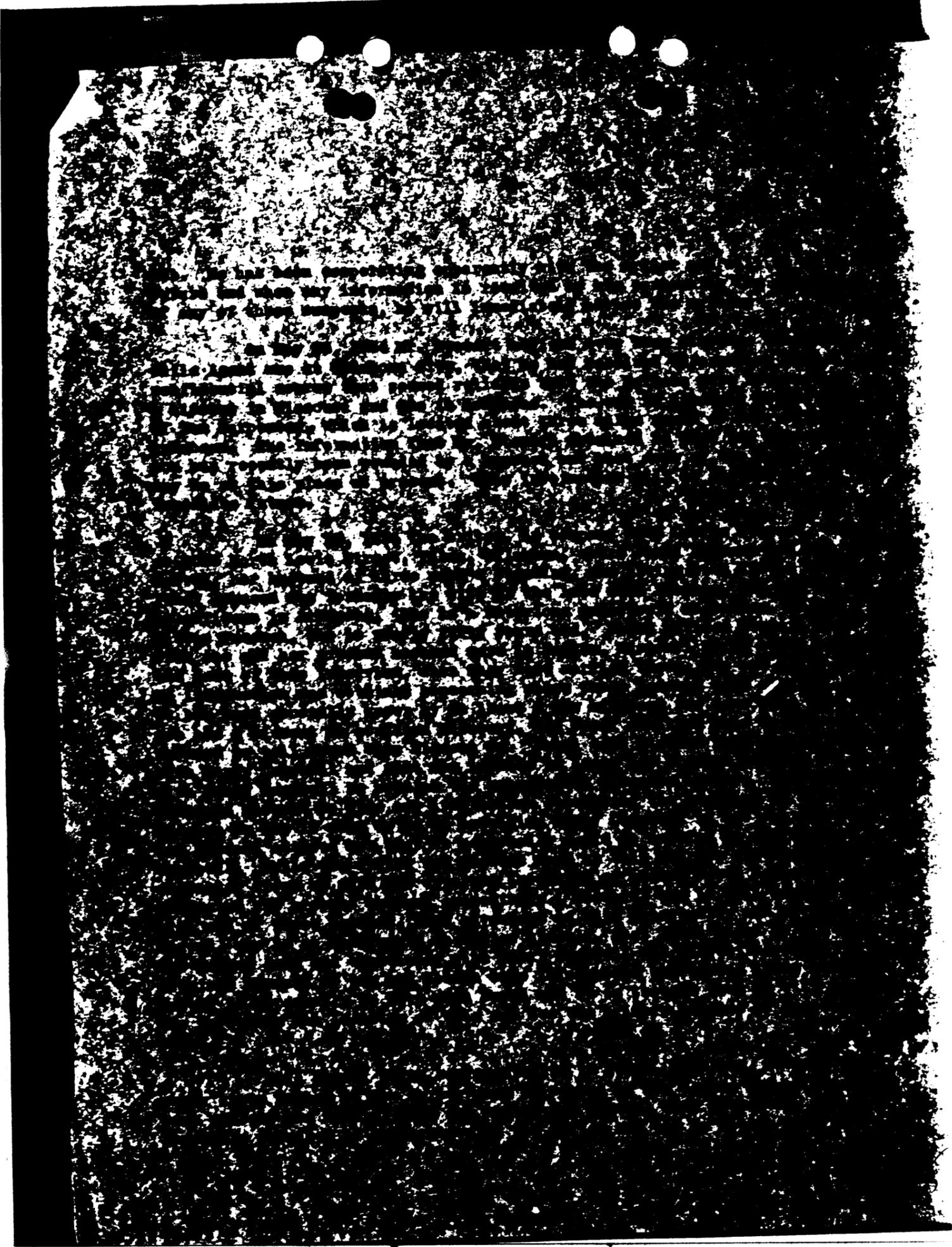
Deputy Sheriff "Doc" Ridwerth, Chandler, Oklahoma, telephoned Special Agent F. S. Smith at Oklahoma City and advised that Carol Hamilton Tankersly, former wife of Herman Barker, the eldest of the Barker brothers, had promised him to help any way she could to apprehend the Barker gang and would talk to Agent Smith concerning this matter. Post Office Inspectors George Hill and W. H. Haines, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that Carol Hamilton Tankersly had been instrumental in effecting the apprehension of Fred Barker when he was last apprehended in Tulsa and they expressed themselves as having all the faith in the world in what Carol can do, and they said they believed she would be absolutely reliable and do what she said she would do.

The writer, in company with Agent F. S. Smith, interviewed Carol Hamilton Tankersly, where she is now living at 13 1/2 East Brady Street, Apartment 4, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She can be reached over Telephone No. 4-5614.

It might be stated here that Carol Hamilton Tankersly is a French Canadian and Sioux Indian. She has a rather striking personality, is about 38 years old and is extremely well educated for one of her station. She is fearless and when her former husband, Herman Barker, was living, she associated with him very closely and without any doubt, from all reports, was the leader of the former Barker gang. She planned most of the bank robberies and

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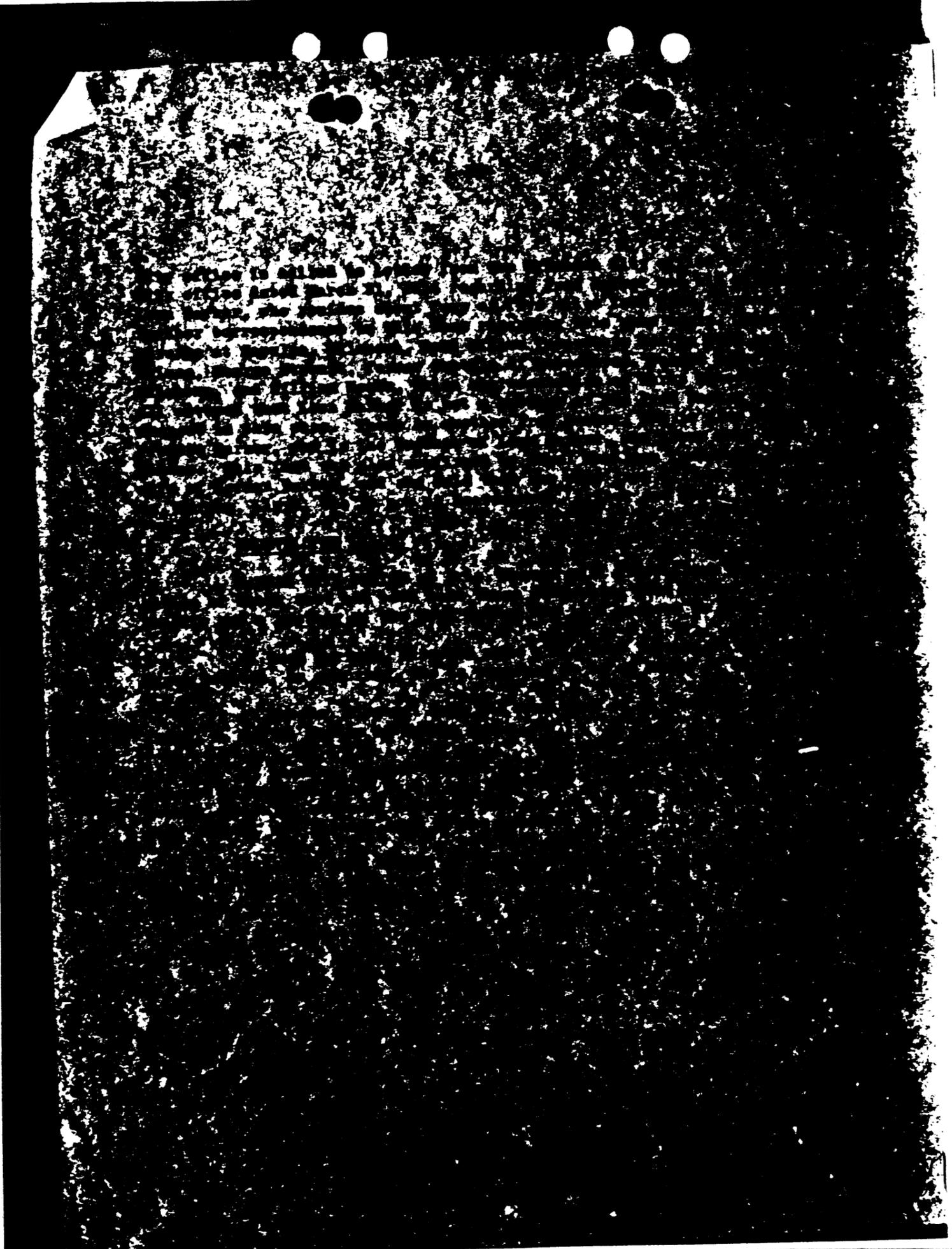




Information concerning these subjects and their activities will be forwarded to the writer concerning any information which he receives.

At Dallas, Texas, August 19, 1954.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas





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June 24, 1934

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MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On July 26, 1932, the Grand County Bank at Grand County, Minnesota, was robbed and the loot included approximately \$100,000.00. The funds were returned to the Minneapolis office of the bank for the sum of \$15,000.00 and the negotiables for the return of these funds were made through Mr. E. S. Gordon, who for a number of years has been in charge of the State Detective Agency at Minneapolis, Minnesota. There is every indication that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were among the participants in this robbery.

In a typical example of how these banks are being robbed in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, shortly after the robbery in St. Paul in an effort to trace the source of the funds, the barrier set up by the State Detective Agency in the person of E. S. Gordon, the following is a partial report taken from a memorandum dated March 1, 1934, submitted by Special Agent E. L. Nicholson in the Bremer case:

Agent interviewed Mr. E. S. Gordon, who is in charge of the Minneapolis branch of the State Detective Agency with offices at 430 Hennepin Building, Minneapolis. He advised that on July 26, 1932, the Grand County Bank at Grand County, Minnesota, was robbed by unknown individuals that shortly thereafter, he established contact at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a confidential informant and began negotiations for the return of the funds, amount at approximately \$100,000, for the sum of \$15,000. He further stated that between September 2, 1932, and September 25, 1932, all of these funds were returned in the part being returned at the Bryn Mawr in St. Paul and part at the Hotel Hotel in Minneapolis.

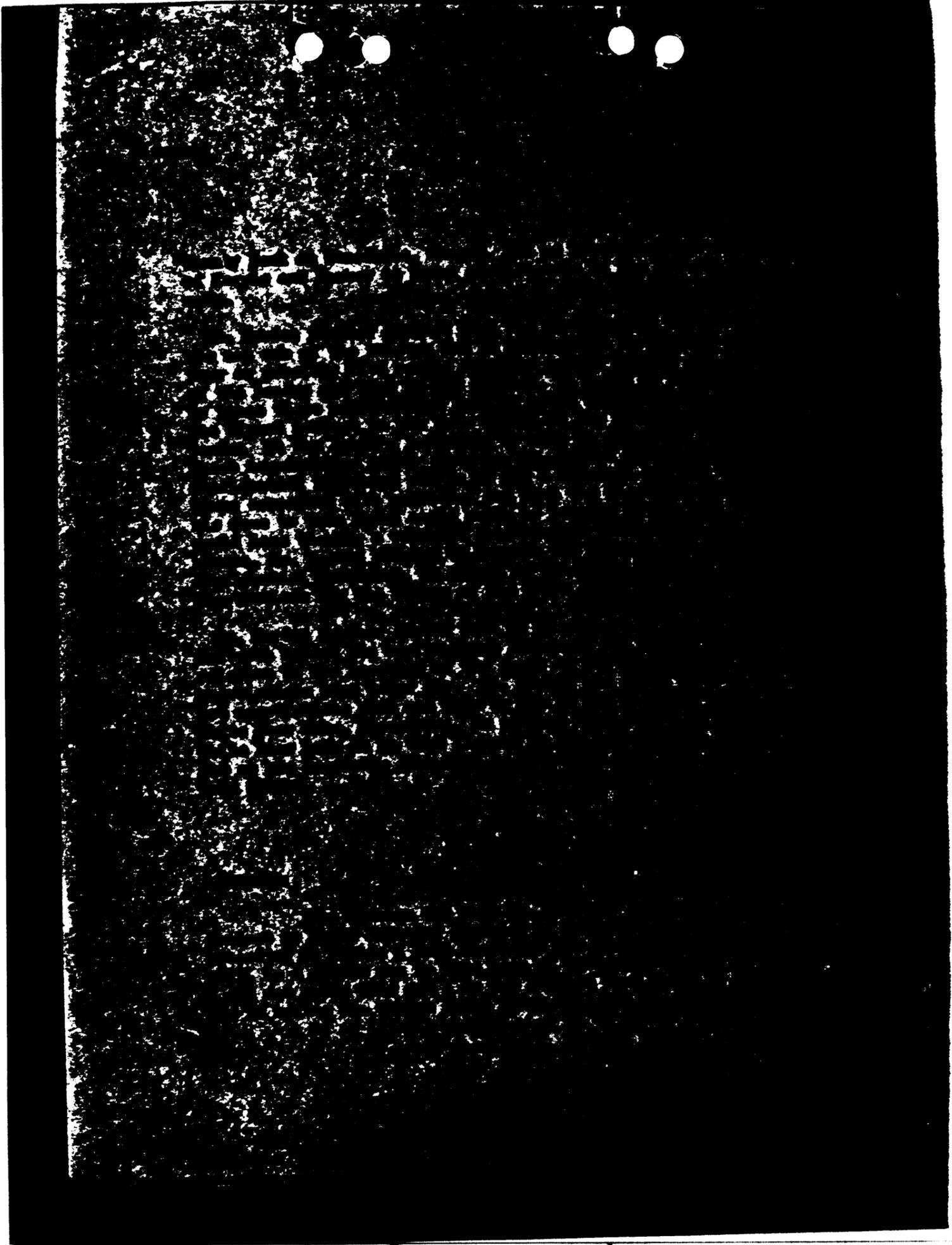
Gordon further advised that in his own mind, he is convinced that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker participated in this bank robbery although he has never been able to have them identified as participants that having the negotiations for the return of the funds, he has photographs of these individuals forwarded to the Grand

St. Paul
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H. M. [Signature]
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In connection with the above, it would be an interesting observation to know the total amount of bonds and securities recovered by banks throughout the country through the action of the Home Detective Agency at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and also the number of bank robbers and the lifts, who have been identified through the investigative activities of that agency. I have gathered the impression through reading numerous reports submitted through all the field offices of the Division that the total amount of recoveries is considerable, whereas the number of identifications is negligible.

If it is possible to obtain these figures through the American Bankers Association or some confidential source it would throw much light on the situation in St. Paul and Minneapolis with reference to the tie-up between the underworld and the police officials there. Of course, under this set-up whereby the Home Detective Agency receives large commissions on recoveries it is easy to understand why no prosecution can be expected from that quarter in establishing the identity of the criminal for the purpose of prosecuting further persons.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hoover

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-576-204**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-30-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/24, 25, 26/34	REPORT MADE BY: JAMES O. PRYOR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. S. B. McHair and E. B. Vickery, Mrs. A. M. Dixon, nurse to Dr. McHair, Mrs. F. B. Hymel, apartment house manager, 1008 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, La., and Adolph Barms, (colored), porter, identified the photograph of William E. Mead as that of L. F. Schrader, who lived in New Orleans from December 8, 1933 to March 31, 1934. Mrs. F. B. Hymel, referred to, states that L. F. Schrader gave his forwarding address as 616 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C. Records New Orleans Public Service show that on April 7, 1934 check number 28170 for \$3.72, covering return of deposit for loss of electricity, was mailed to L. F. Schrader, 616 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., bears endorsement L. F. Schrader and was cashed at Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C. April 12, 1934.

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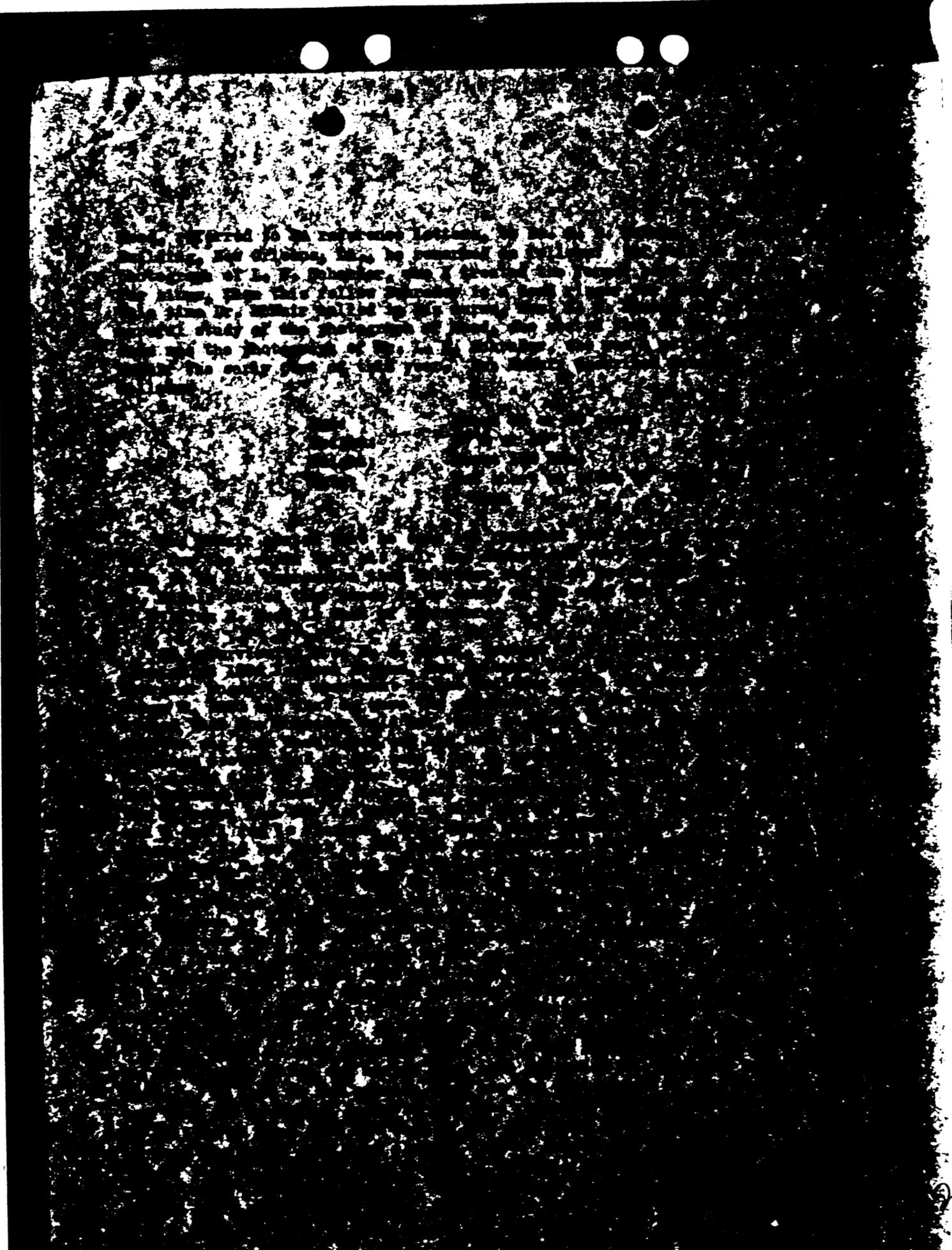
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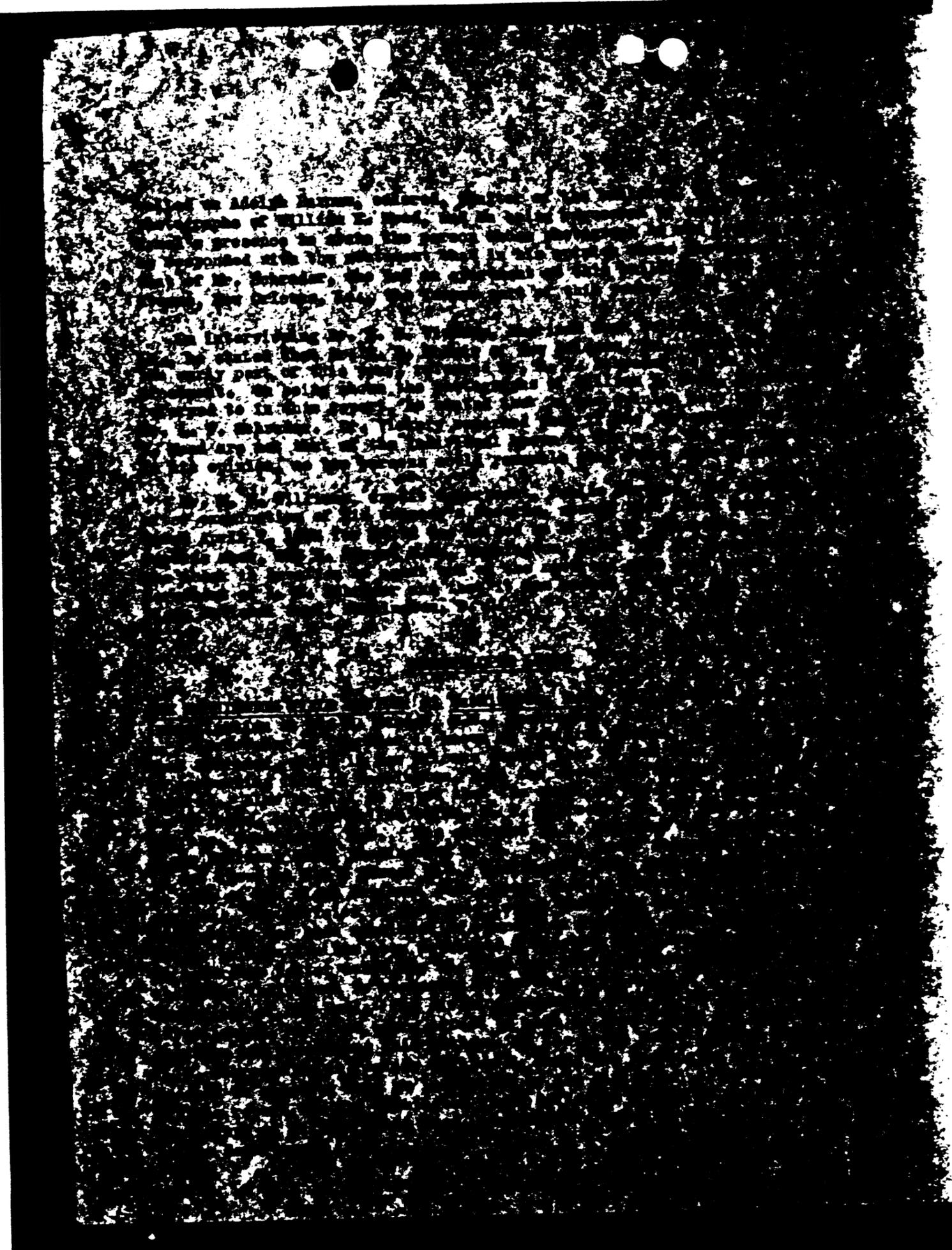
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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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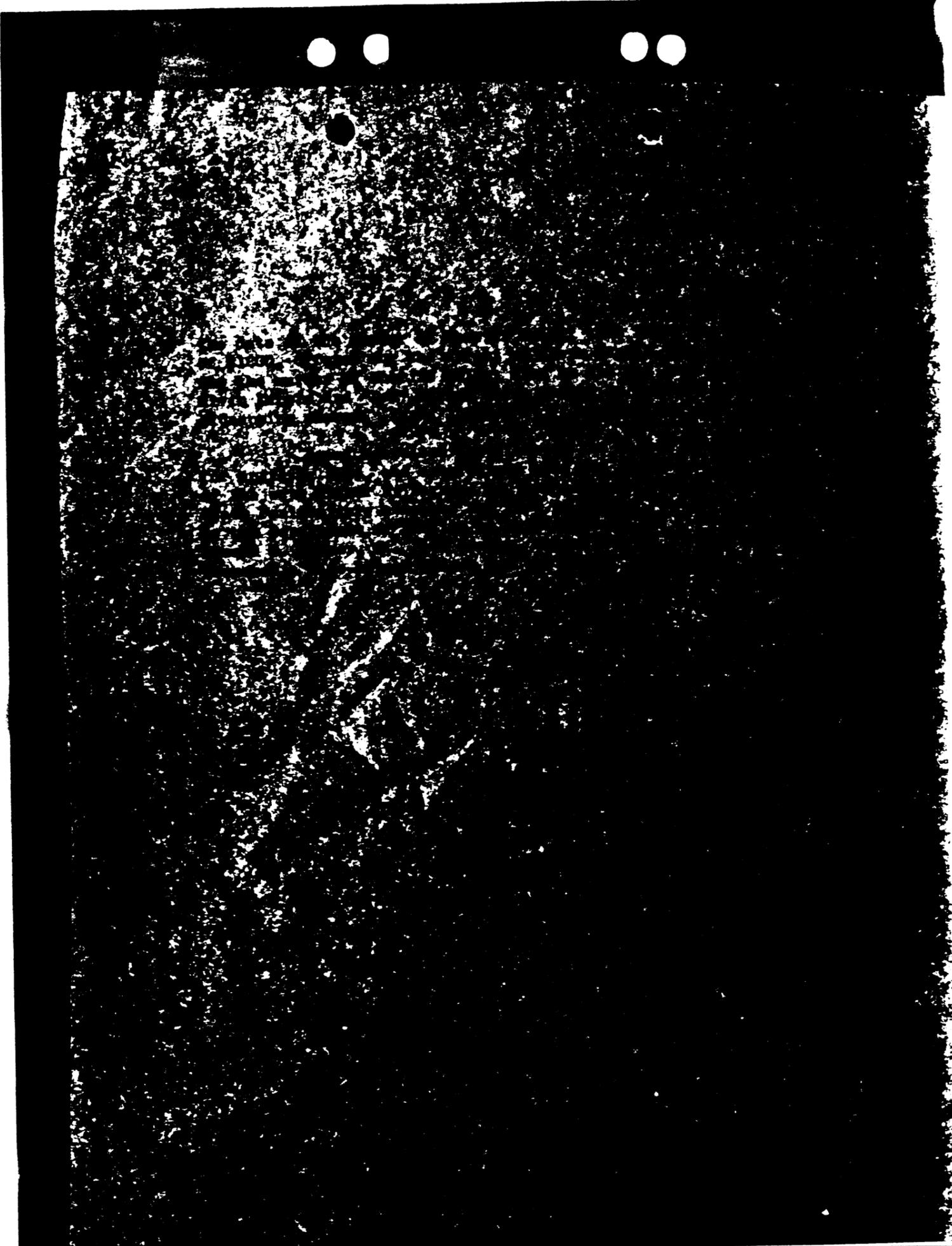
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

May 28, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black called from Oklahoma City and stated in connection with the \$250 authorized for information leading to the arrest of Barker and Karpis that the informant had indicated that amount was not sufficient to take the risk. He stated that Agent Hanson was of the opinion that \$1,000 should be offered for each member of this gang consisting of about six.

I told Mr. Black that the Division would authorize the amount of \$500 each for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

*Approved
J. Edgar Hoover*

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 31, 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.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a communi-
cation dated May 25 and 26, 1934, received from Special
Agent S. L. Fortenberry at Reno, Nevada.

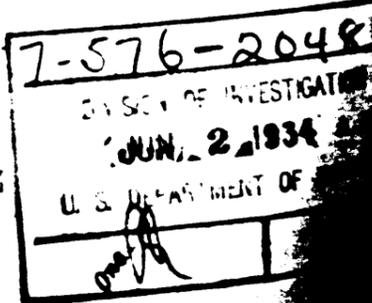
Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Reno, Nevada
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Mr. A. M. Glegg
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Glegg:

This letter covers both days of May as indicated above. The typewriter fell to pieces yesterday in my usual part of the chapter in my book, and I failed to make the usual note for that reason, and am including both in this letter.

I thought I had figured every possible angle of my stay in Reno, but yesterday I had a new one. I was invited by Mr. Pike, the City Attorney here, and someone named Griswald were there. Making the course of the dinner, Mrs. Pike informed me that her maiden name was Perry, and that she felt that we must be related. I immediately gave a brief sketch of my family, and knowing in advance there she was from a family a brother of my great grandfather had worked for her, and that I had relatives there. That being the case, I decided that our connection was approximately 1870, and I find no connection here to help me directly. In the strength of our connection by marriage, I invited Mr. Pike to Carson City and met him there.

My experiences for the past two days

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK

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H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 2, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division, please be advised that the Associated Press called this office this morning and informed the switchboard operator, when I did not talk to them, that they had a story to the effect that this office is endeavoring to locate the Bremer hideout in Iowa City, and informed her that unless they heard from me they would assume that the information is true.

While talking to Mr. Ladd, I learned that Special Agent Dodd is in Iowa City engaged on such activity but I, of course, have not communicated with the Associated Press.

This is furnished for your information in order that you may be assured that no information has been given the press by me.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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C E STEWART
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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- Mr. Hurley, Asst. Director _____
- Mr. Bates, Dir. Bureau of Prisons _____
- Mr. Gardner, General Agent and Chief Clerk
- Mr. Beardslee _____
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Honorable James S. Wilburton,
United States District Judge,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Judge:

I am taking the liberty of referring you to the procedure which the Department of Justice will follow in the northern district of Illinois against the removal of McLaughlin, Justice, who was arrested in connection with the passing of the Bremer ransom money.

Positive complaints were received from the United States Commission on the subject of McLaughlin, Justice, which were filed before United States Commissioner Walker in Chicago, against McLaughlin, Justice, and others in 1934, and against McLaughlin, Justice, and others in 1934. The removal hearings on all these cases were held by United States Commissioner Walker on May 7, 1934, and certified copies of indictments filed by the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, on May 7, 1934, were produced before the United States Commission on the subject of McLaughlin, Justice, which returned the indictments on May 7, 1934.

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regardless of repeated objections by the Government attorney that this question was not competent since the identity was the only necessary feature to be established at a hearing in removal cases on indictments, the Agent was forced to answer the question.

At 5:30 P.M. on May 7, the United States Commissioner adjourned the hearing and the Commissioner called for records of the Government and defense counsel concerning the indictment to be signed on May 8. On that date the records were made and the Commissioner requested that the records be put off until May 12. On May 12, when the records were before him, the Commissioner requested further records on May 14, in order to consider further the case. The United States Attorney's office objected to this delay and insisted that the Government's case of identity be proven, but the United States Commissioner refused to render an opinion until Monday afternoon.

It is obvious from the proceedings that the United States Commissioner Walker was in a position to see the disclosure of the entire evidence furnished to the Department of Justice in the case of the subjects involved, although the only question in issue was the identity of the subjects involved.

The Department, respectively, the Chicago and Lansing offices of the United States Attorney have made the hearing in the case of the subjects in further further to the fact that the Chicago office has the possession of the records of the case in and around Chicago. The Department is in the belief that the records should be submitted for such consideration as may be warranted.

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

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter dated May 23, 1934, addressed to the Honorable Judge W. Wilburson, United States District Judge at Chicago, Illinois, by Mr. William Stanley, the Assistant to the Attorney General, concerning the delay caused by the United States Commission in the removal of McLaughlin, et al in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 224135.

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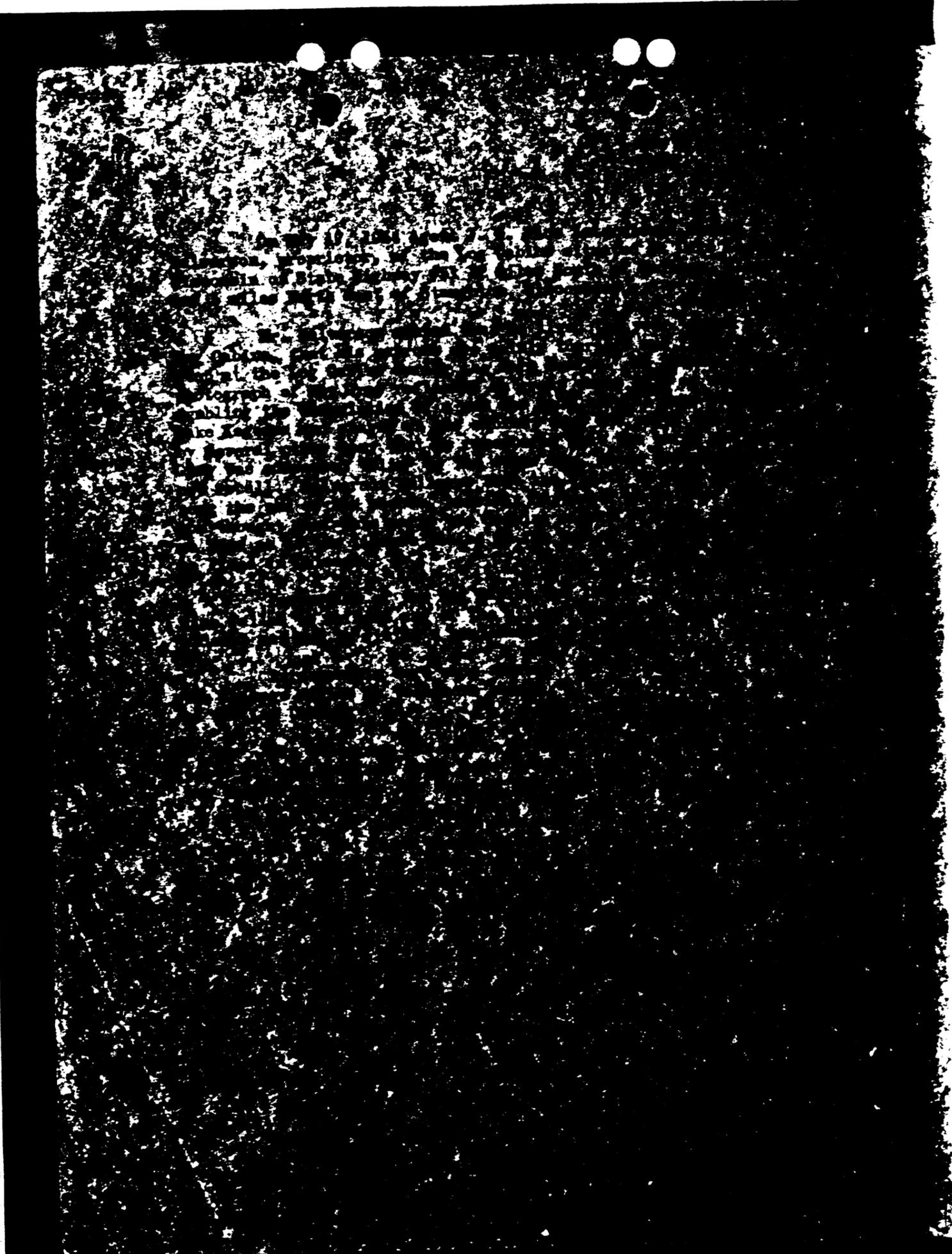
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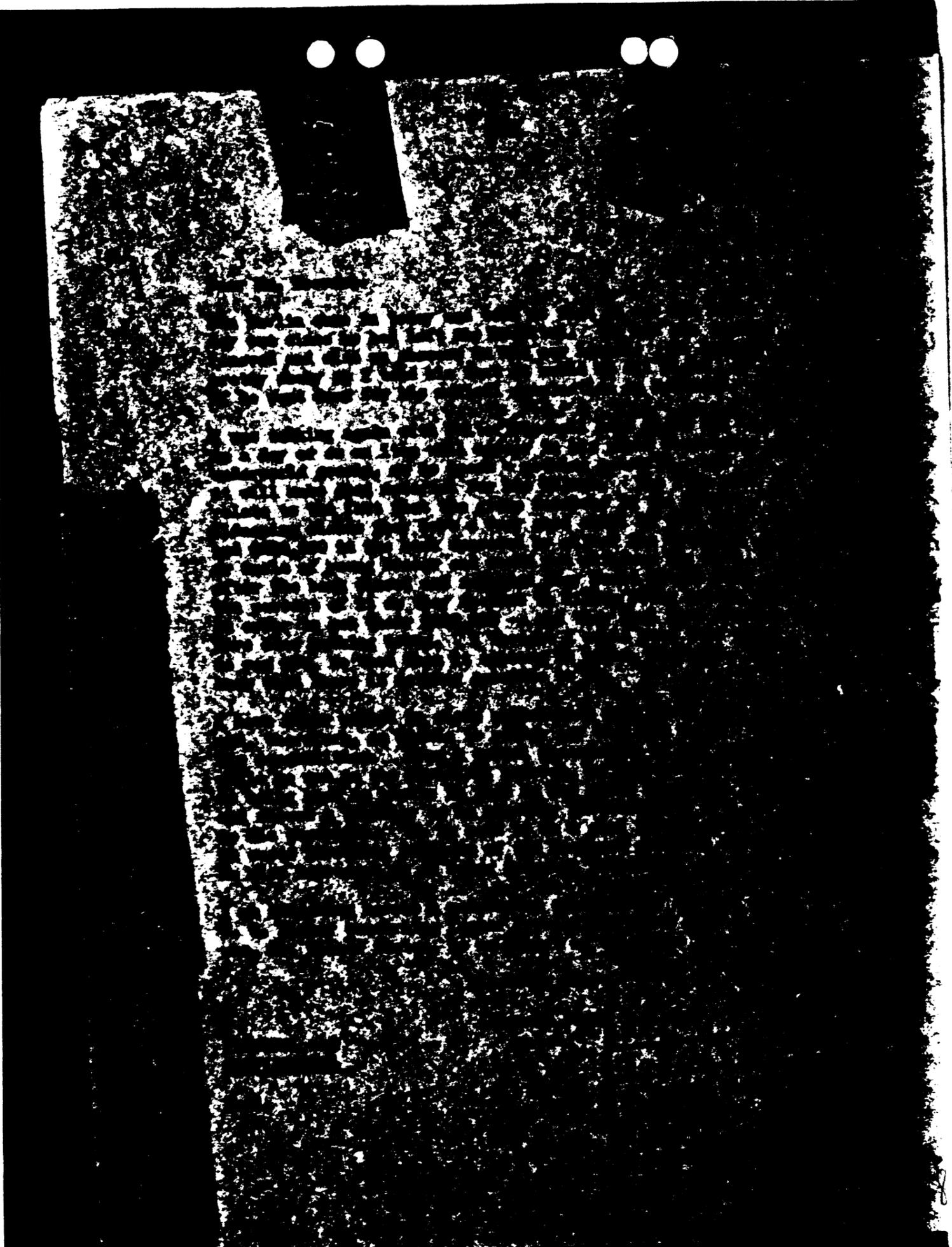
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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, victim

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May 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Clegg advised that he had received a report from one of the Agents who is working on the Bremer case at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, that William Davis had been at Prairie du Chien three nights ago. He was identified by two girls. G. B. Harris, who was identified by Beattie Green as one of the recruits of the mob, and Bill Weaver were seen in the same town about two or three months ago, the exact date not known. These men were identified by a gas station station operator and an electric meter reader.

Mr. Clegg stated that nearly all of the Agents on special assignment are searching for the Bremer kidnapers. I stressed the importance of bringing this case, as well as the Hess kidnaping case, to an early conclusion.

Very truly yours,

Director



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All offices, it is understood, have been furnished
photographs of PHILIP HENKIN, who is the girl friend of
MR. KATE BAKER, the mother of JAMES H. and also known
to, might be used to advantage, and for the benefit of the
recently opened, there is attached hereto a photograph
PHILIP HENKIN.

The above suggestions, of course, are not designed
to exhaust the possibilities for investigation and research, and
necessary, of course, for each agent to exercise his initiative
as to the logical steps to take in each case, according to the
size of the town, and the existing possibilities for
and investigation.

It should be borne in mind that on
January 17, 1934, and by the Bureau of Investigation
these circumstances and conditions should be
taken into account in the investigation.

The following is a list of
successful leads, or to work out the
and it will be found that there are
found or Miss Smith at Chicago, Illinois,
John is located, and identify the
with office receiving leads of this
attention to the fact that in
for these possibilities.

WISCONSIN

Town

County

Adams

Siren at 7:00 A.M. on firestation
Whistle, 7:00 A.M. on roundhouse
Switch Engine - Railroad Division
Flares - not on regular siren
One church only.

Albion

Letter from Fairchild, Wis.
Same warden says likely.

Albion

Siren - 12:00 noon, 3:00 P.M.
Church bells
Airplane
Railroad.

Beaver Dam

Siren - noon
Whistle
Railroad
Bells.

Camden

Siren, noon
Whistle, 7:00 - 12:00 - 3:00
Bells - Sunday morning
Railroad.

Franklin

Siren - 5:00 P.M.
Whistle - 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.
Bells
Railroad.

<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Algerton,	Rock	Stationary siren Church bells Switch engines Fire on January 28th.
Elroy,	Juneau	Letter from State Warden at Baraboo, Wis., says likely.
Fort Atkinson,	Jefferson	Siren - sounds noon and for fires & nothing specific.
Fond du Lac,	Dodge	Siren - noon and 6:00 P.M. Shifting locomotives and airplanes, occasionally church bells - various hours.
Gillett,	Deconto	Siren - noon and for fires Church bells - 5 on Sundays 1 Sat. at 6 P.M. Airplanes - seldom Railroad trains - not frequent.
Greenfield,	Milwaukee	2 whistles at 7:00 A.M. Siren only for fire Bells Sunday Inventory heard See letter of postmaster - listing of whistles.
Harmon,	Rock	Siren - 4:00 Whistle - 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 Bells - Sunday P.M. and other

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Town

County

Whist

Whist

Fire siren - Not fired only
Whistle at 6:30 A.M., noon,
12:30 P.M., 12:40 P.M.,
and 3:10 P.M.

Bells - Sat. P.M. and Sunday A.M.

Railroads - two trains & switch engine

Airport traffic light.

Levee Geneva

Levee

Church bell - 6:30 Saturday

Locomotives

Airplanes

Siren

Fire 1/30/34 & no time given

London Station

London

Fire siren - irregular

Bells - Saturday afternoon & Sunday

Railroads and switch engine

Airplanes

Wilmington

Wilmington

Siren - Not fired at Christmas

Church bells - tolling for several days

Trains - frequent

Airplanes - none in sight

Wilmington

Wilmington

Sirens & bells - none at Christmas

Whistles - daily along tracks at 12:30

12:40 and 3:10

Trains - frequent

Airplanes - none in sight

Sirens & bells - none

Whistles - none

Trains - none

Airplanes - none

From

To

Milwaukee

Milwaukee

Siren - 6:30 Saturday
Church bells - 8 AM Sat. and Sunday AM
Factory whistles - many times daily
Trains - many trains & whistles
Planes - 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. on main route
from Chicago to Twin Cities
Numerous pipes on 1/22/34

New Holston

New Holston

Siren - noon
Whistle - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Bells - Saturday AM and Sunday
Railroad

Phillips

Phillips

Has five siren which sounds for
fires only & at 5 PM; factory
whistle which blows with steam
morning, noon & evening; church bells
ring on different occasions; whistle
blowing locomotives with occasional
low whistle notes coming through
valve for pleasure

Waukegan

Waukegan

Factory whistles
Siren
Trains
Planes
Church bells

Town

Engines,
Bells - Sunday AM and Saturday AM
Switch engine
Airplanes
Factory whistles
Fire at 7:40 AM on 1/24/34.

County

Engines

Rockfield,

Bells - Sunday, 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M.,
10:15 A.M. and Saturday AM
Railroads
Whistle
Airplane occasionally

Washington

Northfield,

Church bells A.M.
Railroad
Flare at times
Whistle

Warthen

Waverly,

Church bells
Sire
Railroad
(Highway)
Airplane

Waverly

Waverly Falls,

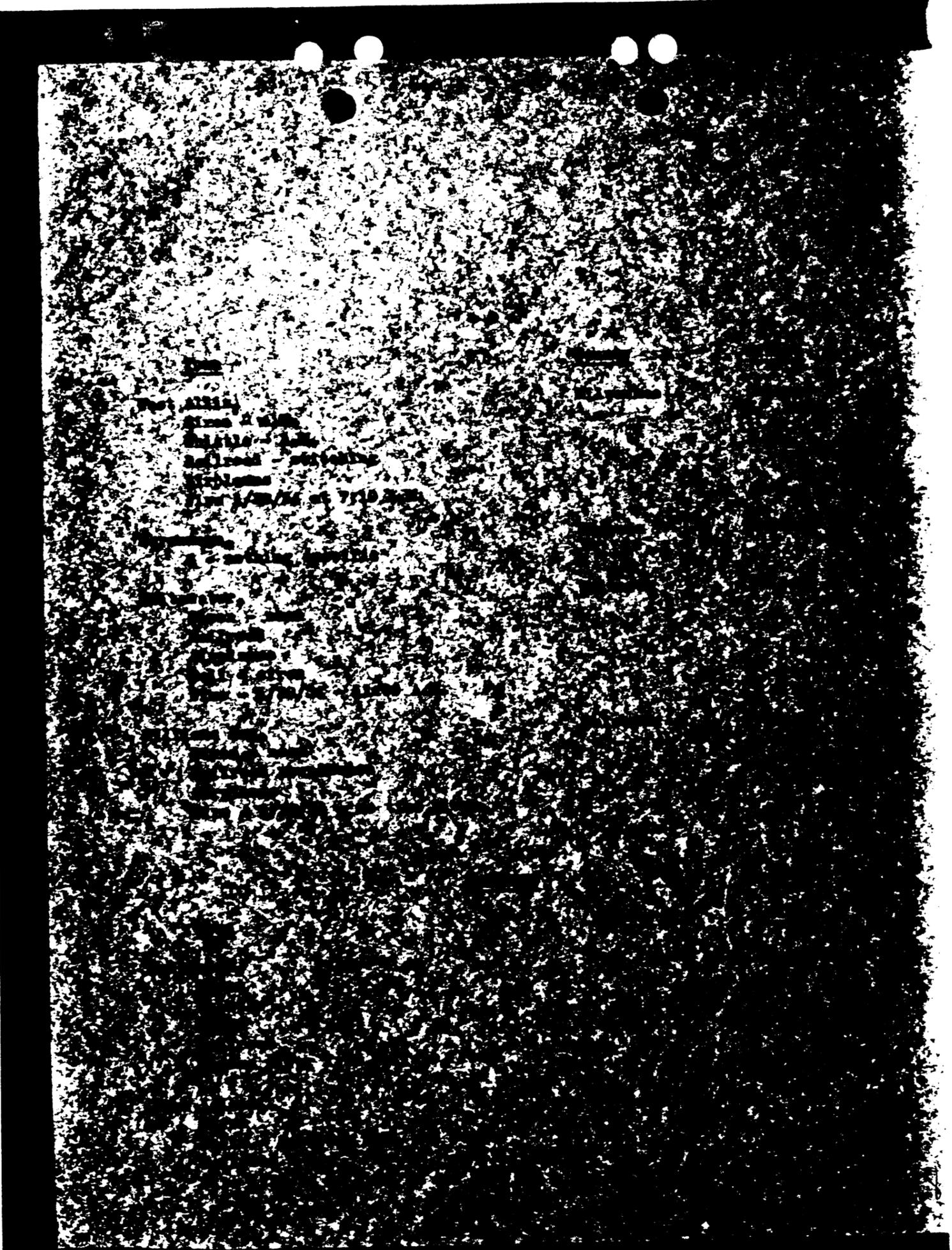
Whistle from station near bridge

Waverly

Waverly

Railroad
Whistle
Bells at times
Whistle

Waverly



Item

Quantity

Brockfield,
Hires - A.M.
Whistle - A.M.
Bells
Railroad
Fire 1/23/34 - 9:55 P.M.

Davis,
Hires
Church Bells
Railroad
Airplanes.

Fox River Grove,
Hires - A.M.
Bells
Railroad
Airplanes.

Madison,
Bells - Railroad - Hires

Min. Hires
Bells - morning and evening
Whistle -
Bells - Saturday AM and Sunday AM
Bells -
Bells -

Waukegan,
Hires - 4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Bells
Railroad
Airplanes

Town

County

Kirkwood,
Siren
Whistle
Bells
Railroad
Airplanes

Warren

Summit

Cuyahoga

Siren - noon
Bells
Railroad
Whistle
Fire 1/28/34 - 5:00 P.M.

Warren

Siren
Whistle
Bells
Railroad

Warren Grove

Siren - noon
Bells - Schuster P.M. and Sunday
Railroad
Airplanes
There are a number of indicator lights on the tower

Wesleyville

Five Sirens
Church bells on Sunday
Whistle signals and whistles
Fire on 1/28/34 at 1:00 P.M. and
1/28/34 and 1/2/34

Wesleyville

Two church bells
Whistle signals
Airplanes

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TOWN

County

Hiles, Center,
Siren - noon each week day
Church bells ring every day
Railroad trains
Airplanes.

Book

Ottawa,
Siren
Railroad
Church bells
Fire 1/28/34 - no time given
Fire 1/29/34; 1/31 and 2/1/34.

La Salle

Madellie,
Siren - 6 and 7 A.M. - noon -
3 and 6 P.M.
Bells - Sunday only
Railroad
Airplanes.

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Bozelle,
Bells - Saturday P.M. and Sunday
Railroad
Airplanes
Siren - 11:00 Noon.

La Salle

Riverdale,
Siren - 11:00 A.M.
Bells - Sunday
Railroad
Airplanes
Fire 1/28/34 at 1:00

Windsor,
Siren - 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.
Bells - Sunday
Railroad
Airplanes
Fire 1/28/34 at 1:00

Item

Quantity

Wahkiakum,
Gren - noon
Balls - Monday only
Railroad
Airtickets.

1000

Yates City,
Gren - noon
Balls - Monday
Railroad
Airtickets.

1000

Item

Quantity

Lawsonport,
Church balls
Airtickets
Railroad
Gren - noon - 1000

1000

Yates City,
Gren - noon
Balls - Monday
Railroad
Airtickets.

1000

Town

East Dury,
Siren
Church Bells
Railroad trains
Flames.

Valparaiso,
Siren
Church bell
Railroad trains
Flames.

County

John

Porter

The following towns in Wisconsin
offer three possibilities.

Sum
Abbotsford:
Siren - not regular
Whistle
Railroad

County
Grant

Adells
Siren - afternoon bell
& Sun. bell
Railroad
Whistle - 7:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Washington

Wagner
Siren - 7:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
Railroad
Bells

La Crosse

Belleville
Siren - at noon
Whistle
Fire alarm

Grant

Wausau
Siren - by whistle
Whistle
Siren - 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Siren - 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Siren - 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Wausau

The following teams in Missouri
offer three possibilities.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Rating</u>
<u>Hammond:</u> Siren - at noon Bells, Sunday morning Railroad	<u>Saint Croix</u>	
<u>Hartland:</u> Siren - at noon Railroad Airplane	<u>Waukegan</u>	
<u>Hilbert:</u> Bells, Sat., P.M., & Sun. Railroad Whistle, from Hilbert	<u>Galena</u>	
<u>Marionville:</u> Siren - 6:00 P.M. Bells, Sat., P.M., & Sun. Railroad	<u>Waukegan</u>	
<u>St. Louis:</u> Siren - week days at noon, 3 long at night Sun. Siren Whistle Bell - Sat., & Sun.	<u>St. Louis</u>	
<u>St. Charles:</u> Siren - 11:00 P.M. on Wed. & 2 P.M. on Sat. & Sun. Whistle Bell - Sat. & Sun.	<u>St. Charles</u>	
<u>St. Joseph:</u> Siren - 11:00 P.M. on Wed. & 2 P.M. on Sat. & Sun. Whistle Bell - Sat. & Sun.	<u>St. Joseph</u>	

The following towns in Wisconsin offer three possibilities.

Town	County	Details
Marion	Waupaca	Siren - 12:00 noon Church bells - 5 pm. Sun. Trains switching every other day.

McFarland	Dane	Church bells - Sunday a.m. Trains - "May" Airplanes - every day
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Madison	Dane	Sirens - several times daily; another blow at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. on week days. Switching - spur track Airplanes
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Mineral Point	Dane	Siren 3 noon and 4 pm Church bells - Sunday a.m. Highways - shifting lanes Motors
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Monroe	Dane	Siren - noon daily Church bells - 12:00 Trains - 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
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Monroe	Dane	Church bells - daily except Sunday, 1:00 a.m. Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Siren - 12:00 noon Trains - 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
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The following towns in Wisconsin offer three possibilities.

<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Wausau:	Wood	
Siren - 6:00 & 7:00 a.m.; 12:00, 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.		
Bells Railroad		

DeFuria:	Franklin	
Siren - at noon		
Railroad Airplane		

Wausau:	Jefferson	
Wilton Junction:	Rock	
is possible; it has 7-day Adventist Church bells, a lot of switching, some airplane travel. Fire - 1-28-64		

Barneviller:	Columbia	
Fire siren sounds regularly at 12:00 noon & 12 noon at fire, the printing factory has whistle & church bells railroad passes through carrying locomotive airplane has good view		

Wausau:	Wood	
Siren blown at noon each day except Sunday, the church bells, and siren on Friday morning, siren will work for printing		

The following towns in Wisconsin
offer three possibilities:

Waukesha
Dodgeville

Waukesha
Three churches have bells
that ring on Sunday
& on occasions when
there is a funeral.
Several railroad trains
pass through, some
switching fuel upon
three times each.
Several planes over city
each day.

Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha, Wis. near E. Dodgeville
Waukesha

Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha

Waukesha
Waukesha, Wis. near E. Dodgeville
Waukesha, Wisconsin
Waukesha & Dodgeville

Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha (Dodgeville)
Waukesha

Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha

Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha

The following terms in Wisconsin
after three possibilities

Form

County

Whitcomb:

Franklin

Siren - at noon
Whistle, 5:05 p.m.
Airplane

Wisconsin Falls:

Columbia

Siren - at noon
Railroad
Airplane

Wittsberg:

Shawano

Siren - at noon
Whistle - 5:05 p.m. & 5:10 p.m.
Railroad

Weyauwega:

Columbia

Whistle 5:05 p.m.
Railroad
Whistle - 5:10 p.m.

The following is a list of all towns affected by the

- | <u>Town</u> | <u>Station</u> |
|--|----------------|
| Albany, | Albany |
| Siren heard at West
Railroad
Airplanes | |
| Arlington Heights, | West |
| Siren heard at West
Hills - Saturday evening and Sunday
Railroad | |
| Barrett, | West Hill |
| Siren heard 5:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Hills heard Saturday evening and Sunday
Railroad | |
| Beardstown, | West |
| Siren heard at 1:30 p.m.
Railroad | |
| Bellmont, | West |
| Siren heard Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
Railroad
Hills | |
| Channahon, | West |
| Siren heard Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
Hills
Siren | |
| Clinton, | West |
| Siren heard at 8:45 p.m.
Railroad | |

ILLINOIS

<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Grete, Ill.	Will	Sirens
Fire siren at 8:00 p.m. each night		
Bell at 6:00 p.m. Saturday		
Bell at 9:00 a.m. Sunday		
Trains - all day		
Denovan,	Essex	Sirens
Siren (daily)		
Church bells		
Railroad		
Boyes	Essex	Sirens
Church Bells		
Railroad		
Whistle		
Dallas City	Essex	Sirens
Siren		
Church and school bells		
Railroad		
Eliza	Essex	Sirens
Church Bells		
Siren		
Sire 1/22/54 at 8:00 a.m.		
Siren on truck		
Mariville	Essex	Sirens
Siren - 9:00 a.m.		
Siren - 10:00 a.m.		
Siren - 1:00 p.m.		
Siren - 2:00 p.m.		
Siren - 5:00 p.m.		
Bells		
Siren - 1st Saturday		
Railroad		
Shannon	Essex	Sirens
Siren - 1:00 p.m.		
Bells		
Railroad		

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ILLINOIS

<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Evangton,	Scott	Church bells - Saturday 8:00 p.m. Sunday 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Railroad Flames
Port Sheridan,	Lake	Siren heard at 11:45 a.m. Railroad Airplane
Frankfort,	Mill	Siren heard at noon Bells - 3 churches Airplane
Forest Park,	Scott	Bells - Saturday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday Railroad Fire on 1/23/34 - no siren given Fire sirens to get from fire
Highland,	Lake	Siren - 7:45 a.m. Siren: 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Bells Railroad
Peoria,	Peoria	Three church bells, one from St. Anthony's 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., one from St. Mary's at 9:00, 10:00 and 10:45 a.m. Siren at 11:00 a.m. with siren at 11:30 p.m. Railroad Siren at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

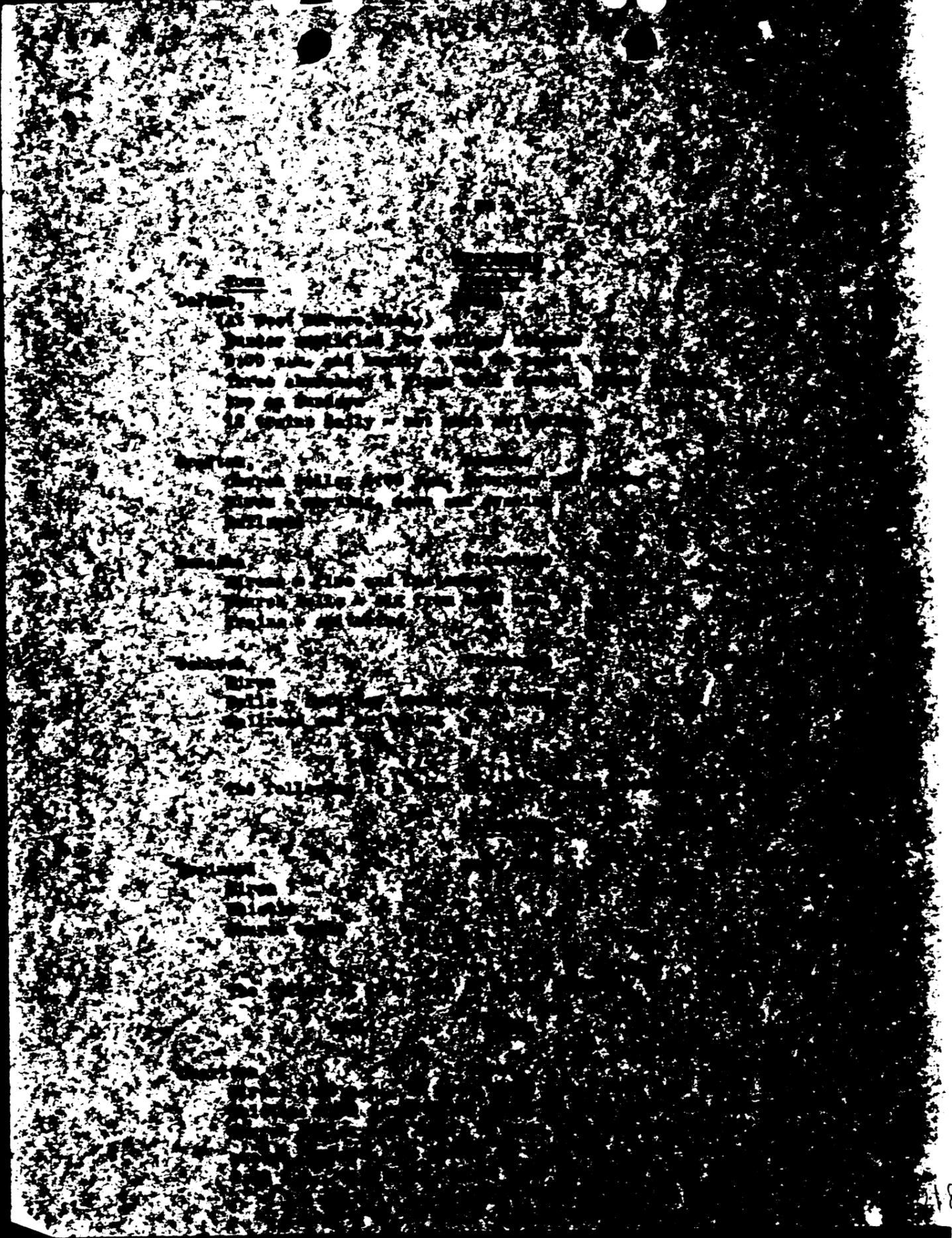




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<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
Beddick, Whistle Bells - 2 churches Railroad	Madison
Beckford, Bells - Saturday eve. and Sunday Whistle - none Railroad	Winnebago
Saint Anne, Bells at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Trains all day	Madison
Sumner, Bells - Saturday eve. and Sunday eve. Factory whistle Trains and planes	Madison
South Park, Bells - Saturday eve. and Sunday eve. Trains all day Planes all day	Madison
Thornton, Bells - 2:00 p.m. Bells Airplanes	Madison
Village Park, Bells - Saturday eve. and Sunday Railroad Airplanes	Madison







JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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June 2, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Purvis at Chicago, he advised that a representative of the Associated Press had just called the Chicago Office and talked to the girl at the telephone and told her that they had a dispatch to the effect that Division Agents are looking for the Bremer hide out in Iowa City. He told the girl that they would assume this was correct unless Mr. Purvis advised them to the contrary.

Mr. Purvis stated that he would not call back inasmuch as they would print this dispatch no matter what he might say.

Respectfully,

J. P. Cowley
J. P. Cowley

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DILLINGER CASE

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THE SHERIFF OF MASON CITY IOWA ADVISED BY PHONE THIS PM THAT HE
 ROBBED BY DILLINGER MOB IN MARCH HAD RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM
 GORDON HEAD OF LOCAL BURNS DETECTIVE AGENCY REQUESTING WARRANT FOR
 LINGER BARKERS AND KARPIS AS HE KNEW THEIR WHEREABOUTS IN SOUTHERN IOWA
 WHERE DILLINGER WOUNDED WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN A PARALYZED CONDITION
 GORDON STATED THAT HE WAS PASSING THRU MASON CITY THIS PM AND RECEIVED
 THE WARRANTS DELIVERED TO HIM AT THE TRAIN LATER STORY WAS THAT
 BOTH BARKER- ARTHUR R AND DILLINGER WERE PARALYZED
 WHEN THE TRAIN PASSED MASON CITY AT 9-30 TONIGHT THE WARRANT AND
 WAS GIVEN MAN BELIEVED TO BE GORDON WHO REFUSED TO DISCLOSE WHERE
 HE HAVE CHECKED ALL POSSIBLE REGISTRATIONS FOR PULLMAN BERTON
 AND AT MPLS MINN AND HAVE ADVISED THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE BY PHONE
 IN ORDER THAT GORDON MAY BE TRAILED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT KANSAS CITY
 DESTINATION KANSAS CITY WILL ADVISE IF ANY DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST

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Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Cowley	✓
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Tamm	

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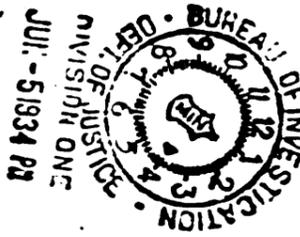
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sherman Burns called this morning from New York City and advised that his representative Gordon from St. Paul would be in Oklahoma City on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. I told Mr. Burns that he could contact Special Agent in Charge Brantley at Oklahoma City and Brantley was well equipped with men and munitions and could assign as many men to the case as was necessary.

Mr. Burns stated that he wanted to make sure there was no publicity and that everything was handled very cautiously, having in mind the Division's experience at St. Paul in connection with the Dillinger search.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.



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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Chicago, Ill.

Honorable Dgo Carusi,
Executive Assistant to
The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carusi:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated [redacted] in which you enclose, from the Attorney General, [redacted] the McLaughlin case, and more particularly with reference to the [redacted] for removal while pending before United States Commissioner [redacted]

The defendants in this case were represented by [redacted] counsel, each of whom presented various arguments [redacted] Title 18, U.S.C.A., as well as the indictment returned by the grand jury at St. Paul. This was the first case arising out of this [redacted] Criminal Code which was presented, since its enactment, [redacted] and because of the numerous and novel questions raised by [redacted] defense in the removal proceedings, he desired to [redacted] presented to him by counsel for the defense and by this [redacted] definitely deciding the case.

The same questions presented by the defense to the [redacted] were reiterated before Honorable Philip L. Sullivan in the [redacted] court for habeas corpus and in opposition to the Government's [redacted] removal.

These defendants, with the exception of [redacted] Department has previously been advised [redacted] for trial.

At the time of the Commissioner's [redacted] to the Marshal for removal, based on the [redacted] objection of this office, and [redacted] was advised. The Court was not inclined to [redacted] of this

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

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In May 1934, I met Mr. Edward S. Bremer, who had accompanied John E. Brennan, for the first time and purpose of survey of a number of towns in northern Illinois for the purpose of locating the home of a victim by the kidnapers. During the time, I endeavored to relieve the pressure, which existed in the past between Mr. Bremer and the authorities by engaging him in informal conversations and questions, trying to pick up whatever I could which would supply the "real picture" as we now have it in connection with the kidnaping. I am inclined to believe Bremer has given up a true picture to the best of his ability although it may have been given reluctantly. My belief are that we have not been able to find the man who strately lied to us, although in a number of instances he changed his story as originally reported. Investigation has developed information concerning the information furnished by Mr. Bremer. In connection with the results of the investigation at St. Paul and Portage, Wisconsin, in connection with the Bremer, from the outset, endeavored to locate the manning the units which made up the kidnaping party. My duty in interpreting the description given by Bremer was finally located a willow tree which was identified.

Yours faithfully,
J. Edgar Hoover

It was apparent and I have been informed by Special Agent V. E. Peterson and others that Mr. Bremer did not like Inspector Horer from the outset. Bremer ordered him out of his house on one occasion and refused to cooperate with Inspector Horer. With this in mind, I mentioned the suggestion to him that representatives of the Division, working on the angle of investigation seeking the location of the hideout, will be greatly surprised when the hideout is finally located because it will in no way fit the description as given by Mr. Bremer and interpreted by them. Mr. Bremer stated that he, no doubt, will be greatly surprised himself regarding the general setting of the ground around the hideout, the location of the different rooms within the hideout, but that he will positively identify the room in which he was held, and further, that when the hideout is located, it will be found in a town where the noises indicated by him are present, the most dominating noises being the siren coincident with a whistle each weekday morning and the same whistle each weekday evening, the church bell each Saturday afternoon and the same church bell on Sunday mornings and a second church bell each Sunday evening. Mr. Bremer remarked, "When you fellows locate the hideout, nothing will give me greater pleasure than facing your man Horer and telling him, 'I told you so'." In view of Mr. Bremer's attitude toward Mr. Horer, this remark indicates to me that Mr. Bremer has given information to the best of his knowledge regarding these sounds heard by him and would like to see the hideout located so that he can be placed in the picture. I can make such a remark, not only to Mr. Horer, but to the representatives of the Division. With this plan in mind, Mr. Bremer cannot expect the Division to locate the hideout if he has given a true picture.

I am confident that the hideout will eventually be located by either one of three alternatives. First, locating a town having the sounds indicated by Mr. Bremer; second, in the course of the investigation to locate some town

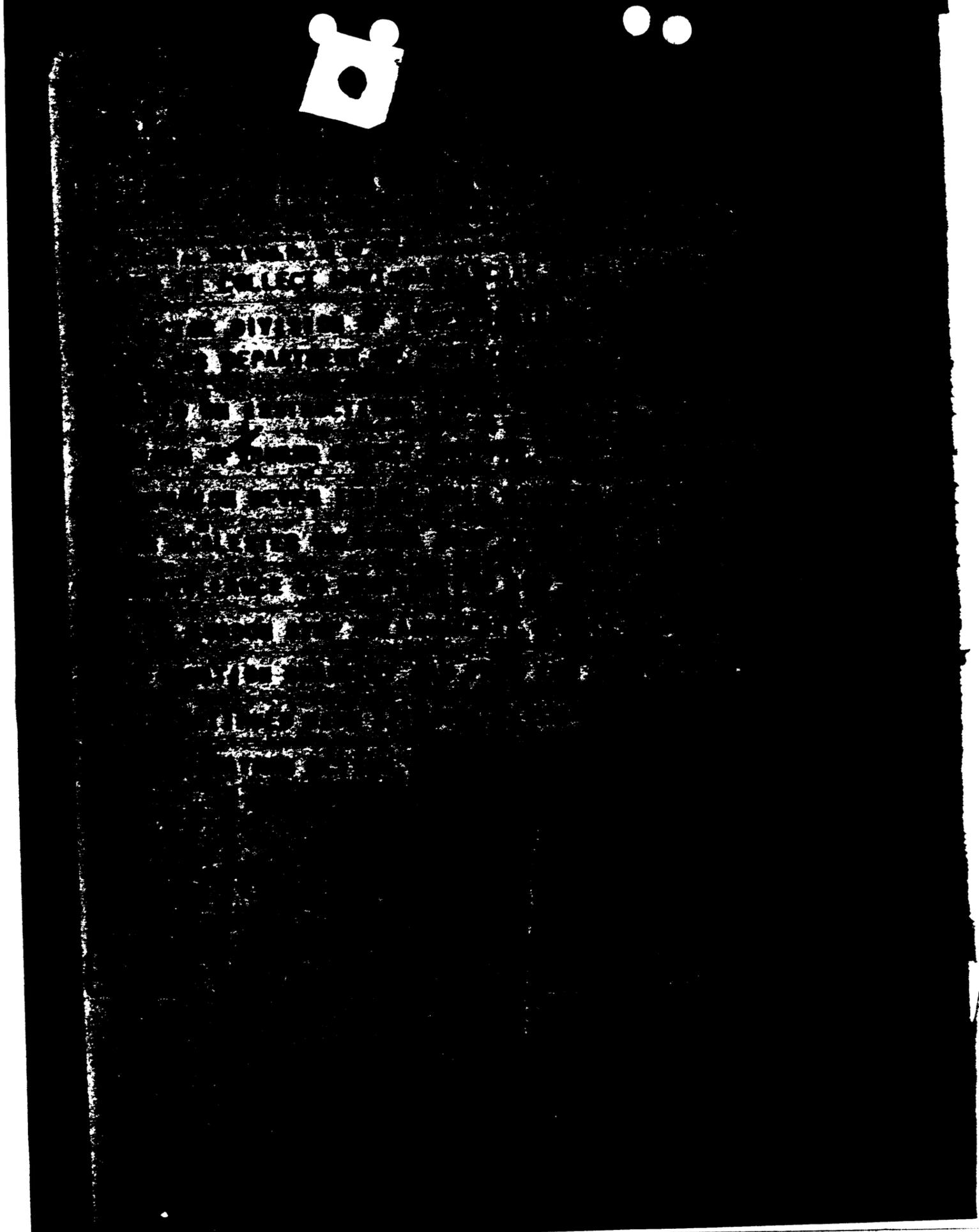
photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang will possibly be identified as resembling individuals frequenting a particular locality immediately preceding, during and subsequent to the time that Victim Bremer was held; and which, through the apprehension of one of the members of the Bremer gang and forcing him to talk. The latter possibility, however, is a very remote one, in view of the character of the subjects with which we are dealing.

The above observations are made by me are frank and for the purpose of giving you the benefit of them.

Very truly yours,

R. P. Murphy
R. P. MURPHY
Special Agent

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TO ~~SECRETARY OF JUSTICE~~ AT ST. PAUL

RE: WALTER DODSON BRADY LOCKER BORN AT ST. PAUL MINN
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RE: ERNEST THEODORE BARKER WANTED & B. FLORENCE SPECIAL AGENT AMERICAN BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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St. Paul, Minn.
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SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

0 BREKID NO KNOWS PROCESS OUTSTANDING FOR THEODORE BEEZ IF LOCATED HOWEVER SUGGEST
HE BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING INSTANT CASE AS WELL AS LOCATION OF ED BEEZ AND
OTHER SUBJECTS THIS CASE

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TO ST. PAUL, MINN.

E. L. CLARK,
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PLEASE FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING
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RE IN CONNECTION WITH WILLIAMS CASE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In telephone conversation this afternoon with Mr. Brentley at Oklahoma City he advised, with regard to the matter that Mr. Clegg had talked with him about yesterday, that the men are now in the Alvin Hotel at McAlester, Oklahoma; that this morning the men visited the penitentiary; that the two Special Agents on the assignment are absolutely positive at McAlester and have instructions to go with them wherever they go, and that as soon as they get away from McAlester inquiries will be made to determine who they interviewed at the penitentiary.

Mr. Brentley was instructed to keep this office advised of developments.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Clegg

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DIRECTOR DIV INVEST WASHINGTON

JULIA WE ARE OBTAINING ENGLA SHERIFF AT HAVRE MONDARA THE
FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY OF GORDON THE RECORD
IS BEING SENT BY MAIL BUT TO ARRIVE HERE TUESDAY NIGHT 1934
RECORD WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY

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June 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge, V. J. Blake phoned from Dallas, Texas at approximately 11:00 P.M. this date and advised as follows:

That the parties whom he had discussed with the Director earlier in the day had arrived in Denison, Texas and from there, had gone to Sherman, Texas which is located about 12 miles south of Denison. That apparently their plans are to proceed from Sherman, Texas to Paris, Texas in the morning.

Mr. Blake advised that he has two Special Agents in Sherman and two in Paris, and that "everything looks alright so far".

The above information was telephonically relayed to Mr. C. A. Tolson immediately.

Respectfully,
V. J. Blake

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JUNE 5, 1934

TO DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON DC

RE: IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SHERIFF AT HAVRE MONTANA
TODAY SHERIFF ADVISED HE BELIEVES HE HAD PHOTOGRAPH WITH RECORD AND
FINGER NUMBER OF WALTER GORDON OF BUREAU AGENCY HERE HE IS SEARCHING
RECORDS OVER THE YEARS OLD AND WILL MAIL PHOTOS AND RECORDS TO BUREAU
ST PAUL TOMORROW NIGHT DATE AS STATED HE WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS RECORD
WITH INVESTIGATIONS RE GORDON HERE AND ADVISE THE DIVISION OF RECORDS

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June 6, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hahn called from Paris at 10:35 a.m. and advised that the agents of Paris, France, had ascertained that W. S. Gordon had talked to the Chief of Police at Paris yesterday afternoon and advised him that he was in Paris working upon the Willinger case. That Mr. Gordon's instructions from his headquarters were that he was to immediately advise this Bureau if he was seen as a tangible or that he had been seen by the Chief of Police at Paris with any other person. Mr. Gordon will keep us advised of all developments in this matter. Mr. Hahn says that the Chief of Police will advise us of Gordon's activities.

Mr. Hahn advised that he has been contacted at Paris, France, with information that a search agent is performing a search at a point but a few hours from Paris. This search agent is enroute with him so that he can proceed to Paris immediately if necessary.

Belgian, who departed from Paris in a motor automobile yesterday, has not yet returned. The investigation being that he will be seen in Paris.

Respectfully,
J. E. Hoover

J. E. Hoover

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Director

He also observed all cottages, bars and public places and saw no one around who aroused his suspicions.

Agent Kingman has been observing the bars and their associates for some time. These bars are still active this year. Most of the bars are located in Savannah during the past week Agent Kingman has observed the "Bo Peep" Pool Hall on East Douglas Street, which is operated by Wolf Silver, a Jew and close associate of the place has always been a favorite hangout for those who have frequented Savannah in days past. He has seen no one that could be suspected as being a member of the group.

The Burns and Wallace groups are conducting the major portion of their activities in several brands of beer, with which they are connected. It is reported that their activities in connection with a thing of the past since repeal. The only source of contact from Chicago and other Northern cities was to Savannah to deal with the Burns.

In this connection Agent Kingman observed

[REDACTED] proprietor of [REDACTED] who deals with the Burns but dependable informant. He also contacted in the same manner. These informants know the Burns and their associates and that all the activities at the Burns are now being conducted and that they are directed, as to stock, from the racketeers and the big shot racketeers.

[REDACTED] reliable informant of [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED]. Our investigation at types [REDACTED] Richard Gullett was conducting [REDACTED] has been observing the going on [REDACTED] strangers or persons known to [REDACTED] seen as the lately who could be [REDACTED]

Director

██████████ who is now ██████████ will report to this Office any person who visits ██████████ or who is in contact with the Burns or their associates, or any person who is known to be connected with any of the gangs.

Agent Kingman has also visited several cottages on Wington Island where cottages are located and also the Golf Course. He reports that if any of the Burns are in Savannah, they are indeed obscure and are known to have attracted no attention whatsoever.

It is believed that the agent who reported this matter to Mr. Maloney should be given his informant just where this gang was last seen. If his informant is reliable and trustworthy, it is for him to become the Division's informant if approved by Division Agents.

Tybee Beach and other points near Savannah, Ga. The Burns will be closely observed by Agents in this vicinity to determine whether any of this gang are living at these points or contacting the Burns. It is agreed that it would be not altogether improbable for members of the gang to be in the vicinity and to be harbored by the Burns.

- cc New York
- cc Pittsburgh
- cc Chicago
- cc Charlotte
- cc St. Paul (Inspector Wilson)

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

June 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT BULLINGER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217; JOHN HULLIN,
with alias, I.O. #1222; EDWIN VAN WYCK,
with aliases, I.O. #1223; ALBERT W.
HILLY, with aliases, I.O. #1224; JAMES
M. GILLIS, with aliases, I.O. #1225; THOMAS
LEWIS GAMBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1226, et al. - N.M.V.F.A. -
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE,
St. Paul file No. 22-2434.

Reference is made to inquiries concerning WALTER S.
GORDON, in charge of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, branch of the Burns
Detective Agency. In this connection your attention is invited to
the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated January 22, 1934, at
Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the KANNO case, which pro-
flects information concerning the Concordia, Kansas, bank robbery and
refers to GORDON as having received some of the bonds stolen from that
bank.

Attention is also invited to the memorandum addressed
to Inspector Herer on March 1, 1934, by Special Agents Nicholson and
Hall of the St. Paul Office, as shown on pages 8 and 9 of the report
of Special Agent O.C. Hall, dated March 2, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota,
in connection with the BREKID case.

Special Agent S.W. Hardy has advised me that he has
heard from some official, concerning whose identity he is not now
certain, during the course of the investigation to locate KEATING and
HOLDEN several months ago, that WALTER S. GORDON of the Burns Detective
Agency in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is alleged to have served a term in
either the South Dakota State Prison, or some prison in the State of
Illinois. The description of GORDON, as outlined in the teletype ad-
dressed to the Division suggesting that his record be searched in the
Identification Unit, was furnished by Special Agent S.W. Hardy, who has
personally seen GORDON.

Edwards

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Special Agent George Costello has advised me that about ten years ago, when Costello was in the town of Havre, Montana, he conferred with Mr. R.C. Timmons, the sheriff at that town, and the sheriff informed Costello that W.S. Gordon had served a term in some State Prison on a charge of burglary, or robbery. I had Special Agent Costello telephone Sheriff Timmons, who is still holding office, and Sheriff Timmons agreed to search through his old records for the purpose of obtaining a photograph of GORDON on which might appear a police, or prison, number through which an identification and criminal record might be obtained. On June 4, 1934, Agent Costello received the following telegram from Sheriff Timmons:

"Subject mentioned in telephone this PM reported convicted and served time in state prison for crime of burglary unable to procure picture at this time will forward same as possible"

I requested Mr. Costello to forward over his own signature a telegram to Sheriff Timmons asking him to transmit, by straight message, any additional information which he was able to obtain.

The above information and that which follows, as dictated by Special Agent S.W. Hardy, was telephoned to Mr. Tamm at the Division on June 5, 1934.

[redacted] of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul, Minnesota, (who asked that his name be kept confidential), states that GORDON is a friend of HARRY BANYER, and although he has no evidence to support his belief that any acts on the part of GORDON during the past five years in connection with Minnesota bank robberies have lead him to believe that, perhaps, GORDON is connected in some way with the BANKER-KARPIS gang, as GORDON has been able in the past, according to information coming to [redacted] to recover some of the bonds stolen in bank robberies which were supposed to have been committed by BANKER and KARPIS, [redacted] states that invariably, when a bank is robbed in Minnesota, GORDON will appear to interview parties who have seen the bank robbers and will state positively that he knows who committed the robbery and will scoff at identifications made by parties in the robbed bank from photographs shown them, if the identifications are not of parties whom GORDON has named as the ones who committed the bank robbery and, since the ones GORDON names are invariably not the parties who committed the bank robbery, [redacted] has begun to suspect that GORDON tries to force these wrong identifications purposely. He cites the instance of the bank which was robbed

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at Brainerd, Minnesota, early in November, 1933, in which a guard at the bank, who had previously been a state highway patrolman, innocently talked with one of the bank robbers for approximately fifteen minutes before the bank was robbed, and this man later positively identified the photograph of "BART PAGE" NELSON as being the robber whom he had talked to before the robbery and, in this instance, GORDON came to [redacted] and tried to persuade [redacted] that this man was wrong in his identification of "BART PAGE" NELSON and, according to [redacted] information, GORDON even wrote a letter to the President of the Brainerd Bank, stating that this man was wrong in his identification of "BART PAGE" NELSON as one of the robbers. [redacted] stated that he, personally, does not know whether GORDON has a criminal record or not but suggested that Agent see Mr. Charles D. Brown, who formerly was the manager of the Protection Department of the Minnesota Bankers' Association, and who is now located at 710 National Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MR. CHARLES D. BROWN was interviewed and submitted two photographs of WALTER S. GORDON, which he states he secured from Superintendent of Police C. W. McPHAIL of the Houston, Texas, Police Department, April 8, 1930, with a letter in which Superintendent McPhail states that the original records in the case in which GORDON was arrested in Houston, Texas, have been destroyed, but that he had been able to secure the record from parties to whom the Texas Police Department furnished a copy at the time of GORDON'S arrest; that the Houston Police records now show that GORDON was arrested on December 21, 1927, under the name of W. S. GREEN alias WALTER S. GORDON; that it is alleged that on February 23, 1926, GREEN took part in the robbery of the Missouri City Bank, at Missouri City; that, although the record of the Houston Police Department is not clear, it would appear that GORDON alias GREEN was in some manner working in conjunction with the officers and his associate, GEORGE H. HARPER alias EDWARD DUNCAN, claims that the job was tipped off in advance to the Kansas City officers; that GORDON is also supposed to have served a term in the Kansas State Reformatory but the Houston, Texas, Police have no data on this; that the Houston Police photograph of GORDON was being furnished with Mr. McPhail's letter; however, no fingerprints were taken of GORDON at Houston.

MR. CHARLES D. BROWN also furnished copy of a letter written by Superintendent C. W. McPhail of the Houston, Texas, Police Department, January 28, 1930, to Chief of Police J. G. Laubeheimer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in which Mr. McPhail states that in connection with the arrest of GORDON under his alias W. S. GREEN, that McPhail had interviewed MR. SMITH, one of

The arresting officers of the Houston Police Department, and that SMITH remembers having arrested GORDON alias SMITH about December 20, 1927, for cutting a tent covering a hobby-horse machine and stealing a block and tackle, which he pawned; that Officer Smith states he later arrested GORDON on the street, for investigation, and that GORDON was identified by the pawn shop keeper as the party who had pawned the block and tackle; that charges of burglary and theft were made against GORDON, at that time, but were dismissed in order that GORDON might turn state's evidence against a band of safe crackers at Kansas City; that the index book of the Houston, Texas, Gallery shows that GORDON was photographed at that time as Houston Police Department #159, but the record was missing; that the Bertillon operator at the Houston Police Department identified GORDON as being wanted in Kansas City and it was through this identification that the Kansas authorities persuaded GORDON to turn state's evidence in the safe cracking cases; that Officer Smith also stated that GORDON later became a Burns Detective operator at Kansas City, and believes that his record at the Houston Police Department was disposed of through the influence of the Burns Detective Agency. Mr. McPhail further states that he received a communication from Mr. Ray S. Smart, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Police Department, Great Falls, Montana, under date of March 12, 1924, requesting GORDON'S photograph, record, information, etc. etc.; and Superintendent McPhail states that, perhaps, the Chief of Police at Kansas City, or Mr. Smart of Great Falls, Montana, might be able to furnish more data regarding GORDON.

Photograph of GORDON, taken at the Houston, Texas, Police Department in 1927, their #159, is being forwarded to the Division herewith and one copy of same is being retained in the St. Paul files. Copies of the letters above referred to are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

HHC:WS
SHH:TC

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(Teletype message)

DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

JOHN UNABLE PROVIDE INFORMATION TONIGHT CONCERNING W. B. GREEN
ALIAS WALTER A. BY GORDON EMPLOYEE BUREAU DETECTIVE AGENCY. RECORDS
MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE 8-00 PM TONIGHT.
NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT J. KLUCKESKY IN CHARGE MILWAUKEE
IDENTIFICATION BUREAU AT HIS RESIDENCE TONIGHT UNSUCCESSFUL. TEAM
BUREAU RELEASED TODAY. NO INFORMATION OF VALUE OBTAINED AS A RESULT
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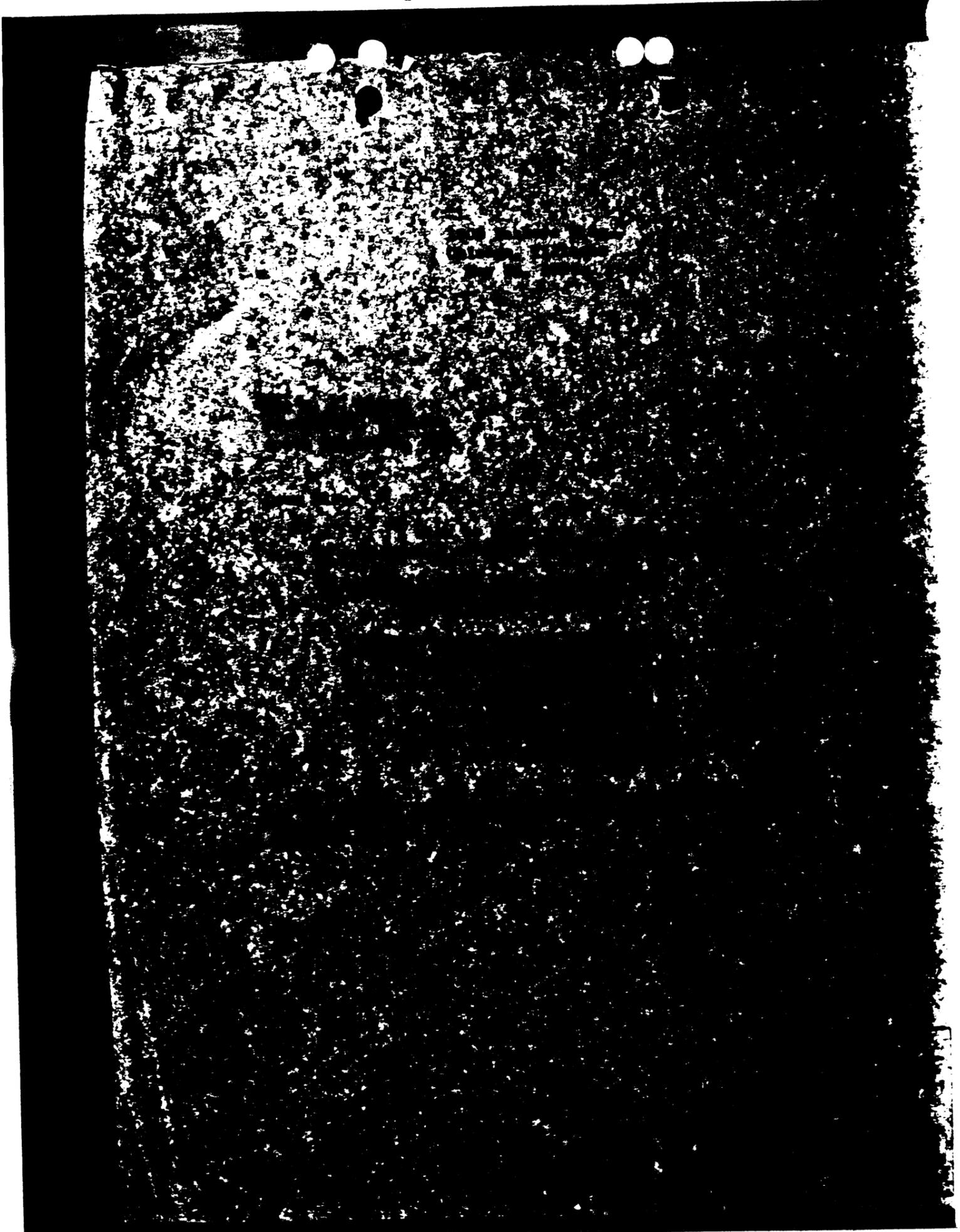
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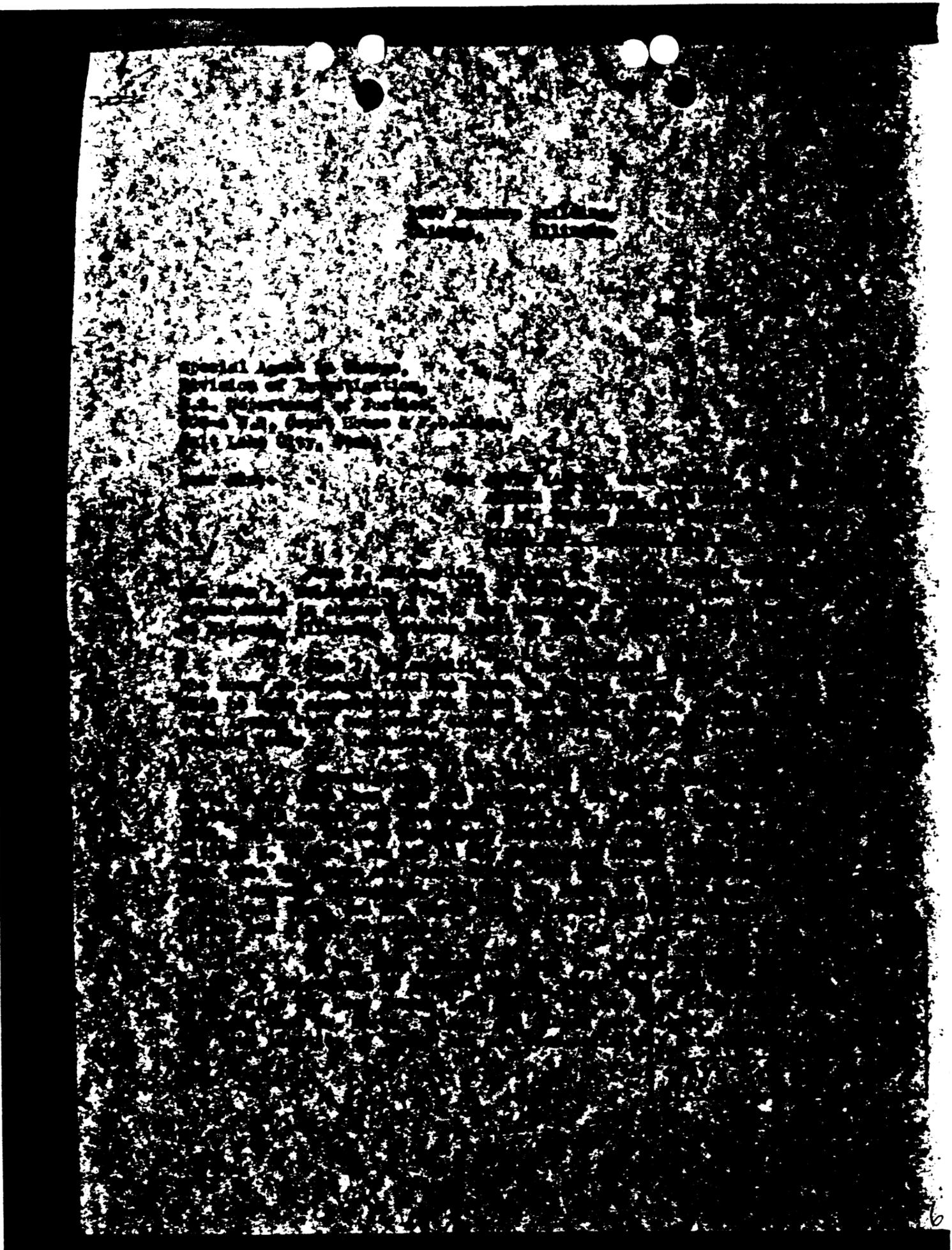
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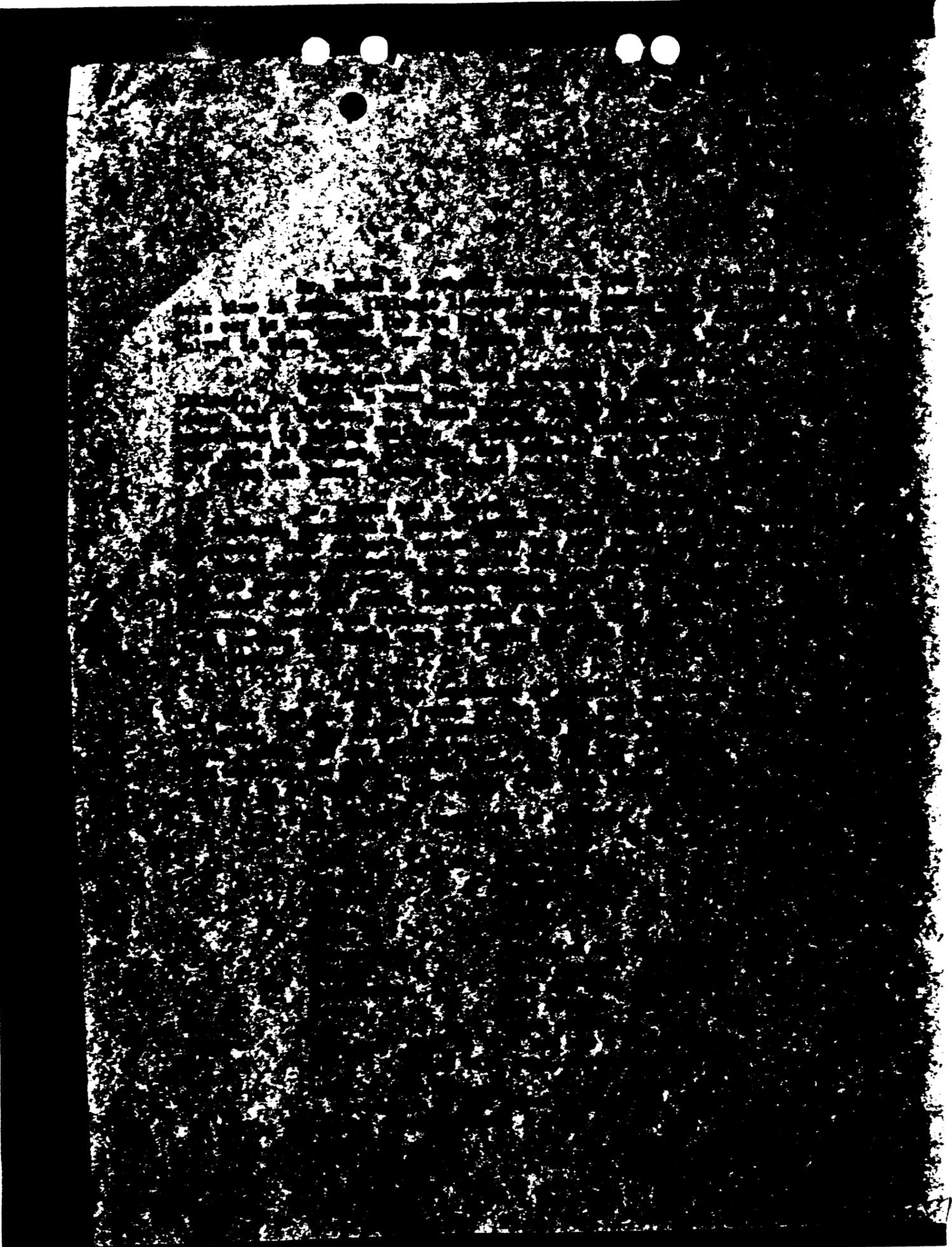
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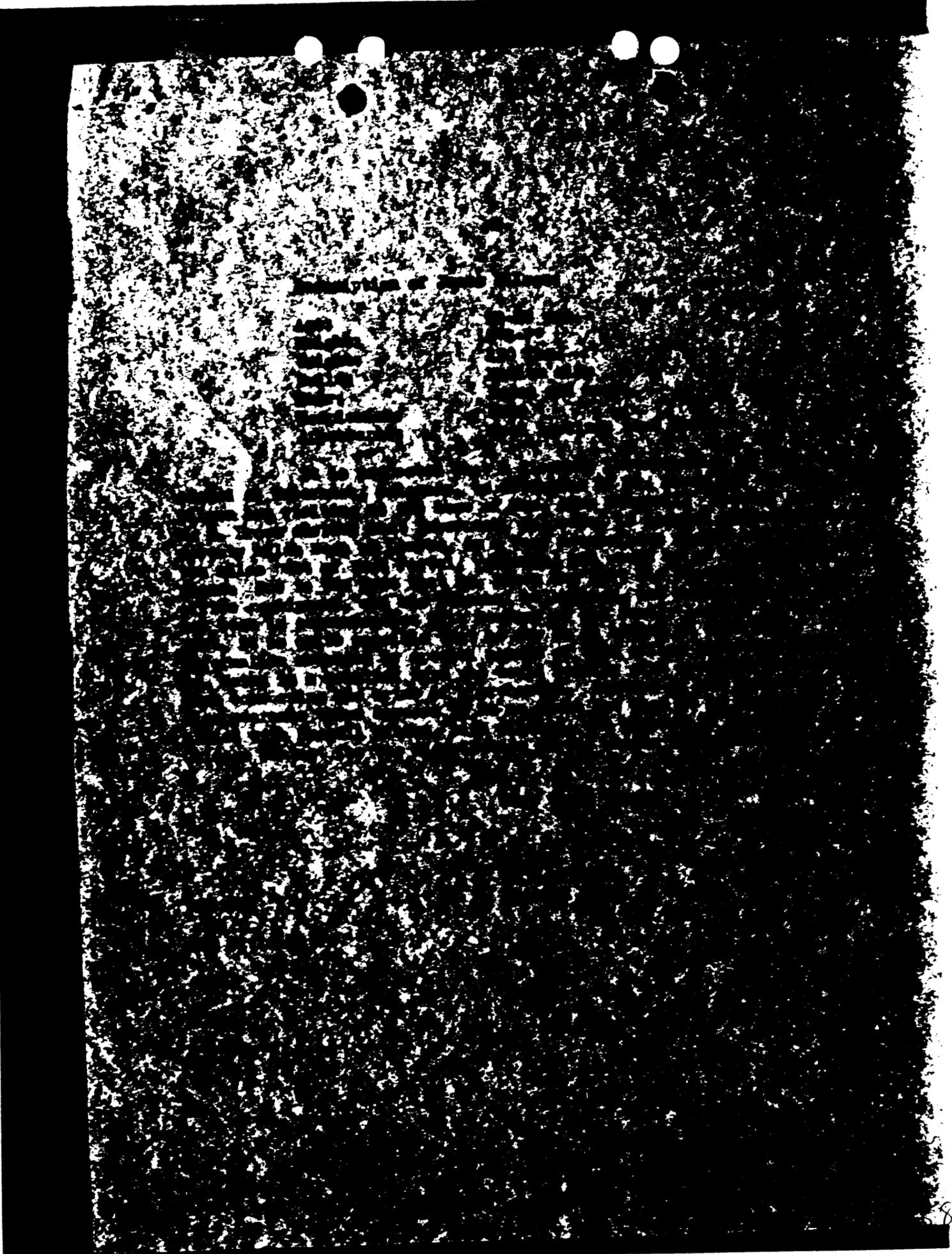






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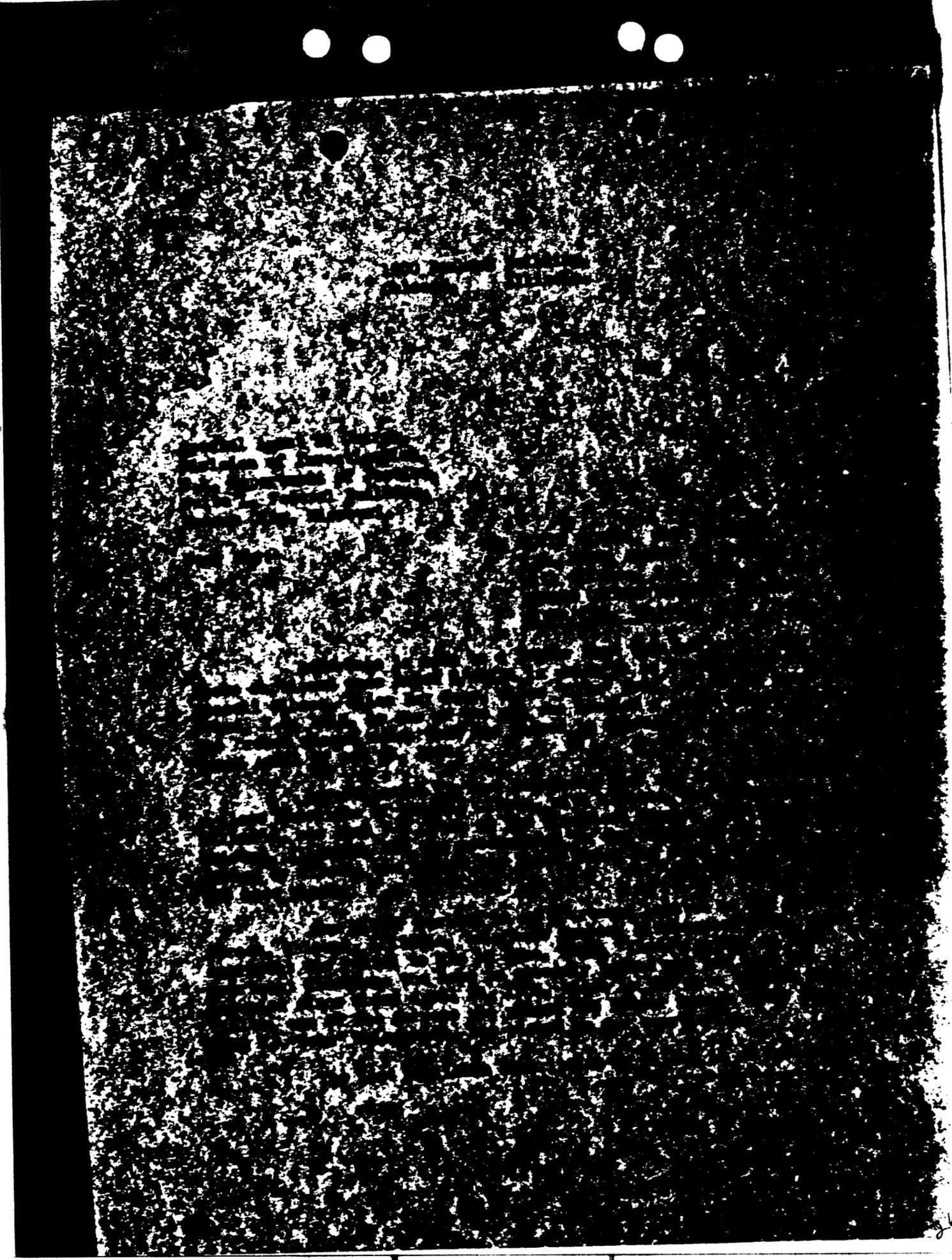


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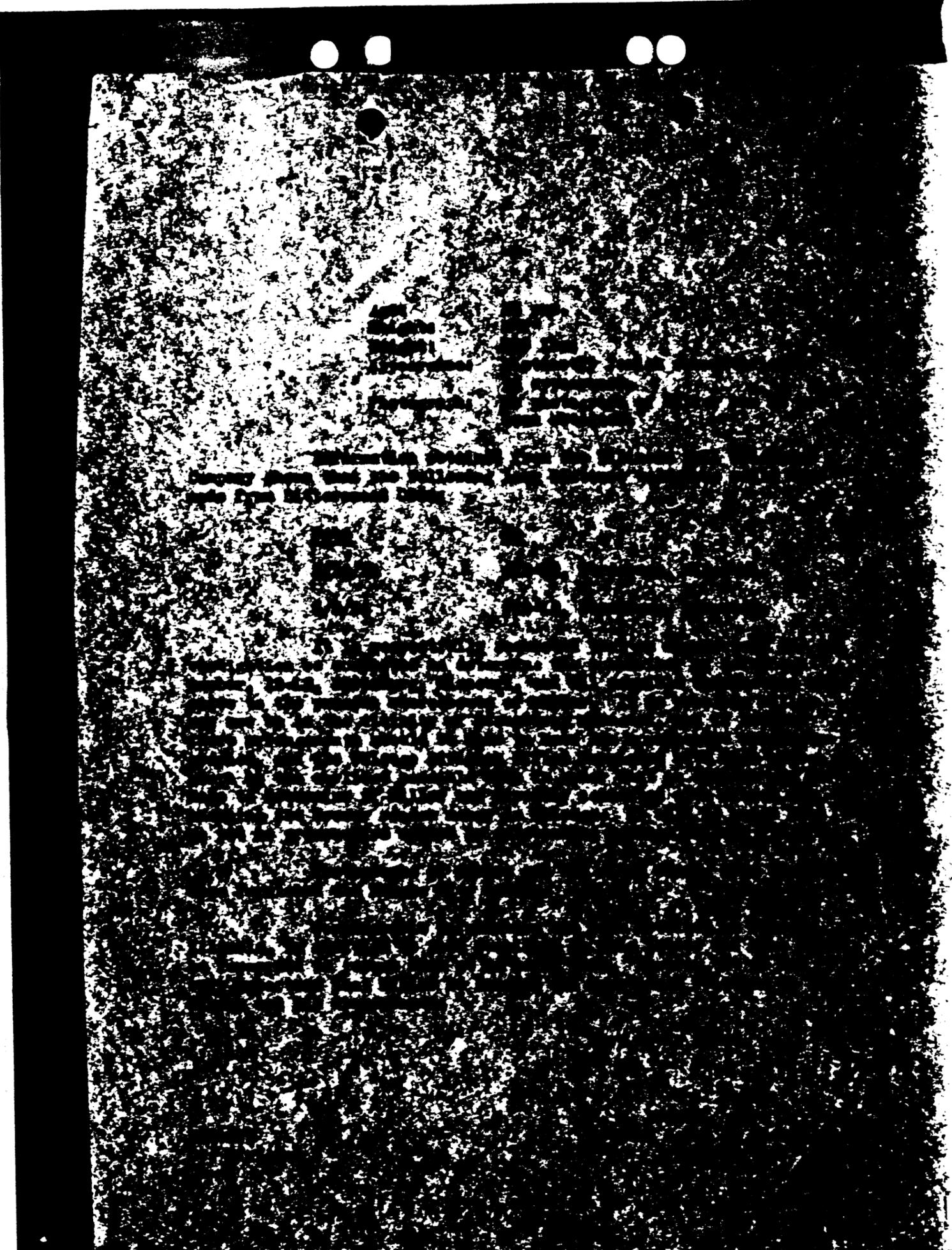
Mr. E. E. Clegg, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 225,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed report contains information
regarding the activities of the
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May 31, 1934

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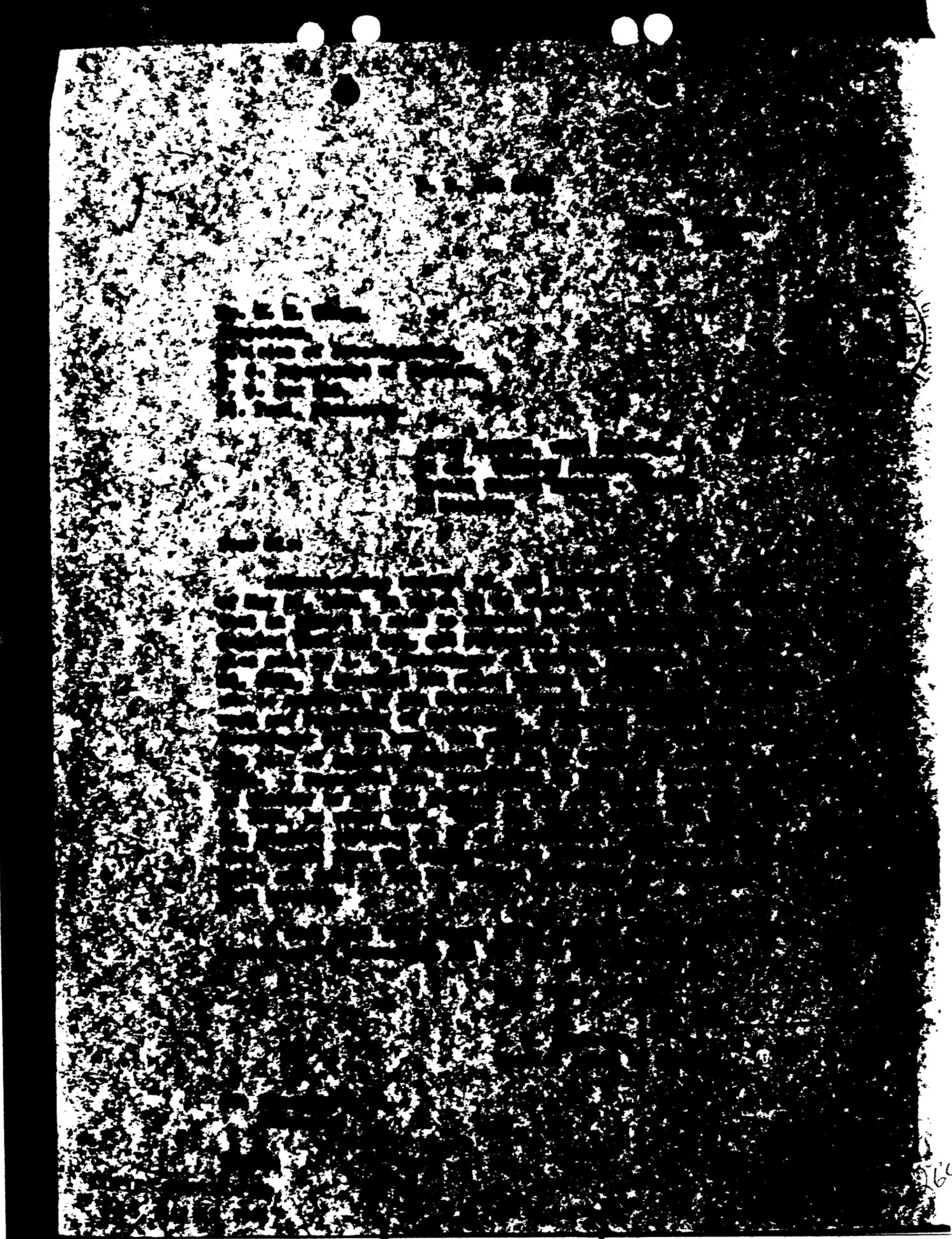
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Division of Investigation
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200 Parkway Building
Chicago, Illinois

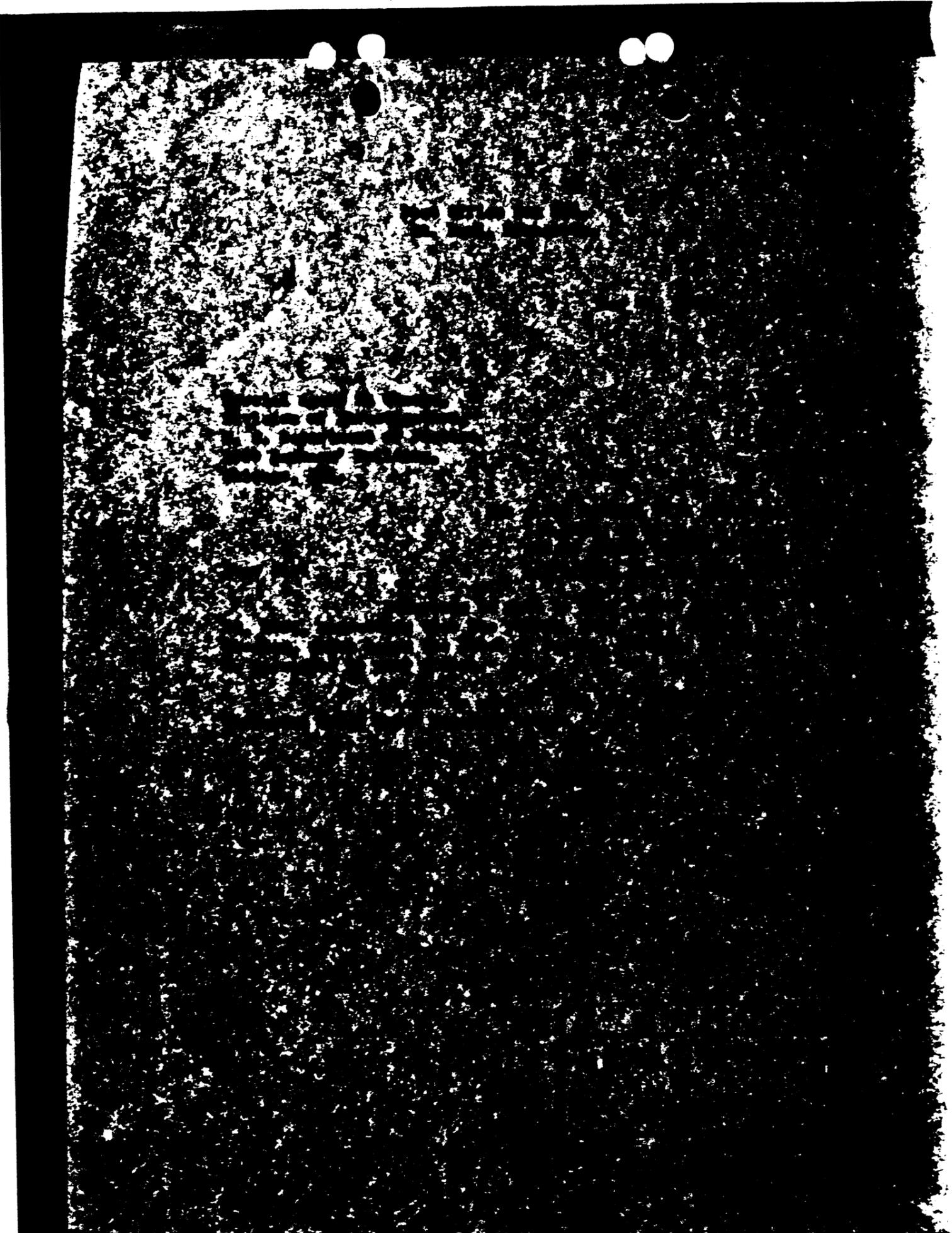
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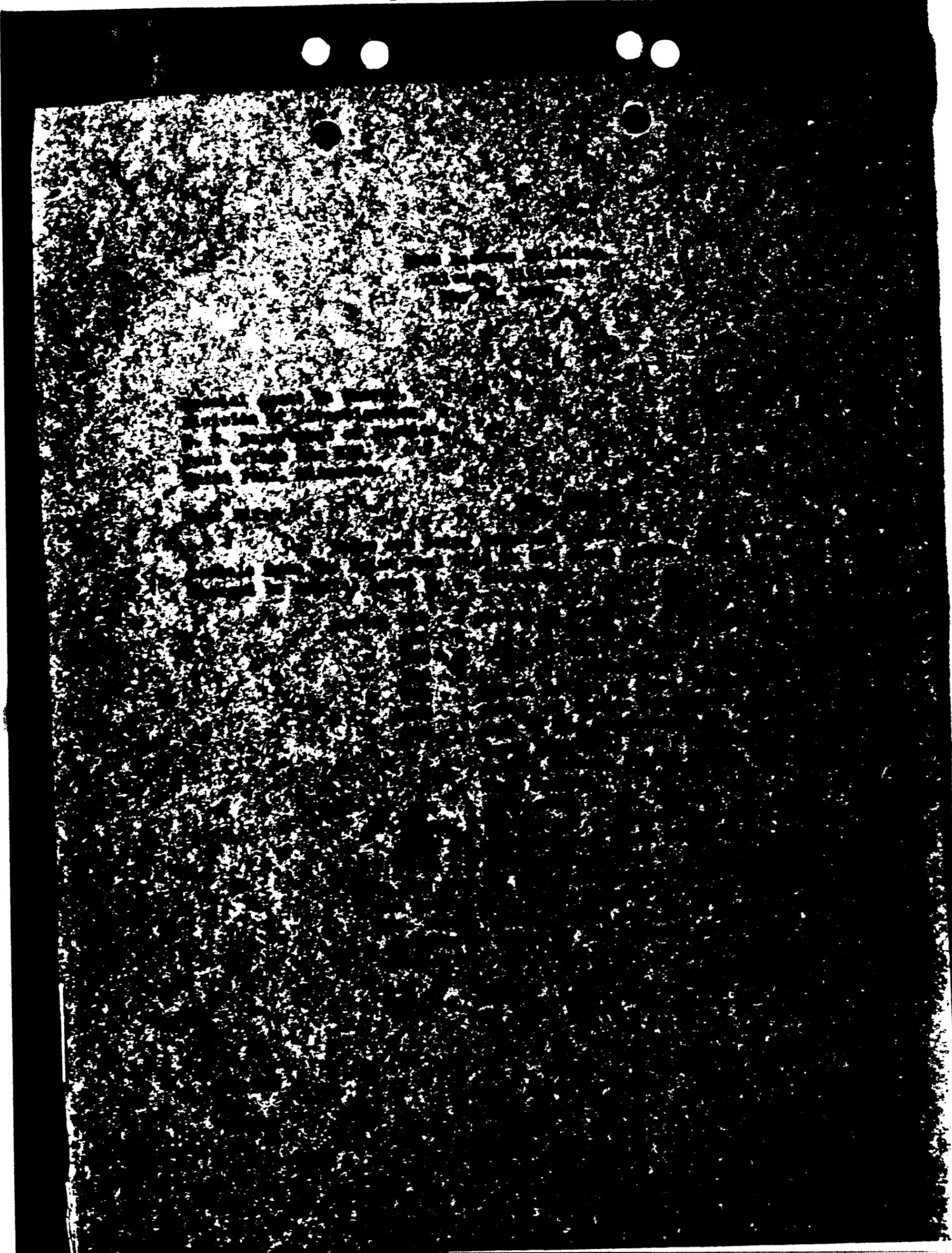
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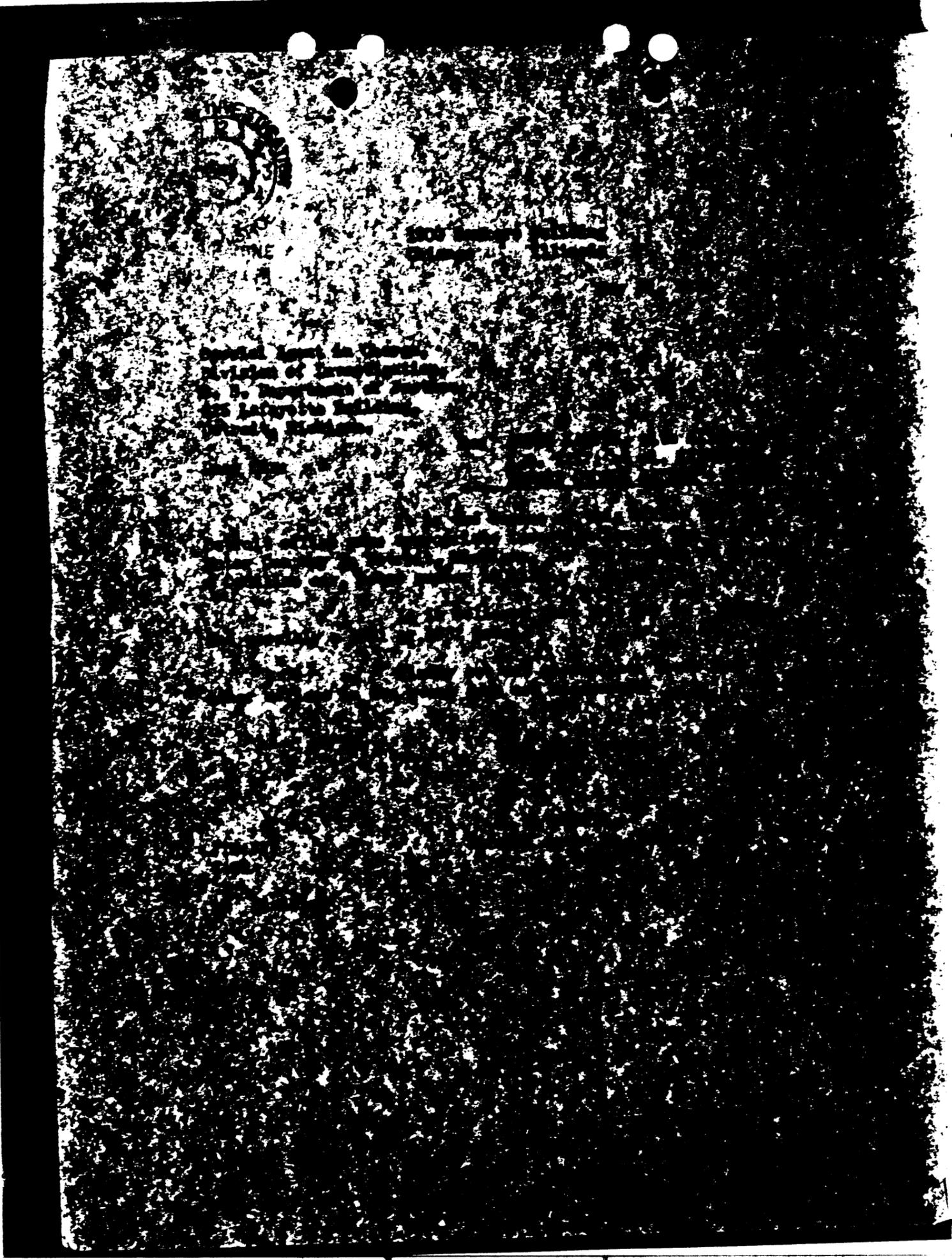
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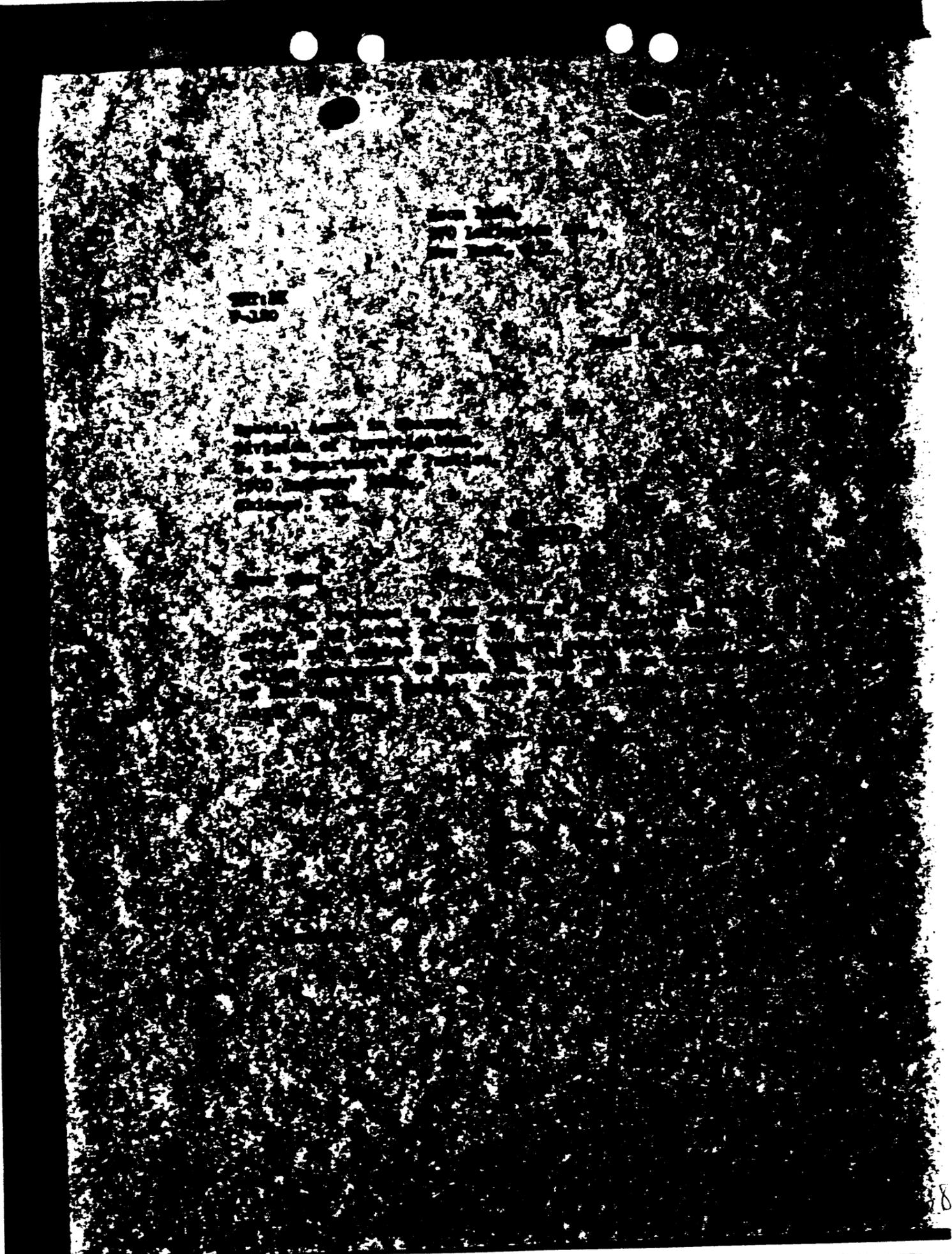
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Mr. W. L. ...
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 114,
St. Paul, Minnesota

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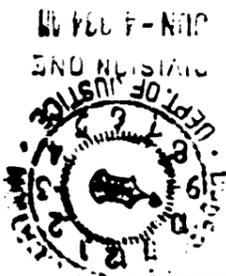
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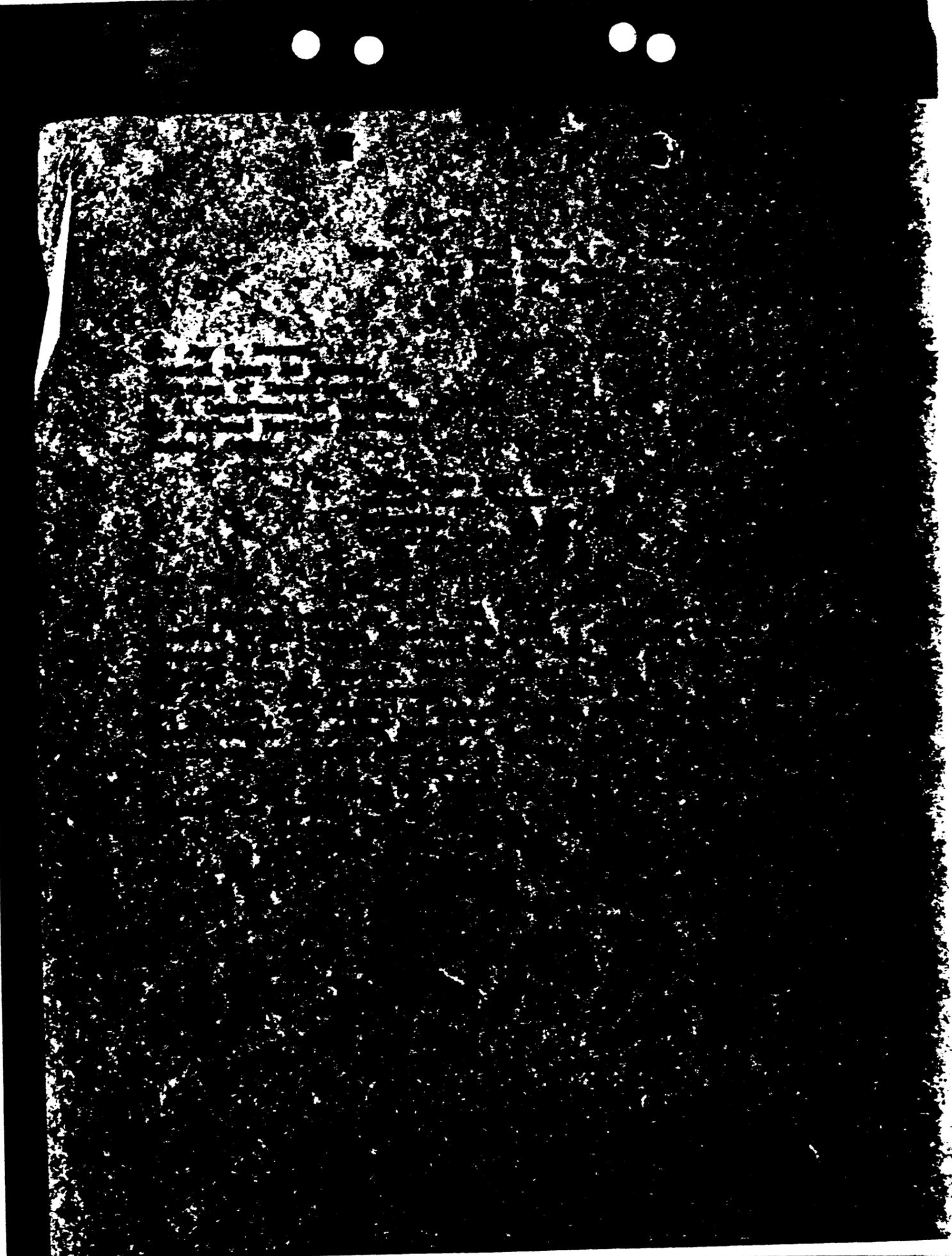
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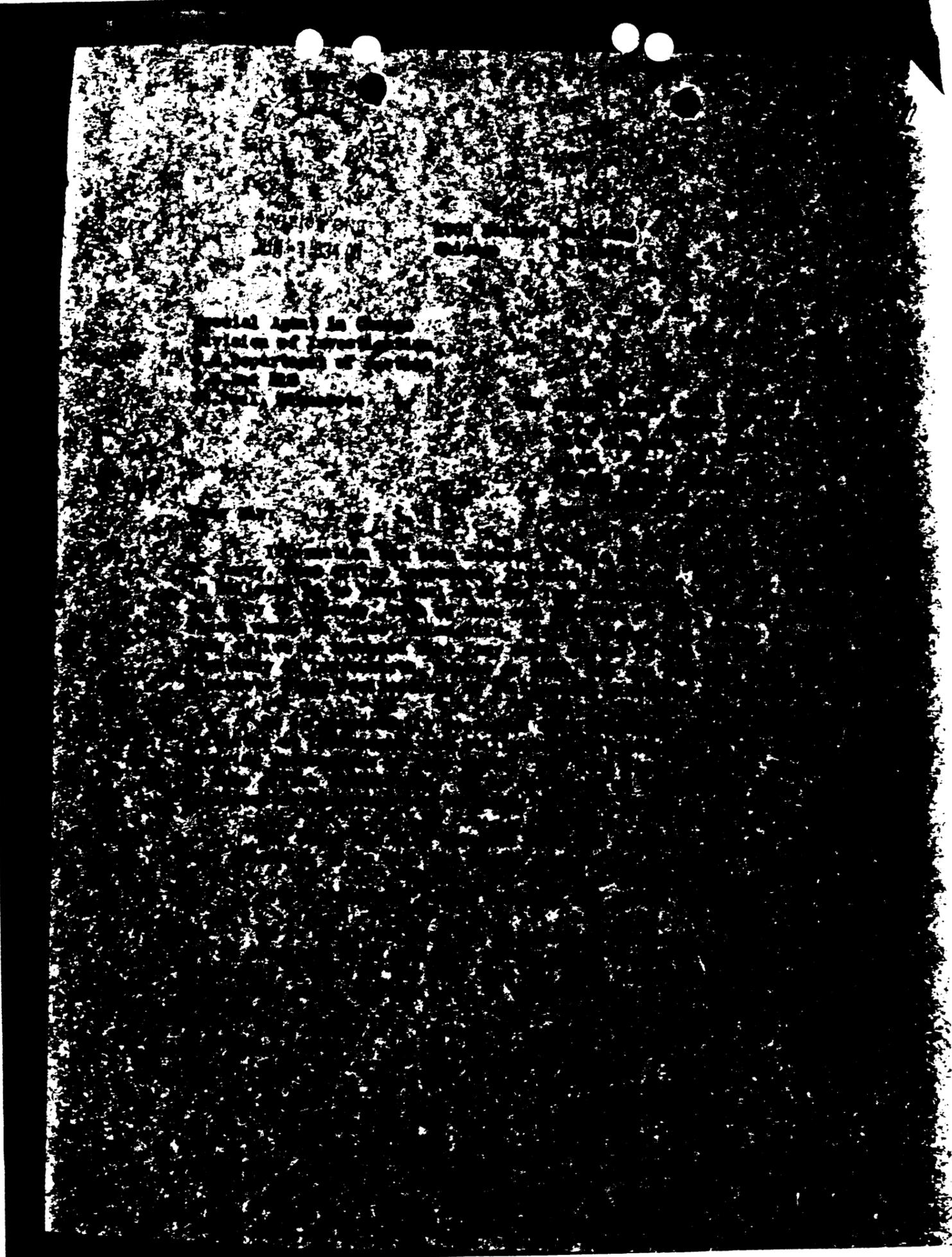
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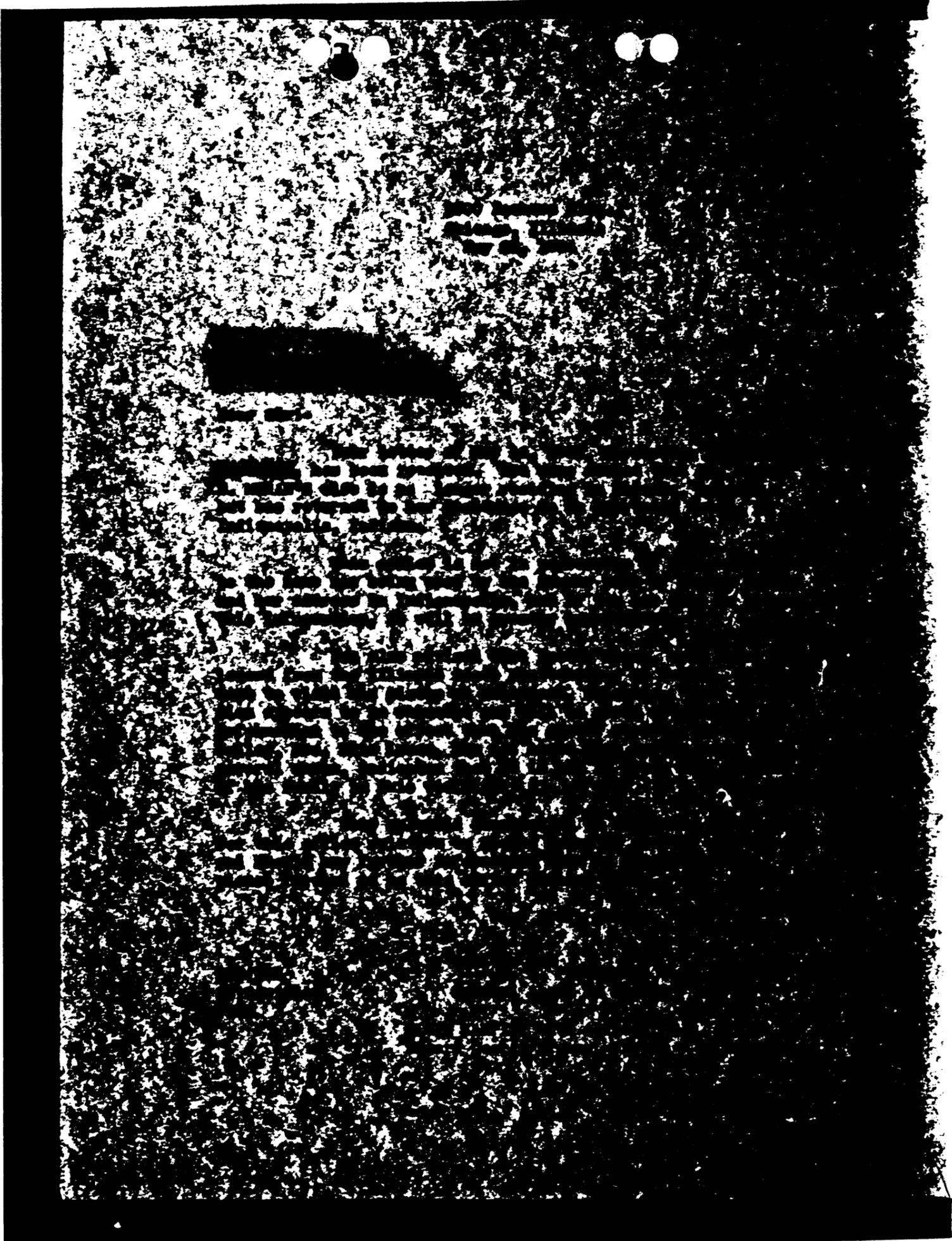


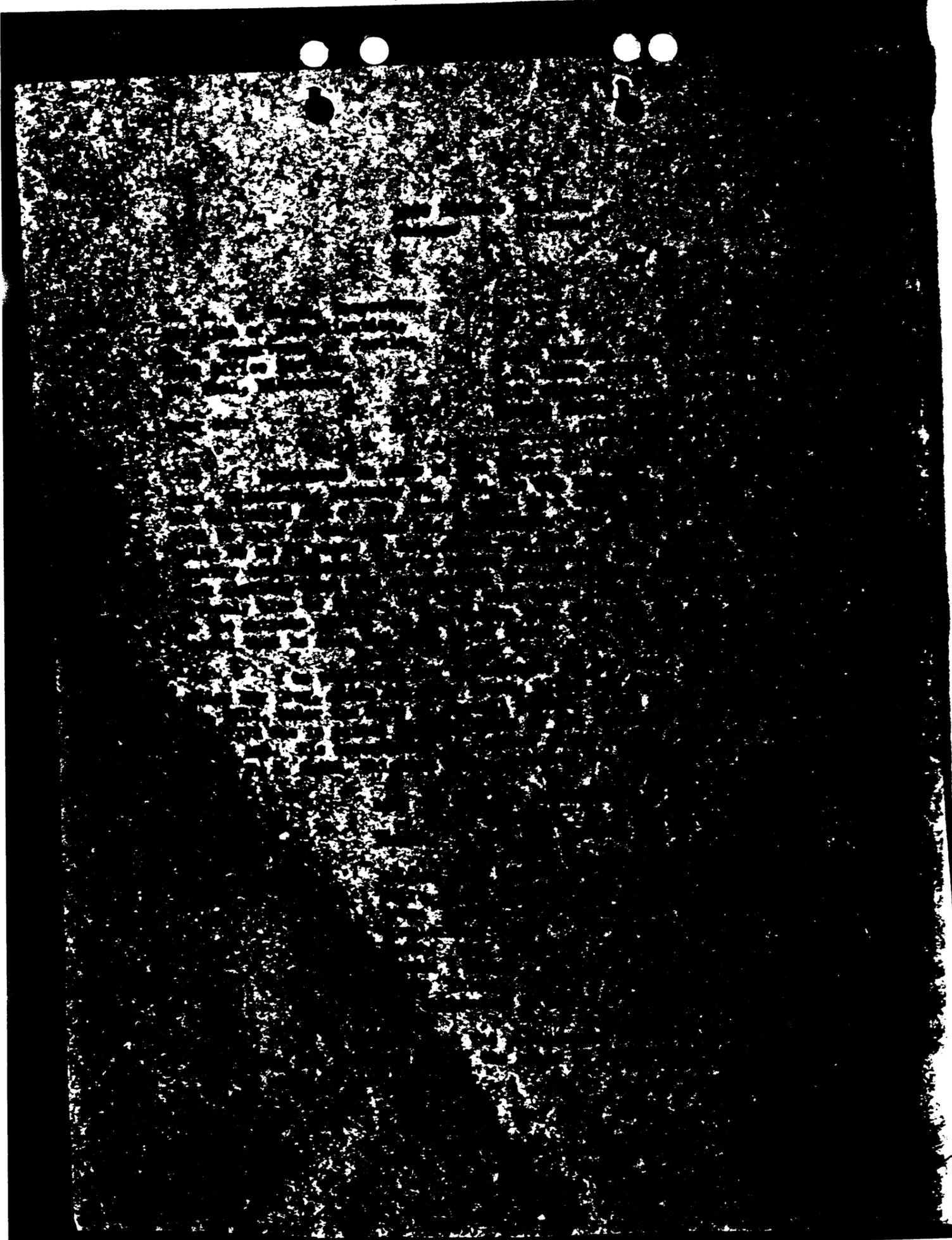


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Chicago, Illinois
May 21, 1900

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Division of Investigation,
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New York Office

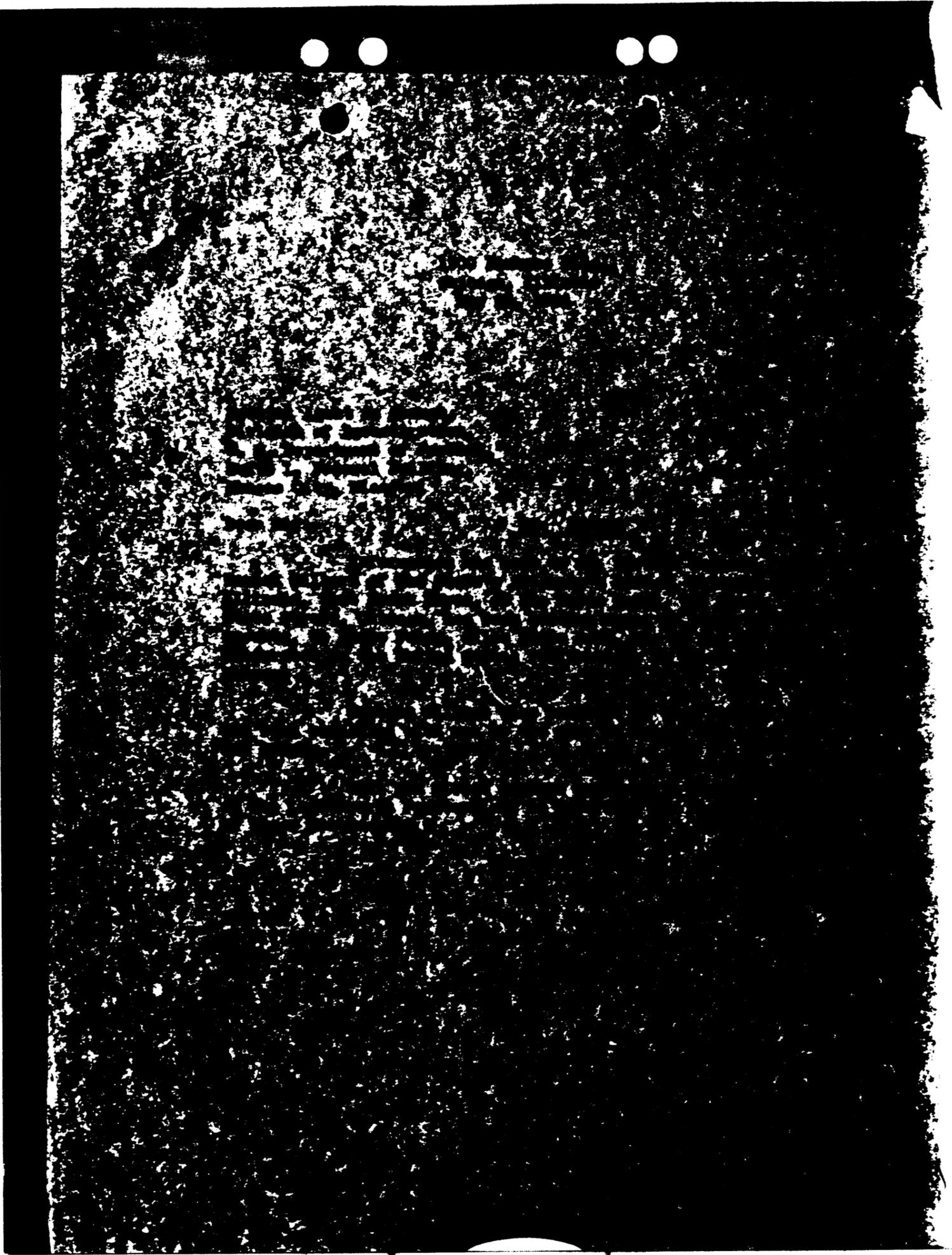
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 19th inst. regarding the above captioned matter.

The Bureau has advised that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover,
Director

Enclosed for you are two copies of a letterhead memorandum from the Bureau to the New York Office, dated May 19, 1900.



Post Office Box 4007,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 22, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:

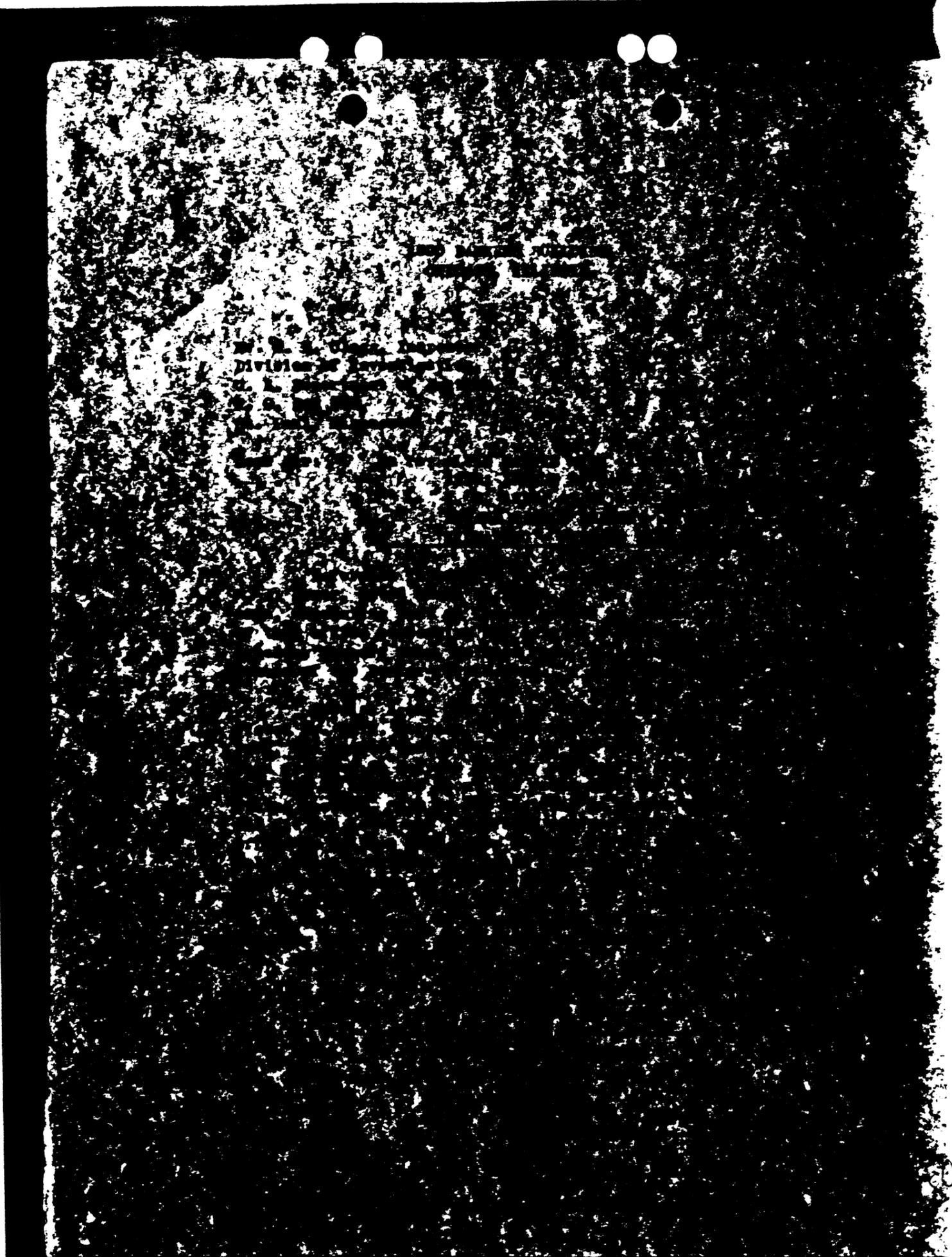
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
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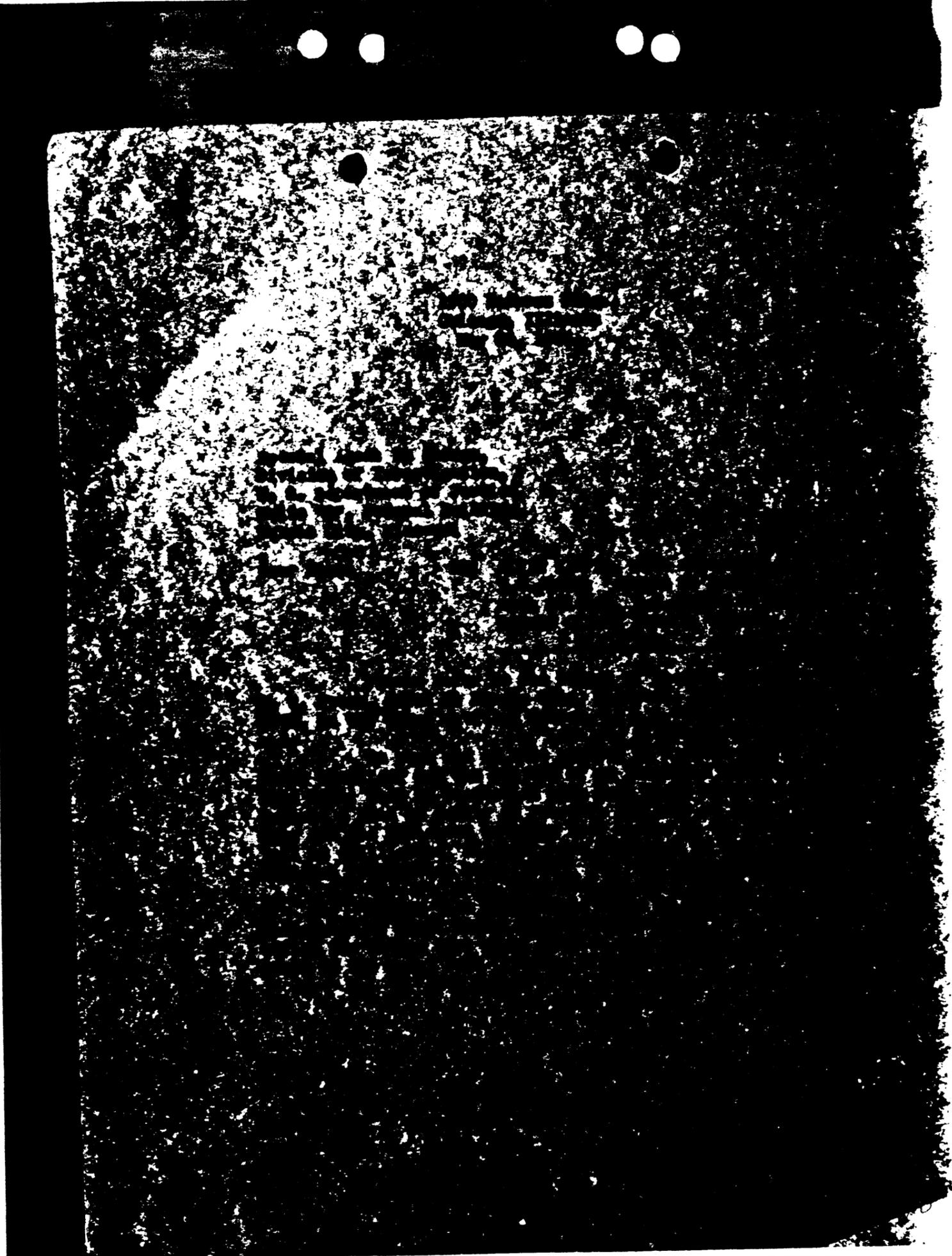
Reference is made to my long distance telephone
conversation with Special Agent Jones of the Chicago Office on
morning, in which I requested to be advised whether or not you
had actually advised in connection with this case. Inasmuch as
you, your attention is invited by my letter of April 21, 1944,
in the case entitled JOHN HENRY WILLIAMS with aliases, et al.,
A. G. #1117, et al., BREMER, EDWARD GEORGE, Victim, et al.,
OF JUSTICE.

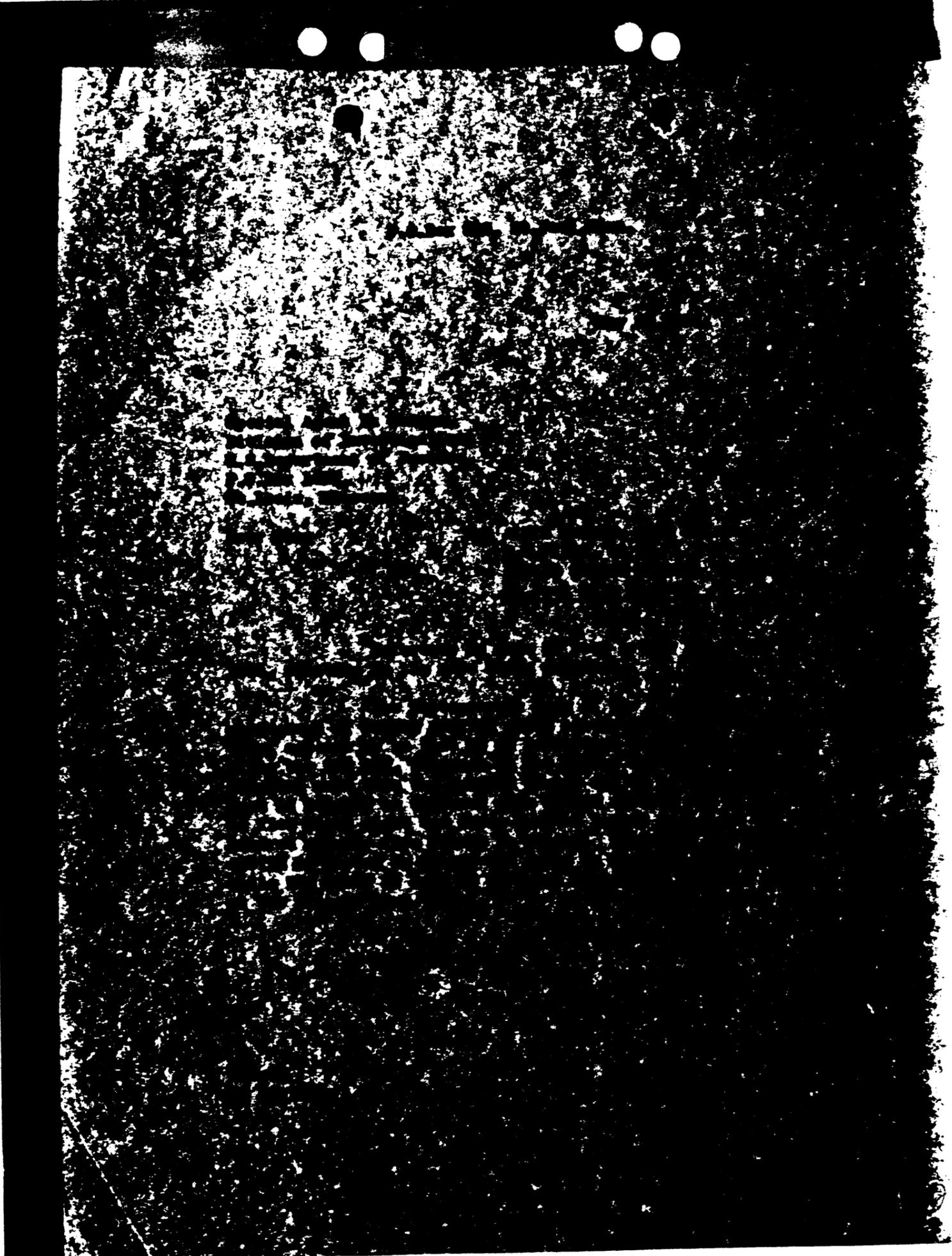
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in Jacksonville and advised that he had not received information
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has been advised at the office in Jacksonville that you were
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for his arrest. The Jacksonville office is advised that you
and he would wish him to this office for his arrest.
and the Jacksonville office is advised that you are
being wanted by the United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida,
for his arrest.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge









Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
(Name and address of Distributor)

Date May 31, 1934.

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 Investigation:

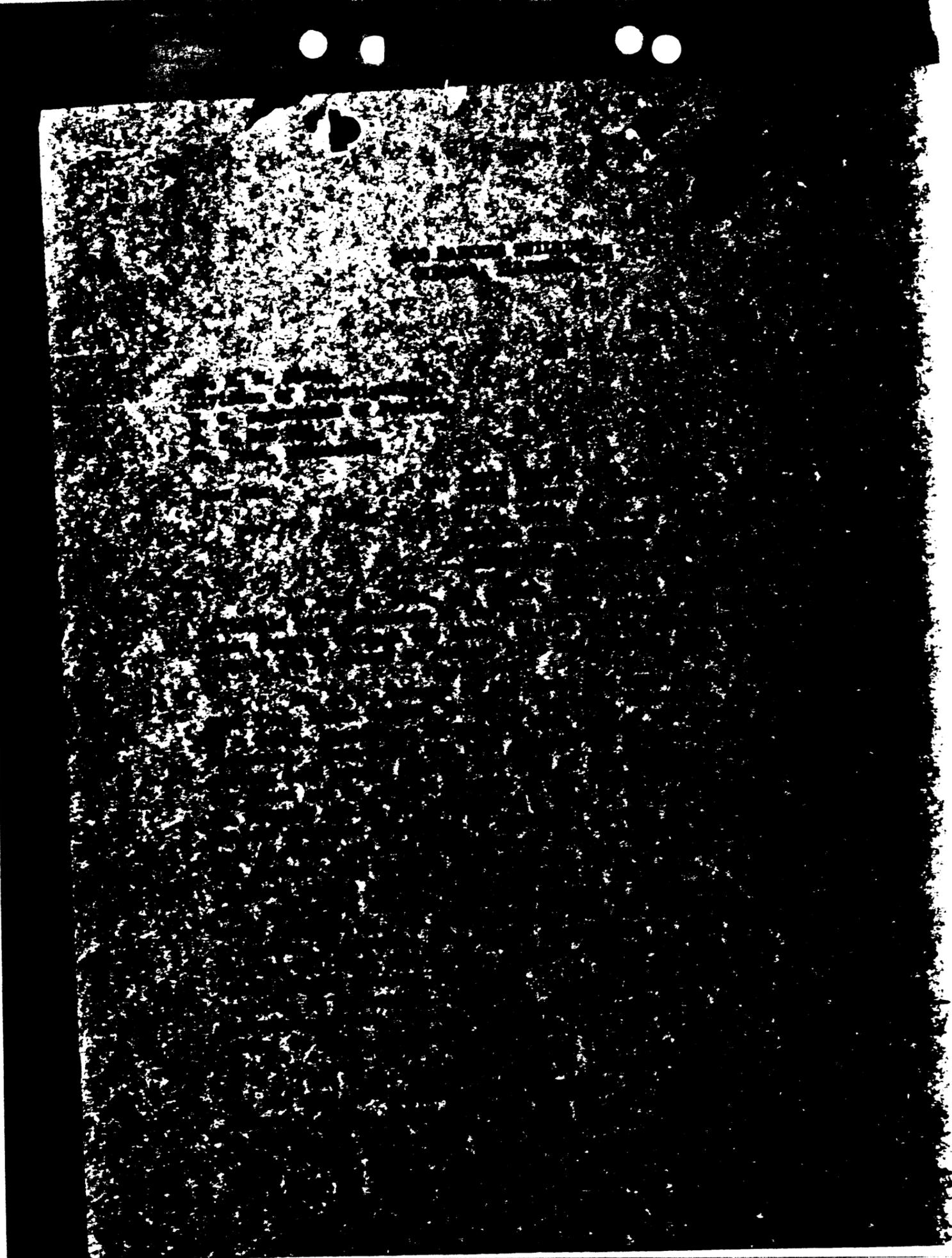
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Minneapolis, Minn., Police Dept. #16679/	<i>Handwritten initials</i> HARRY "BUTCH" SAWYER, alias Harry Sandovich	Arrested by Minneapolis, Minn., Police Dept., and fined \$100 on Oct. 1, 1933

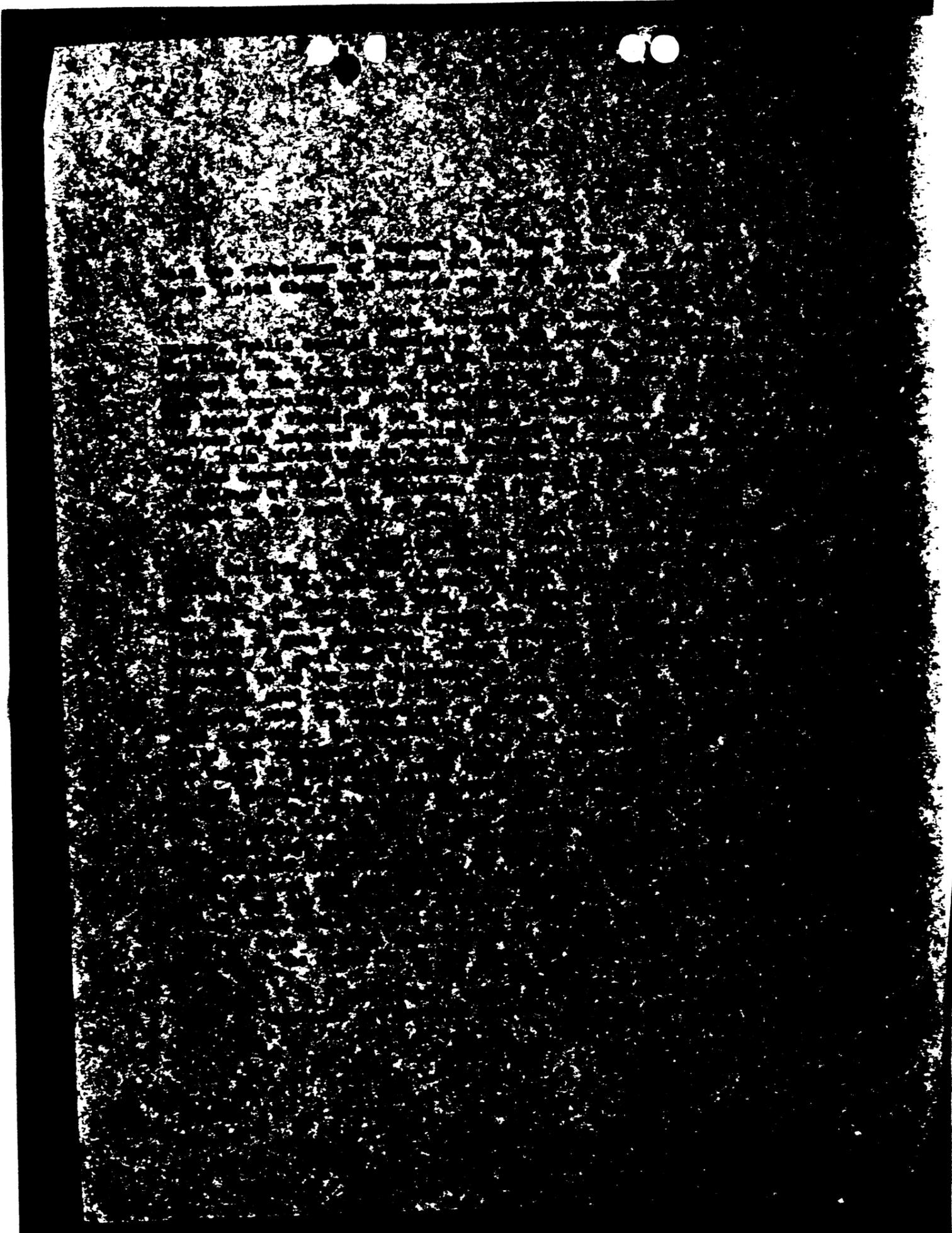
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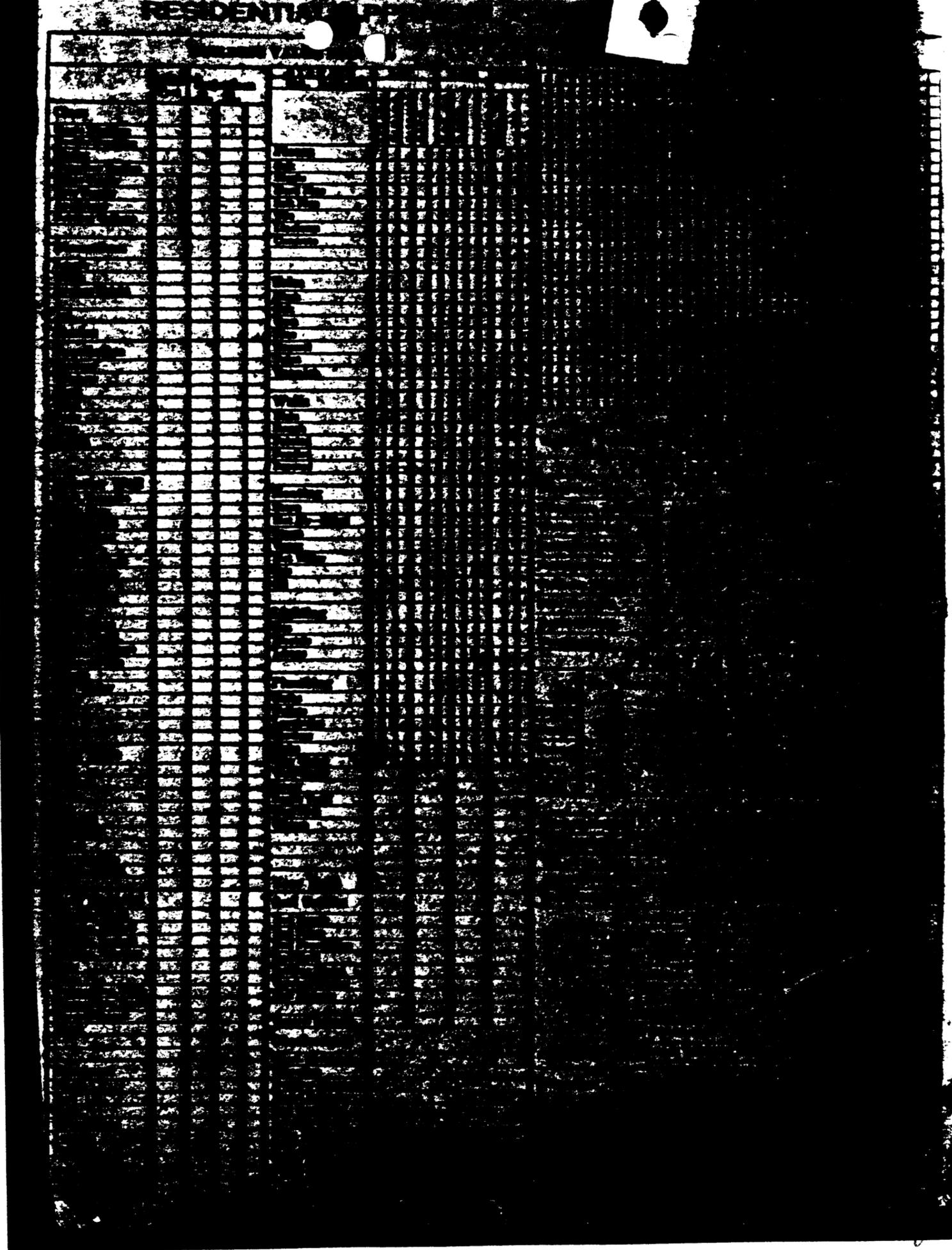
Very truly yours

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June 1, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. G. G. Callahan called from Indianapolis on June 1, 1951 and requested to be advised of any developments in the investigation of the activities of Callahan at Oklahoma City. I advised Mr. Callahan that the Bureau representatives had been advised by the Oklahoma State Police in the Oklahoma Penitentiary that Callahan had been transferred to Paris, Texas, from a prison in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

I advised Mr. Callahan of the current status of the investigation concerning Callahan's alleged activities in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Kentucky. Mr. Callahan stated that he had been advised by the Oklahoma State Police that Callahan had two men accompanying him on his trip to Paris, Texas, and that Mr. Callahan would be in Paris as he plans to stay there for some time.

I advised Mr. Callahan of the Bureau's interest in the activities of the Harry Elmer Holtz, Jr. and the activities of the Holtz family in Paris, Texas.

Mr. Callahan will call you about 1:30 p.m. on June 1, 1951.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward K. Finamore

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June 6, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the fingerprint examination being conducted in connection with the case designated as BRKID.

The photostatic copies of the fingerprints of John Crawford, #4871 PD Chicago, Illinois, submitted by the Chicago office with letter dated May 17, 1934, have been found to be identical with the finger impressions of John Crawford, #3455 SP Joliet, Illinois. A search through the main fingerprint files of the Division also reveals that our file #9227 has been assigned to the criminal record of Louis Pastore, a copy of whose fingerprints were submitted with your letter of May 18, 1934.

The fingerprints of the two above named individuals have been compared with the latent fingerprints which have been previously developed in this case, but no identifications were effected.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward J. Bremer

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June 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 19, 1934, in connection with the case designated as BREKID.

Approximately forty-five latent fingerprints, eleven of which are susceptible of classification and are now being searched through the single fingerprint file, were developed on the specimens of paper material. Three of the latent prints appearing on the receipted statement made out to William B. Lohman, apartment 9-1-7137 Yates have been identified with the left middle, ring, and little fingers of Alvin Karpis, our file #199217, this information being in confirmation of my teletype of May 31, 1934. The remaining latent fingerprints have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals, with negative results:

Alvin Karpis, our #199217.	Dorothy Slayman, our #524620.	Arthur Parker, our #390488.
Bernard Phillips, our #328906.	Joseph Fox, our #294945.	Harry Campbell, our #419658.
Volney Davis, our #400441.	Alvin Payton, our #676963.	Fred Barker, our #36119.
Glen Roy Wright, our #79217.	Fred Parker, our #59163.	Theodore Benz, our #510398.
	Edward Hertz, our #11279.	

Approximately thirty latent fingerprints, of which three are of sufficient detail to permit search through the single fingerprint file, were developed on the beer bottles and miscellaneous glass articles. The latent finger impression appearing on a beer bottle and another on the small mirror are identical with the left index finger of Karpis.

Your office will be further advised as to the results of the remaining direct comparisons and searches now being conducted.

Edward A. Bremer

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June 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Indianapolis at approximately 2:45 p.m. He stated he had been talking with Mr. Connelley and has gone around to observe the various places which they have under surveillance, and getting familiar with their operations generally. Mr. Connelley has sixteen men at Indianapolis, two in Dayton, Ohio, and one at Columbus, contacting prison officials and keeping in touch with those who make contact there with the remaining members of the gang who are there pending an appeal. Mr. Cowley feels these men are being utilized to good advantage.

Mr. Cowley advised that Mary Kinder, who left there yesterday, stated to her informant that she saw Billinger in Chicago between the 21st and 24th of May. She has stated that this time she is going to contact Billinger for the purpose of obtaining money. I told Mr. Cowley of the occurrence at Mishawaka, Indiana, this morning, where Mary Kinder was being kept under surveillance, and which was interfered with by the police of Mishawaka. Mr. Cowley stated that while this is a great handicap, he would not concede that it is all "blown up." Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Connelley is in constant touch with a young man whom Mary Kinder intends to marry. This boy gives Mr. Connelley all the information which she gives him, but she "holds out" on the boy. This informant advised Mr. Connelley that Mary Kinder was going to Pierpont's place in Mishawaka and from there would make a contact with Billinger. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that he get in touch with Mr. Farvis and indicate to him what should be done in the Mishawaka situation. Mr. Cowley said that Mr. Connelley suggests that the force of Agents remain at Indianapolis, at least until the Kinder woman returns, which suggestion I approved. Mr. Cowley also stated that a number of places in the Indianapolis vicinity are being covered where it is known that Billinger has made frequent contacts. I told him to have no changes made at the present time.

I gave to Mr. Cowley the developments in connection with Mr. Gordon, of the Burns Detective Agency, who has proceeded to Paris, Texas, in company with Robert Delgado.

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JODIL OBTAIN FROM CHIEF OF POLICE MILWAUKEE COMPLETE RECORD
W. S. GREEN ALIAS WALTER A XXX S. GORDON BURNS DETECTIVE AGENCY
EMPLOYEE HERE AND ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING GORDON. REFER TO
LETTER SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE C. W. MCPHAIL, HOUSTON, TEXAS,
TO CHIEF LAUBENRELLER, MILWAUKEE OF JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH NINETEEN
THIRTY. TRANSMIT INFORMATION PROMPTLY TO DIRECTOR STOP.

INQUIRIES AT HOME OF MOTHER OF BABE REILLY AND JEAN
CROPTON FAIL TO DISCLOSE THAT JEAN CROPTON OR HELEN GILLIS HAD
BEEN IN ST PAUL. LETTER OBSERVED ON TABLE THAT/// AT MRS. DELANEYS
RESIDENCE HAS RETURN ADDRESS 4844 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, CHICAGO.

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TOWN	COUNTY
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TOWN OF MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE
NEW HOLSTEIN	CALUMET
PESHTIGO	MARINETTE
PEWAUKEE	WAUKESHA
RACINE	RACINE
ROCKFIELD	WASHINGTON
SHEBOYGAN	SHEBOYGAN
WEST ALLIU	MILWAUKEE
WEYAUWEGA	WAUPACA
WHITEWATER	WALWORTH

CHICAGO OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE BY TELETYPE THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF BOTH MCLAUGHLINS VIDLER AND DELANEY ARRESTED AT CGO IN BREKID CASE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE SUMMARY REPORT BEING PREPARED HERE

HAVE HAD NO WORD TODAY FROM NEWBY BRENNAN BREMER GROUP WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR HIDEOUT IF THEY CONTACT CGO OFFICE REQUEST THAT THEY REPORT DAILY

DILLINGER CASE

AGENT MADALA HAS ADVISED THAT HE OWNS A COTTAGE ABOUT TWO MILES FROM LOUIS PLACE AT FOX FIVE GROVE ILLINOIS HE STATES THAT HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH LOUIS CLEGG AND WIFE SUGGEST THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS IN THAT VICINITY IF HIS OFFICIAL STATUS HAS NOT BECOME KNOWN ESPECIALLY AS IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT NELSON CARROLL AND WETER WERE AT LOUIS PLACE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THEY WENT TO LITTLE BOHEMIA

END CLEGG

OK WASH DC EJC

TO MR CLEGG

NEWBY BRENNAN GROUP STOPPING MORRISON HOTEL HERE AT CGO

NEWBY NOW AT OFFICE CHECKING REORXXS REPORTS ABOVE NAMED TOWNS

END

OK ST PAUL 186

OK CGO CLE ON STP CONG CALL

SAINT PAUL MINN 5-28-34

11:30 P.M.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Cowley	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Tamm	

DIRECTOR WASHINGTON

PUPVIS CGO

ADMINISTRATIVE

HAVE APPOINTMENTS TO MAKE TALKS BEFORE SENIORS AND RECENT GRADUATES AT UNIV OF MINNESOTA THURSDAY AND AT UNIV OF WISCONSIN FRIDAY THIS WEEK PLEASE SEND 100 APPLICATION BLANKS TO ME AT ST PAUL AND 100 TO ME CARE GENERAL DELIVERY MADISON WISCONSIN AT ONCE INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANTS FOR SPECIAL AGENT ON ST PAUL LIST SCHEDULED THRU MONDAY NEXT

IN SEARCH FOR BREKID ~~WIDEOUT~~ FIND THAT AGENT COSTELLO IS UNABLE TO DRIVE A CAR HIS SERVICES THIS RESPECT ARE THEREFORE LIMITED HERE SUGGEST THAT HE BE RETURNED TO HIS HEADQUARTERS CAN USE REPLACEMENT HOWEVER IF AVAILABLE

S A C FANNI TO DEPART FOR OMAHA TOMORROW

BREKID

CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOUNDS ALL TOWNS HAVE BEEN INDEXED ACCORDING TO POSSIBILITIES AND ARE BEING GIVEN ATTENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES FOLLOWING TOWNS IN CHICAGO DISTRICT LOCATED IN WISCONSIN HAVE FOUR OR MORE POSSIBILITIES AND SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERRED ATTENTION

TOWN	COUNTY
HEAVER DAM	IRON
CRANDON	FOREST
CUDARY	MILWAUKEE
FOX LAKE	DODGE
HARICON	DODGE
KOHLER	SHEBOYGAN
LAKE GENEVA	WALWORTH
MAPLEWOOD	DOOR
CITY OF MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE

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- To: Director
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 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Tamm
 Films Section
 Equipment Section
 Mr. Abbaticchio
 Mr. Bray
 Mr. Cowley
 Mr. Listerman
 Mr. Little
 Mr. Lott
 Mr. Lowdon
 Mr. Newby
 Mr. Schroeder
 Mr. Smith
 Miss Gandy
 Mrs. Kelley
 Washington Field Office
 Stenographic Pool
 Secretary
 Re-date
 See Me
 Send file.

*Will accept?
Perkins
6/5/34*

I suggest that Sgt. Costello be returned to his headquarters & that Sgt. Madala be permitted to remain Chicago to conduct inv. at Fox River, Ill. if his status ~~is~~ as S.A. is not known to Cernochy (exp. 2). W.S.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

ST. PAUL

JUNE 5 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
~~ST. PAUL OFFICE~~

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H H CLEGG
SAINT PAUL OFFICE

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INSTRUCT AGENT COSTELLO RETURN HIS HEADQUARTERS AND
ADVISING FURVIS UTILEX SERVICES MADALA FOX RIVER GROVE
MATTER IN EVENT HE FEELS SERVICES MADALA WOULD BE
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LADD AND CLEGG WILL BE ABSENT FROM OFFICE FOR SEVERAL HOURS REVIEWING
AND ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL 7/5
INFORMANTS RE JODIL AND BRADID CABLES WILL BOTH CONTACT ST PAUL OFFICE
BY TELEPHONE TOMORROW END

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L. J. NORTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

LUKE S. MAY
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

WASHINGTON

DIVISION Detective
OUR NO. _____
YOUR NO. _____

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

May 31, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

The William J. Burns International Detective Agency in this city have informed us that they have learned that Fred^c Barker, Harry^c Campbell, Doc^c Barker, see identification order number 1219 and Alvin^c Karpis, see identification order number 1218 are supposed to be in Seattle territory and also that you have an order issued grouping the photographs of the four above named men.

We have been unable to locate any such circular and doubt that there is one. Would you please inform us if you do have such an identification order out and if you have please mail us copies to place in our files.

Trusting that you will honor this request at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

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Chief of Detectives

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*ack
L. J. Norton
Portland
6/1/34
L. J. Norton*

Edward H. Brennan

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

W 6/4 1934

- To: Director
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Clegg
 Miss Gandy
 Chief, Unit 1
 Chief Clerk
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 Mr. _____

Your action,
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L. C. Schilder.

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June 7, 1934.

Mr. Luke S. May,
Chief of Detectives,
Police Department,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. May:

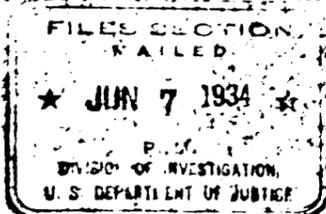
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1934, in which you inquired whether one identification order, including the pictures of Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis, has been issued by this Division.

Please be advised that an identification order, listing these four individuals, has not been issued by this Division but that individual identification orders have been issued for Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, receipt of which you have indicated in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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June 7, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated
May 31, 1934, from Mr. Luke S. May, Chief of Detectives, Police
Department, Seattle, Washington, indicating that he has received
information from the William J. Burns International Detective
Agency, Seattle, Washington, to the effect that Fred Barker,
Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis are reported to
be in the vicinity of Seattle.

You are instructed to institute an immediate investiga-
tion in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #551706

CC St. Paul

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June 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1934, transmitting three sets of finger and palm prints for elimination purposes in connection with the case designated as BREKID.

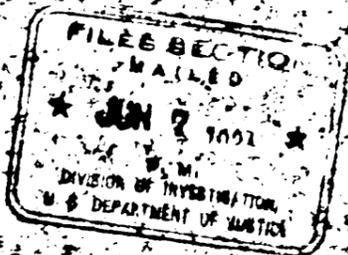
The latent fingerprints previously developed on the corn meal box and ransom letter addressed to Mr. John B. Brakeham have been completely eliminated. Two latent fingerprints were found to be those of George M. Murray; two others were determined to have been made by Mrs. George Murray; and eleven latent fingerprints and one palmar impression were identified as those of Arthur Murray. In addition, two latent prints appearing on the letter were identified with the left thumb impression of Thomas Dahill.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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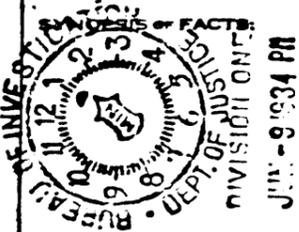
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL** **CHICAGO** FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/4/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/21-29/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE - MWC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING



Investigation conducted in following towns in Wisconsin and Illinois, in unsuccessful effort to locate hideout house:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Brodhead, Wisc. | Juda, Wisc. |
| New Glarus, Wisc. | Janesville, Wisc. |
| Albany, Wisc. | Freeport, Ill. |
| Monticello, Wisc. | Kent, Ill. |

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 5/19/34.

DETAILS: Investigation was conducted in the towns noted in the synopsis in an unsuccessful effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. The following memoranda are submitted:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice on May 21st, 22nd, and 27th, 1934.

At Brodhead, Wisc. This town is of approximately 1600 population, situated on State Highway #11, 17 miles east of Monroe, Wisc., same being concrete.

Fire Chief, Frank Dedrick, volunteer fire department, advised that the town is equipped with a stationary fire siren which sounds at 12:00 o'clock noon on week days and for fires. There is no record of an alarm being sounded by this siren January 17th to Febr. 7th, 1934.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. J. Purvis</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2093	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 9 - 1934
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Information relative to the hideout was furnished to following parties, none of whom were able to recall any house that might be similar to the hideout. Also, photographs of Subjects and associates were exhibited.

D. L. Amerpohn, Postmaster, and all postal employees, including city and rural carriers.
Roy Ties, Chief of Police.
Wm. Hohn, Stir Bros. Co., dealers in wallpaper.
Geo. Hauser, Hauser & Co., dealers in wallpaper.
B. H. Roderick, Roderick Lumber Co.
Walter Kempler, Kempler Coal Co.
Knute Goulson, Supt. of Water & Electric Co.
R. D. Olin, meter reader, Water & Electric Co.

Photographs were also exhibited to the following:

Barber Shops

Geo. Richardson.
J. M. Wells.
C. G. Holsinger.
Chris Chase.

Western Union

Don Collins, operator. (There is no Postal telegraph Office at Brodhead).

Gasoline Stations

M. L. Fairman, Shell.
Leo Ties, Ties' Gas Station.
Fred Stevens, Standard.
Fred Marty, Brodhead Tire Store.
L. Blackburn, City Service.
H. L. Main, Deep Rock Oil Co.

Garages

L. C. Allen, L.C. Allen & Son, Buick.
J. C. Ten, Ford.
M. L. Green, Essex, Dodge, Plymouth.
F. A. Conden, Chrysler.
Scott Ennis, Chevrolet.

Drug Stores

E. M. Lyons, Lyons Drug Store.
E. J. Bowen, Bowen Drug Store.
W. J. Smith, Rexall Drug Store.

Grocery Stores

Norman Gibbs, and employees Royal Blue Store.
L. J. Stir, and employees Stir Bros. Co.
A. R. Bright.
Fred McDowell, and employees Kroeger Co.
K. K. Hellrude.
Will Bellman.

Hotels

Mrs. Shorb, Shorb Hotel; (only hotel in town.)

The only church bell that rings is that of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, which is rung on each Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Information furnished by L. A. Anderson, janitor of the church.

Brodhead is served by the C.M.& St. Paul Railroad, and station agent, "Pat" Reagan, furnished the following schedule of trains:

East bound, 12:03 P.M., mixed train.
West bound, 4:40 P.M., mixed train.
North bound, 12:10 P.M., operates, as mixed train, from Brodhead to New Glarus and returns at 3:30 P.M. to Brodhead. This train does all of the local switching.

There are no whistles, steam or air, that are blown by plants at Brodhead. (Although there are several creameries.)

The only landing field for airplanes is the one maintained as an emergency field by the Government and has not been used since last fall.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located at Brodhead.

Sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Brodhead.

At New Glarus, Wisc. Approximate population 1000. Located on State Highway #69, 17 miles north of Monroe, same being concrete.

Information concerning the hideout was furnished the following, none of whom were able to recall any house that was located in the vicinity that might be similar. Photographs were also exhibited without identification of same:

F. J. Marty, Postmaster, and all postal employees of the

office, including rural carriers.
E. S. Hilton, Chief of Police.
Fred Ott, Fire Chief.
B. T. Kundert, dealer in wallpaper.
Geo. Spaulding, Village water & electric meter
reader.
Fred A. Stuessy, Stuessy Coal & Lumber Co.

Photographs were exhibited to the following:

Gasoline Stations

C. R. Tollefson, Shell.
P. C. Durst, Diamond Oil Co.
Fred A. Stuessy, Standard.

Barber Shops

R. O. Bentley.
H. S. Glaeden.
Clifford Lucksinger.

Hotels

John Furrer, William Tell.
Alfred Lienhardt, New Glarus.

Taverns

Fred Bigler, owner.
Fred Heisler, owner.
Mrs. S. Liltner, owner.
Arnold Kerhli, owner.
Jack Haure, owner.

Drug Store

Ed Fuhrman, Fuhrman's Drug Store.

Garages

Otto Tresch, Essex dealer.
Toby Knobel, Plymouth & Chrysler.
Fred Stuessy, Ford.
Nick Lweifel, Buick.
Fred Streiff, Chevrolet.

Grocery Stores

Wm. Engler, and employees, Engler's.
Fred Andrew Stuessy, and employees, Stuessy's.
W. J. Lentener, and employees, Quality.
O. A. Gloeden, and employees, Gloeden's.
J. C. Lucksinger, and employees, Lucksinger's.

Fred Ott, Fire Chief, volunteer department, advised that the fire siren is stationary and sounds at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday of each week and for fires. There is no record of a fire January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The only whistle blown is that of the Pet Milk Company, and Mr. E. F. Kaeser, Supt., advised that the whistle is blown at 6:00 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. each week day.

The only church bell that rings is that of the Swiss Reform Church, which is tolled at dusk under the supervision of Rev. Richard Kettig. It is also rung on each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

There are no landing fields for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located at New Glarus, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at New Glarus.

At Albany, Wisc. Approximate population 735. situated on State Highway #59, 17 miles northeast of Monroe, same being a gravelled road. The city limits on this highway is of concrete.

Information concerning the hideout was furnished the following, none of whom were able to recall of any house in that vicinity which might be similar. Photographs also exhibited without identification.

- Miss Elizabeth Pope, Postmistress, and all postal employees, including rural carriers.
- Charles Dixon, Fire Chief.
- Dell Jones, Constable.
- John Whealen, Dealer in wallpaper.
- Pete Flood, Mgr., Dayan & Rayne Lumber Co. & Albany Fuel & Feed Co.
- Charley Phillips, Electric and Water Meter reader.

Photographs were also exhibited to the following, who were unable to identify any:

- Gasoline Stations
 - Ellsworth Maibe, City Service.
 - Frank Stuntz, Shell.
 - Roy Webb, Johnson Oil Co.
 - Ben Cleveland, Standard.

- Drug Store
 - W. D. Roberts.

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Grocery Stores

Hein Francis, and employees; also dealer in wallpaper.
W. J. Hohn, and employees.
P. J. Christopher, and employees; also carries supply
of patent medicines.

Garage

Emmett Brewer, Chevrolet.

Barber Shops

M. Roy Bowman.
Barney Mathews.

Charles Dixon, Fire Chief, volunteer department, advised that the fire siren is stationary and is blown only at noon each week day and for fires. No record of fires January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The Methodist and Baptist Churches are the only Churches that have bells and each are rung each Sunday at 10:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 11:30 A.M., under the supervision of Rev. W. C. Snow and Rev. H. A. Erickson.

R. H. Leagan, agent for the C. M. & St. Paul Railway, stated that there is a mixed train, operated from Brodhead to New Glarus, due at Albany at 12:20 P. M. each day and continues to New Glarus, returning to Albany at 3:15 P.M. and departing for Brodhead.

There are no whistles blown at Albany, nor are there any landing fields for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Albany.

At Monticello, Wisc. Approximate population 644. Located on State Highway #89, 17 miles north of Monroe, same being concrete.

Information relative to the hideout furnished to the following, and photographs exhibited without results:

R. S. Richards, Postmaster, and all postal employees.
Garrett Koorman, Jr., Constable.
John Moritz, Deputy Sheriff, and Mgr. Monticello Lumber & Fuel Company.
C. M. Stauffer, Fire Chief.
Geo. Spaulding, City Electric meter reader.
Harry Walters, City Water meter reader.

Photographs were exhibited to the following without results of identification:

Gasoline Stations

Fred Hoethlisberger, Standard
E. Voegli, Mid-Continent Pet.

Grocery Stores

W. E. Blum, and employees, People Supply Co.
David Klassey.
S. W. Grenzow.

Garages

H. L. Karlen, Ford.
B. H. Schoonoder, Chevrolet,
D. L. Lentener, Monticello Auto Co.,
Pontiac & Buick.

Hotels

Ott Wyss, Monticello.
A. L. Wyss, Grand Central.

C. M. Stauffer, fire chief, volunteer department, stated that the fire siren is stationary and is blown each Saturday at 6:00 P.M. and for fires. No record of fires January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The only churches having bells that are tolled are the Reformed church, tolled under the supervision of Rev. A. Muehlmeier at 6:00 P. M. on each Saturday and 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. each Sunday; the Evangelical Church under the supervision of Rev. O. U. Hehn, at 9:00 A. M. and 10:00 A. M. each Sunday.

Geo. V. Griffey, agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, furnished the following train schedule:

North bound, 9:55 A.M., mixed train, week days only.
South bound, 2:10 A.M., mixed train.

A. H. Wright, agent for the C. M. & St. P. Railroad, furnished the following schedule:

East bound, 12:40 P.M., week days only.
West bound, 2:10 P.M.

There are no air or steam whistles located at Monticello, nor is there a landing field for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the description

out was located and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Monticello.

At Juda, Wisc. Approximate population 300. Located on State Highway #11, 7 miles east of Monroe, same being concrete.

Hide-out information furnished the following parties, and photographs exhibited with no results:

W. E. Coates, Assistant Postmaster, and postal employees.
Fred Bronkow, Deputy Sheriff.
Ellis Brown, Fire Chief.
W. E. Vanderbilt, Paper hanger.

Photographs were exhibited to the following:

Garages (both selling gasoline).
E. E. Anderieck, Anderieck Garage.
J. J. Coates, Juda Auto Co.

General Stores

G. B. Lohr, carries supply of patent medicines.
L. L. Helland, carries supply of patent medicines.

Mr. Lohr has charge of reading the electric meters at Juda. There is no public water system and no lumber or fuel company at Juda.

Gasoline Stations

Laverne Lyman.
Kenneth Walton.

Ellis Brown, Fire Chief, volunteer department, stated that there is no stationary fire siren at Juda but there is a bell which is tolled for fires only, and the fire truck is equipped with a siren. No record of fires January 17th to Febr. 7th, 1934. There are no air or steam whistles, neither is there a landing field for airplanes.

The Evangelical is the only Church that rings a bell, same being rung under the supervision of Rev. Wm. Bartell at 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. each Sunday.

From personal inspection by Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Juda.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

J. H. Rice, at Janesville, Wisc., on May 23rd, 24th and 29th, 1934.

Janesville is the County seat of Rock County and has an approximate population of 22,000.

The trunk highways, State #11, #73, and #26, and U. S. Route #14, concrete and hard surfaced roads, lead through Janesville. There are no street car tracks.

The following were furnished information concerning the hide-out and photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited without results;

Leo J. Ford, Postmaster and all postal employees, including city and rural carriers.
Charles Newman, Chief of Police and all members of that Department.
"Con" Murphy, Fire Chief, and all members of that Department.
H. A. Griffey, Supt. of Water Works.
Howard Cutts, Water meter reader.
F. E. Dixon, Wisc. Power & Light, electric and gas meter reader.
Harold Conroy, Wisc. Power & Light, electric and gas meter reader.
Joe Denning, Sheriff, and Deputies.
Fifield Lumber & Coal Co. employees.
Schaller & McKey Lumber Co. employees.
Dean Lumber Co. employees.
Marling Lumber Co. employees.

Mr. "Con" Murphy, Fire Chief, advised that there is no stationary fire siren at Janesville, the only fire sirens being those that are on the fire trucks. There is no fire bell. Further investigation was unsuccessful in locating any other sirens at Janesville or vicinity. The following is the fire record of January 28th, 1934: Calls at 10:52 A.M., 6:55 P. M., and 9:06 P. M.

The following whistles are blown on week days:

Chevrolet Motor Co., 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P. M.,
and 4:30 P.M. Information furnished by Dave Powers, Engineer.

Rock River Woolen Mills, 6:45 A. M., 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon,
and 5:00 P. M. Information furnished by J. H. Sorgle, Engineer.

Wisconsin State School for Blind, 6:30 A. M., 7:00 A. M.

12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M., 5:05 P.M., 8:45 P.M., 9:00 P.M. Information furnished by Leo McKeown, Engineer.

All the whistles are steam whistles.

Following is a list of the churches that toll their bells, and the schedule of time for January and February, 1934:

St. Patrick's: 6:30 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., on week days. 5:30 A.M., 6:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. on Sundays. Information furnished by Patrick O'Day, janitor.

English Lutheran, St. John's: 6:00 P.M. on each Saturday. 8:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. on Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. John R. Keiser, in absence of janitor.

Trinity Methodist: 7:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. Alexander Simpson.

German Lutheran: 6:00 P.M. on each Saturday. 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. E. A. L. Trell.

The following train schedules for Janesville were secured from J. Pollard, agent, Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, for the period covering January and February, 1934:

West Bound

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Destination</u>
515, Sec.#1	12:07 A.M.	12:13 A.M.	Chi - Mpls., Passenger
515, Sec.#2	12:36 "	12:38 "	" - " "
507	5:13 "	5:30 "	" - Madison, "
25		6:09 "	Janesville - Fond du Lac, Mixed
51		8:50 "	" " Freight
1066	9:00 "	9:50 "	Beloit-Ft. Atkinson, "
501	12:25 P.M.	12:31 P.M.	Chi - Mpls., Passenger
513	4:15 "	4:30 "	" " "
529	7:00 "		" - Janesville, Passenger
511	8:08 "	8:12 "	" - Mpls, "

<u>East Bound</u>			
<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Destination</u>
514, Sec.#1	4:20 A.M.	4:26 A.M.	Mpls - Chi, Passenger
514, Sec.#2	4:29 "	4:35 "	" " "
1066	5:00 "	5:30 "	Ft. Atkinson - Beloit, Freight
528		6:50 "	Janesville - Chi, Passenger.
510	8:57 "	9:02 "	Mpls - Chi.
502	4:35 P.M.	4:38 P.M.	" " "
508	6:14 "	6:25 "	" " "
52	6:00 "		Fond du Lac - Janesville, Freight.
528	6:45 "	6:50 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.

Following schedule furnished by A. A. Hennessy, agent,
C.M. St. Paul & Pacific Railroad:

<u>West Bound</u>			
163	3:45 A.M.	4:40 A.M.	Chi - Madison, Freight
35	7:47 "	7:53 "	Rockford - Madison, Freight.
165		8:30 "	Janesville - Madison, Passenger
91		9:00 "	" - Monroe, Mixed.
81	10:30 "	11:25 "	Milwaukee - Mineral Pt., Mixed
131	11:15 "	11:24 "	Chi - Madison, Passenger
11	8:15 P.M.	8:20 P.M.	" - Mpls., "

<u>East Bound</u>			
82	8:45 A.M.	8:48 A.M.	Mpls - Chi, Freight
142	9:35 "	9:40 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.
52	10:41 "	10:45 "	Madison - Rockford, Passenger.
166	4:47 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	" - Chi, Freight.
3	5:20 "	5:40 "	Mpls - Milwaukee, Passenger.
146	6:08 "	6:15 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.
92		6:25 "	Madison - Janesville, Passenger.

Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Pollard stated that most of the switching at Janesville is between 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. Both Railroads maintain a round house at Janesville.

Photographs of Subjects and alleged associates were exhibited at the following places. No identification of any made:

Automobile Dealers & Garages
 Buick Authorized Sales & Service.
 Evans Chevrolet Co.

Automobile Dealers & Garages, Cont'd.

Studebaker Motor Co.
Bower City Implement Co.
Janesville Automotive Co.
Green Motor Co.
Claude S. Ward, Inc.
H. C. Frielipp Motor Co.
Robert F. Buggs Motor Co.
Vosse Motor Co.
Rock County Buick Co.
Rink Garage.
Service Garage.
Bohlman's Garage.
White Star Cab Co.
Checker Cab Co.
Brown & White Cab Co.
Schultz Garage.
Churchill's Garage.

Grocers

Carr's Food Store, 38 So. Main, and 4 Branch Stores.
Kroger - Universal Grocery Co.
Simonsen Grocery Co., Inc.
Bouziane Brothers.
Rashid & Rashid.
W. J. Baumann.
Terrace Grocery Co.
Woodman's.
Jackson Street Grocery.
Swanson's.
Geo. B. Lenke.
Whalen's Cash Grocery.
Muenchew Brothers.
Jim's Grocery.
Wills Brothers.
J. H. Jones.

Gasoline Stations

Green Oil Co - Stations #1 and #2.
Log Cabin Service Station.
Tank Car Service.
Wadham's Oil Corp. - Stations #1, #2, #3 & #4.
Standard Oil Co. - Stations #1, #2, #3, #4 & #5.
Hall Super Service Station, #1 & #2.
Tumelson's Service Station.

Gasoline Stations, Cont'd.
Cities Service Station #1 & 2.
J. A. Strimple & Co.
H. Krause.
G. Lein.
Jones & Williams.
Shell, #1, 2 & 3.
Goodall's Oil Co.
S. & W. Oil Co.
Smith Oil Co., #1 & 2.
Texaco Oil Co., #1 & 2.
Tydol, #1 & 2.

Hotels
Monterey.
Myers.
Planters.
Commercial.
Park.
Colonial Club.

Barber Shops
Thompsons.
The White House.
H. Pederson.
Howard Otis.
The Hub.
Kennings.
Monterey.
"Hal".

Drug Stores
Peoples Drug Co.
Monterey Drug Co., Inc.
Badger Drug Co.
Reliable Drug Co.
Terrace Pharmacy.
Morris Pharmacy.
Red Cross Pharmacy.
Smith Drug Co.
McCue & Buss.
R. S. Parish.
J. H. Bliss.

Ralph Boyce, 304 North Chatham; John Scherer, 159 North
First; and Elmer Lamblich, R.F.D. #3, wallpaper hangers, who are
employed by the Badger Paint & Hardware Stores, after being given

opportunity to observe the wallpaper design identified by victim, advised that they do not recall of ever hanging any paper of that design in the last three years.

Mr. Croup, in charge of the Wallpaper and Paint Department, Sears, Roebuck & Company, advised that the pattern of wallpaper in question was carried in stock by the store several years ago but has not been sold by the store since at Janesville. He was unable to advise to whom, if anyone, this pattern might have been sold at Janesville.

Photographs of Subjects and associates were exhibited to T. C. Burrows, Manager, Postal Telegraph, and B. D. Cannon, Manager, Western Union, without identification.

The only landing field for airplanes is that maintained by the Government and same has not been used by planes this year.

Personal inspection was made by Agent of all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Janesville, without results. Sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Janesville.

Investigation was made by Special Agent M. F. Glynn on May 24th, 1934, in the following towns in Illinois in an effort to locate the Bremer hideout, without results:

Freeport.
Kent.

Freeport, Illinois. This case was discussed in detail with Sheriff Elmer Kailey and Chief of Police, A. H. Wilkey, both of Freeport, Illinois, neither of whom could offer any suggestions or give any information relative to the hideout. Both of these gentlemen stated they knew of no one in Freeport who might be implicated in such a case as this, the Bremer case.

Regarding the City of Freeport, the following information was secured from Chief of Police Wilkey and Sheriff Kailey, above mentioned. This City has a population of 25,000 inhabitants and is located on U. S. Highway #20, Illinois State Highways #5, 26, 74 and 78. It is served by the Illinois Central, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroads. There is no siren located here and it is not possible to hear a siren from any of the nearby towns. The following factories have whistles which blow at the time indicated below:

Illinois Central Railroad Roundhouse, 5:00 A.M.
Henry Motor Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 12:35 P.M.,
1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

Stovers Mfg. Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M.,
5:00 P.M.

Woodmanse Windmill Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon,
1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

Arcade Mfg. Company, 7:30 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M.,
4:30 P.M.

W. T. Rawleigh Medical Company, 8:00 A.M., 12:00 noon,
1:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M.

Father J. M. Dording, Pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
gave the following information:

The bell on St. Joseph's Church is rung at 6:00 A.M., 6:25
A.M., 7:55 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. On Sunday
the bell is rung at 5:30 A.M., 5:55 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 7:25 A.M., 8:30 A.M.,
8:55 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 10:55 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. This Church
also has a clock which chimes on the hour and every fifteen minutes there-
after.

Father Dording stated that there is only one other Church
in Freeport which rings a bell on Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M., and that is
the German Lutheran Church. Father Dording also stated that the 6:00 P.M.
bell rung on Saturday evening by his Church is rung more solemnly than on any
other evening, that is to say, it is actually rung three times as long on
Saturday evening as it is on any other evening during the week. Father
Dording stated that none of the other Catholic Churches in Freeport have
bells. He also stated that the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and
Episcopal Churches ring their bells at various intervals between the hours
of 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. every Sunday.

H. J. Weishar, Agent, Illinois Central Railroad, gave the
following information relative to trains through Freeport operated by his
Company:

Eastbound (Passenger) 5:10 A.M., 6:50 A.M., 2:05 P.M., 6:50 P.M.
Westbound (Passenger) 3:55 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 6:20 P.M., 9:00 P.M.
Eastbound (Freight) 4:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 6:50 P.M.
Westbound (Freight) 2:10 A.M., 7:05 A.M., 3:15 P.M., 8:10 P.M.

Mr. Weishar stated that there is considerable switching done in
the Railroad yards daily.

In the absence of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Station
Agent, Mr. Weishar gave the following information relative to C. & N.W.
Railroad trains through Freeport. It should be noted that the C. & N.W.
Railroad operates over the I.C. Railroad tracks through Freeport.

East bound (Passenger) 4:00 P.M.
West bound (Passenger) 11:40 A.M.
East bound (Freight) 6:00 P.M.
West bound (Freight) 10:10 A.M.

H. L. Fuller, Station Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, gave the following information relative to trains operated by his Company through Freeport.

East bound (Passenger) 8:07 A.M. and 1:10 P.M.
West bound (Passenger) 12:25 P.M. and 8:24 P.M.
East bound (Freight) 12:15 A.M., 10:50 A.M., 5:10 P.M.
West bound (Freight) 2:55 A.M., 11:50 A.M., 4:50 P.M.

Mr. Fuller stated that there is not a great deal of switching done in the C.M. & St. P. & P. Railroad yards.

Note: The C.M. St. P. & P. Railroad tracks run parallel with the I. C. Railroad and C. & N.W. Railroad tracks, and about two blocks apart, through Freeport.

Personal observation was made of all homes in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and only one house, located at 17 Wilbur Street, was found that might fit the description of the hideout house. However, when admittance was gained it was found that it in no way fitted the description of the hideout house. The house in question is owned by a Mr. and Mrs. C. Moring and is occupied by them and a grown daughter.

Photographs of suspects were shown to the following Gasoline Station Operators, without results:

<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Attendant</u>
Super Shell Oil Co.	Spring & Galena Sts.	S. J. Kaufman, R. M. Bathora.
Phillips 66	Galena & Jackson Sts.	H. B. Robbins.
D. X. Motor Oil Co.	Broadway & Galena	C. E. Wilson.
Cities Service	Galena & Chicago	H. C. Stevens.
Peerless Oil Co.	Galena & Rotzler	W. J. Matzer.
Standard Oil Co.	Galena & Jefferson	J. A. Mirdanah.
Cities Service	Route #20, E. Freeport	J. W. Avana.
Schleick Garage	" " " " " "	E. Schleick.
Josunite Oil Co.	Galena & Rotzler	J. Boyer.
Phillips 66	Galena & Jefferson	E. E. Ryan.
Texaco Motor Oil Co.	Galena & Washington	J. Hunter.
Standard Oil Co.	Galena & Spring	W. E. Young.
Cities Service	Galena & Douglas	I. Ross.
Standard Oil Co.	Galena & Island	E. Hodgson.

Jonsunite Oil Co.
Shell Oil Co.
Jonsunite Gas Co.
Mid-Continental Co.
Standard Oil Co.
Texaco Oil Co.
Diamond Gas Co.
Jonsunite Gas Co.
Standard Oil Co.
Mobilgas Co.
Phillips 66
D.X. Gasoline Co.
*Barnsdall Oil Co.
Red Crown Gas Co.
Texaco Gas Co.

Route #20, W. Freeport
Galena & Island
Galena & Trunk
Crossing of Routes 20 & 26
" " " "
Galena & Douglas
Elk & West
West & Morley
West & America
407 E. Jefferson St.
Stephenson & Mary
Stephenson & Elbert
Spring & Chicago
Stephenson & The River
Stephenson & Sheridan

Mrs. Miller.
H. J. Stampert.
E. Schumayer.
J. Dierderma.
C. Kretzer.
N. Oosting.
H. R. Borches.
J. I. Washburn.
F. Huppaker.
J. W. Smith.
I.R.A. Shockey.
R. Miley.
J. Brandt.
L. G. Dollmeyer.
E. Lamb.

Photographs, as well as a specimen of the wallpaper, were shown to the following wallpaper dealers and hangers:

H.L. Brandt, Bader Paint Co., 125 E. Stephenson St.
C. Gustafson, Lunderson & Peterson Co., 20 E. Main St.
C. R. Clifford, Heckman Paint Co., 211 West Stephenson St.
J. C. Young, J. C. Young & Co., 109 W. Main St.
Chas. Demeter, Chas. Demeter & Co., 217 W. Stephenson St.
N. Staas, J. Schwarz & Son, 24 East Main St.

All of the above named individuals failed to identify any of the photographs shown them. All of them advised that they had never carried the wallpaper pattern in question.

Photographs were shown to the following Garage men, without results:

Al. Siefert, Brosbat & Rideout Garage.
G. E. Tilden, The White Garage.
N. R. Yeagle, Yeagle Garage.
Frank Mooney, Forrey & Mooney Garage.
J. R. Smyth, Smyth Tire Co.
E. Noeske, The Noeske Bros. Garage.
J. Black, Illinois Motor Works Company.

It should be noted that all Gasoline Stations previously listed with an asterisk before the name indicates that a Garage is operated in connection with Gasoline Stations as marked.

R. H. Moss, owner of the Moss Garage, 210 East Stephenson St., when shown suspects photographs, picked out the photographs of Alvin Karpis.

and William Weisman as the likeness of two men for whom he fixed the right-hand door of a Hudson Convertible Coupe sometime in the early part of January of this year. Moss stated that the car in question had a sort of "yellowish paint job", was about a 1931 or 1932 model, and bore out of State license plates, believed to be Indiana plates. Moss stated that the two men in question were in a great hurry; that they claimed to be Neon Sign salesman. Moss stated that the individual who resembled Karpis appeared to him to be about 35 years old; however, he fitted the description of Karpis in every other respect. Mr. Moss could give very little detailed information on this matter.

J. M. Lyons of the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company and R. Trover of the Sanford & Zartman Lumber Company were unable to identify any of the photographs shown them.

Photographs were shown to all grocers, butchers and druggists on Exchange Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues. On Stephenson Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues. On Main Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues; all without results.

Photographs, together with the house plans and a specimen of the wallpaper, were shown to the following individuals, without results:

W. A. Hutchins, Supt., Freeport Division, Ill. Water Service.
Carl Wilson, Meter Reader, "
Roy Brandthaven, Meter Reader, "
Claude Wilson, "
Harold Wright, Supt., Illinois Northern Utilities Company.
Ellsworth DeLong, Meter Reader, Ill. "
E. E. Wahler, Meter Reader, "

This case was discussed in detail with Roy Williams, Supt. of Mail, Post Office, Freeport, Illinois. He was unable to give any information that might be helpful in locating the hideout. Neither Mr. Williams, clerks or carriers attached to said Post Office were able to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither could they recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Freeport.

In addition to showing the photographs to persons mentioned in this report, they were also shown to several of the Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs.

Kent, Illinois. Mr. Buck, Asst. Postmaster, gave the following information:

This town has a population of 100 people and it is located on

a gravelled country road. There are no sirens or factory whistles here and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. The Lutheran and United Brethern Churches have bells which ring at 9:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. This town is served by the Chicago Great Western Railroad, which operates four trains daily through Kent. East bound trains at 5:24 A.M. and 3:11 P.M.; West bound at 3:45 A.M. and 9:50 P.M.

Mr. Buck was unable to identify any of the photographs shown him, neither could he recall if any of the suspects ever called for mail at Kent. Mr. Buck could give no information regarding the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals, without results:

"Abe" Abrand and H. Offenheiser, Grocers and Gasoline Station operators.

J. Fox and V. Kleckner, Gasoline Station operators and Garage men.

J. Rathburn, Span & Roe Lumber Co.

W. H. Wheelless, Station Agent and Telegraph Operator, C.G.W. Railroad.

J. Rasmussen, Paper hanger.

There are no drug stores, water works, meter readers, or town marshal located here.

Personal observation was made of all homes in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMEL

In telephonic conversation this afternoon, Mr. Brantley advised from Oklahoma City that he had reason to believe we would get Richetti soon. This man is wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mr. Brantley was requested to vigorously pursue this matter, and spend any money necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Mr. H. B. ...
Adm. Richetti*

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MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I spoke to Mr. Clegg by telephone concerning Agent Fortenberry, who is at Reno. He states that the people apparently are not now in that section but he believes Agent Fortenberry should remain there as it is quite likely that they will return in the near future. He states that one of the subjects has a girl friend in Reno and Agent Fortenberry knows where they gamble and has complete descriptions of the entire party. He feels that although Fortenberry may be kept there for some time without definite results, the situation represents a very good possibility of ultimate success.

Respectfully,


Clyde Tolson.

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STPAUL MINNESOTA. JUDGE SULLIVAN REQUESTED U. S. MARSHALL HERE NOT
REMOVE ^{John &} MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING FOR PURPOSE GIVING HIM
OPPORTUNITY FURNISH BOND. WILL FURNISH INFORMATION RELATIVE DATE AND
HOUR DEPARTURE SOON AS ASCERTAINED

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*Edward G. Brennan
John J. Shanahan Sr.*

- MR. NATHAN
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Laboratory Report

June 5, 1934.

Case: *0* Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al; Number: 7-576
Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 one dollar bill #D05134520B

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis.

Result of examination: Examination by: S.F. Pickering. *370*

An examination of the one dollar bill does not yield any evidence of the bill having been treated with a solution. The bill was tested for the presence of secret writing by means of the ultra-violet lamp and by the application of heat but no indications of any such writing were obtained. No chemical tests on the bill were conducted as it was thought undesirable to stain the specimen.

In accordance with the request of the Chicago Office the specimen is being returned herewith to the Chicago Office.

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

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

Dear Sir:

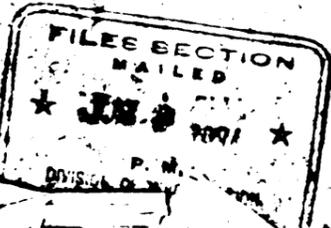
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division May 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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BREKID FEDERAL JUDGE PHILIP A SULLIVAN THIS MORNING POSTPONED UNTIL ~~MAY~~ ^{MAY} 21, 1934 10 AM HEARING ON WRIT HABEAS CORPUS FOR DEFENDANTS MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR AND JUNIOR DELANEY AND VIDLER TO PERMIT FILING PETITION OF CERTIORARI BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR PURPOSE EXAMINING RECORDS UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER WALKER THIS CASE. EMPLOYEES ORLANDO HOTEL, 2372 E. 70 STREET CHICAGO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH KATE PARKER AS MOTHER OF YOUNG MAN UNIDENTIFIED WHO REGISTERED AS F E GORDON AND MOTHER ON JUNE 21-~~1933~~ 1933 PAYING RENT TO AUGUST 4 1933 OCCUPYING EXPENSIVE SUITE. ORLANDO TELEPHONE RECORDS SHOW CICERO 678, TELEPHONE OF GOTTLIEB FURNITURE AND CARPET COMPANY, 2241 SOUTH 52 AVENUE, CICERO CALLED BY GORDONS. WILLIAM B LOHMAN AND WIFE REGISTERED ORLANDO HOTEL EARLY PART DECEMBER 1933 GIVING F E GORDON AS ~~REFERENCE~~ REFERENCE REMAINING ONLY FEW DAYS AND RENTING UNFURNISHED APARTMENT AT YATES APARTMENTS 7133 YATES STREET, CHICAGO ON DECEMBER 15, 1933. LOHMANS ONLY TELEPHONE CALLS WHILE RESIDING ORLANDO HOTEL WERE CICERO 678. LOHMANS GAVE CALIFORNIA REFERENCES - NORTHERN WINE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA 34 HYDE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO AND BANK OF AMERICA SAN FRANCISCO. IN ADDITION LOCAL CHICAGO ADDRESSES NOW BEING CHECKED. LOHMAN STATED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY FATHER, I H LOHMAN, 34 HYDE STREET SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED YATES APARTMENT MANAGER AND WIFE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH AS LOHMAN STATING WIFE'S NAME DOLORES BELIEVED HERE TO BE DOLORES DELANEY SISTER OF WIFE OF PAT REILLY, IO 1225, AND ALSO SISTER OF JEAN DELANEY ALIAS ANN SOTHERN SWEETHEART OF JOHN CARROLL

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LOHMAN SELDOM VISITED DOLORES AND LAST SEEN AT APARTMENT WHEN HE TOOK DOLORES HURRIEDLY AWAY THE LATTER PART OF MARCH THIS YEAR. DOLORES SENT POSTAL MONEY ORDER FOR RENT ON APRIL 2, 1934 FROM EITHER WINNETKA OR WILMETTE ILLINOIS. DOLORES RETURNED WITH STRANGE MAN FOR CLOTHES LATTER PART OF MARCH LEAVING FURNISHINGS AND ADVISED SHE WOULD RETURN SOON. ON MAY 1, 1934 LOUIS GOTTLIEB, 2239-41-43 SOUTH 52 AVENUE, CICERO, ILLINOIS CALLED AT THE YATES APARTMENTS WITH NOTE SUPPOSEDLY FROM DOLORES ADVISING GOTTLIEB HAD MORTGAGE ON FURNISHINGS AND THAT HUSBAND HAD PNEUMONIA AND THEY WERE RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA. APARTMENT MANAGER REFUSED TO GIVE UP EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS AND APARTMENT NOW SECURELY LOCKED. LOHMAN DROVE AUBURN 12 CYLINDER SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATE. DESCRIPTION REPORTED TO FIT DESCRIPTION AUBURN 12 CYLINDER CAR USED BY GANE A RENO NEVADA LAST NOVEMBER WHICH CAR WAS REGISTERED NAME OF WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, WILLIAM TAYLOR HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO. CAR PARKED BY LOHMANS AT CLUB GARAGE LOCATED NEAR YATES APARTMENT AND REPORTED REMOVED ON ~~MAY~~ MAY 14, 1934 AFTER CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATES REMOVED AND NOW REPORTED ON BUICK OWNED BY J GROSSKURTH, 6930 SOUTH SHORT CHICAGO. PERMISSION TO TAP TELEPHONE CICERO 678 DESIRE

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

May 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In accordance with plans previously made in the St. Paul office for the placing of a Special Agent as an employee at a Standard Oil Service Station, which station is situated adjacent to a garage owned by Fred Barker, the following arrangements have been completed:

On May 22, 1934, Special Agent Clifford Lawrence was accompanied by Special Agent T. J. Dodd to the general offices of the Standard Oil Company, Minneapolis, and there interviewed Mr. George W. Coldsnow, Manager, and his Assistant Manager, Mr. Paterson. Mr. Coldsnow advised that it would be possible for Agent Lawrence to enter the employ of the Standard Oil Company as a helper at the above mentioned service station. Arrangements were made whereby Agent Lawrence was introduced to the officer in charge of personnel matters for the Standard Oil Company in the Minneapolis division; and at Mr. Coldsnow's suggestion, he is to be placed on the employment list of the company as a regular employee under a regular salary. To avoid any suspicion on the part of fellow employees, Agent Lawrence is to go through the regular routine of medical examination and customary interview. He is to be placed in the training station for a day or two so that he may familiarize himself with the duties of the Standard Oil Station helpers. Arrangements were also made whereby Agent Lawrence can so fix his working hours as to create no suspicion.

The District Supervisor of the Standard Oil Company was taken into confidence on the representation of Mr. Coldsnow, who suggested that if this were not done, some difficulty might arise which would be embarrassing both to the Standard Oil Company and to this Division. This supervisor advised Agent Lawrence that he would treat him as any other employee; that at any time he would correct him as to his duties and general conduct.

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Further arrangements were also made with Mr. Coldenow whereby the paycheck, which will in the regular course of business be handed to Agent Lawrence, will be returned to the Standard Oil Company.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/21-24/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
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TITLE CHANGED: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Alvin Karpis, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Ray Karpis, Alvin Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, William B. Lohman, William Lohman, Earl Lyman	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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BURNS, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burns, R.J. Burns, E.L. Burnes, George Dunn, R.E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, R.E. Nelson, I.O. # 1218;

ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases: Doc Barker, Dock Barker, Claude Dale, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E.L. Murray, H.J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, I.O. # 1219;

JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, with aliases: J. J. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin;

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases: Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin;

PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Delaney;

WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams;

BOY GRAY, with aliases: Slim, Mr. Smith;

IZZY, alias Mr. Jones;

JOHN DOE; RICHARD ROE; FRANKIE WRIGHT.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.



This is a joint summary report of Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent D. L. Nicholson:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to include additional aliases of PHILIP J. DELANEY.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2103	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 11 1934
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, aged 36 years, is Vice-president of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. On the morning of January 17, 1934, after driving his young daughter to school, he proceeded alone in his car to the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues where he arrived at approximately 9:00 a.m. As he stopped at this intersection, a man approached the left front door of his car (which was a Lincoln Sedan) and another man at the same time approached the right front door. The man at the left door opened it and with a pistol in his hand requested BREMER to alip over, and at the same time the man who was at the right door opened it and struck BREMER over the head several times, causing blood to flow from BREMER'S head. BREMER was pushed to the floor of the car and the two men entered the front seat and drove away.

During the time that these men kidnaped BREMER, he recalls having seen an automobile, which he can not describe, close by and almost in front of his own Lincoln Sedan, the broad side facing the front of the Lincoln.

After driving a short distance in BREMER'S car, they stopped, transferred BREMER to another car, and two men entered the rear seat with BREMER on the rear floor, and drove away. At some time during this transfer, a piece of paper was placed before BREMER and he was requested to sign his name thereto, which he did. BREMER was then driven continuously until approximately between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., of that day, when he was taken down several steps where he entered a house and was confined and guarded by several men.

The kidnapers, through means of the telephone and letters which were delivered by messenger to various persons, effected arrangements for the payment of \$200,000.00 in ransom; and on February 6, 1934, this amount in used \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills was deposited in accordance with the kidnapers' instructions on the side of the road in the vicinity of Zumbrota, Minnesota.

On the morning of February 7, 1934, BREMER was driven in an automobile from the hideout all day and was released from the car shortly before 8:00 p.m., on that date on a street in Rochester, Minnesota.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Vice-president, Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that during the fall and winter of 1933-34, he resided in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that it was customary for him to drive his nine-year-old daughter from his home to her school on Goodrich Avenue each morning; that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he drove his daughter to school in his Lincoln Sedan; and after leaving her at school, proceeded out Goodrich Avenue to Lexington Avenue, both of which avenues are in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he stopped for a traffic "stop" sign; that as he stopped, a man approached the left front door of his car, held a pistol to his, BREMER'S side and told him to move over; that at the same time, another man approached the car from the opposite side, opened the right front door, struck him over the head several times and shoved him to the floor, with his head under the instrument board; that goggles, which were in effect a blindfold, because of the fact that they were covered with adhesive tape, were placed over his eyes at that time; that these two men entered the front seat of the car and drove a distance of several blocks or more; and after stopping, forced him to sign his name to a paper, at which time he was transferred to another automobile and driven continually until several hours after dark; that this car contained three men and himself; that after several hours of travel, this car stopped and another car immediately drove up as if it had been accompanying the car containing BREMER; that gasoline cans were heard being taken from the second car and gasoline was put into the tank of the car containing BREMER; that he was then driven further, until a short time after dark, when two of the men in the car with him took him out into a field while the third man drove off and returned a short time later; that about forty-five minutes later, while riding in the car, he was forced to lie on the floor, at which time he heard sounds of what appeared to be electric city street cars; that at the time he heard what sounded like street cars, it was approximately one hour after darkness had fallen; that approximately a little more than two hours after hearing the immediately aforementioned sounds, he reached the hideout where he was ordered out of the car; and after walking a short distance over what appeared to him to be hard frozen ground, he walked down some steps and entered a house where he was placed in a chair in a small room in which room he remained constantly, sleeping therein, until February 7, 1934, the day of his release; that each morning during his captivity, he was placed in a straight-backed chair in a corner of this room, face to the wall, and the blindfold taken off; that the blindfold was not over his eyes during these days and he could consequently see clearly that the room walls which appeared before him in his room contained wall paper, the pattern of which he has a recollection; that he has been shown a sample specimen of the wall paper by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation and has identified said specimen as being of a pattern similar to that on the wall of the room wherein he was held captive; that each night he was blindfolded when put to bed; that at various times during his captivity, as many as five men were known to have been present at the hideout at the same time; that about

midnight of the second night of his captivity, which was January 18, 1934, he was awakened and in the presence of several men, whom he did not see, was ordered to write some letters; that he then wrote three letters with pen and ink as follows:

"Friday evening.

"Dr. H. T. Hippert,
Lowry Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

"I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house--855 West 7th St. or at the office, wherever he may be--it is very important that they be delivered right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

Edward G. Bremer"

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"Friday Evening.

"Dear Walter:

I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old standby. Assure Emily & Pat that I'm allright. I knew you would use your head & work on this all alone--no police. The people that have me have given the impression that that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone & I'm sure everything will come out allright. Be sure now--no strings allow here. You & You alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions--& again I say--alone--no police--just you.

Edward

E. G. Bremer"

"Friday evening

"Dearest Patz.

"Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out alright. Tell Hertzky to be a good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you or her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bleed a lot but it has been dressed & is alright now. Tell Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice & the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely.

Yours,

Ed."

He will testify that although these letters were written on Thursday, at midnight, he wrote "Friday evening" at the top of each upon instructions of the kidnapers; that about the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday of his captivity, he signed his name to several papers at the request of the kidnapers; that he wrote one letter in ink to "Father Deere", which is as follows:

"My Dear Father Deere:

"I am calling on you as a representative of God, to do something for me. It must be a secret--every bit as much as a confession & under those circumstances I am calling on you. Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to my father. This letter is to be delivered to him--unopened & may I take the privilege of asking you to be the good Samaritan.

"If you listen in on the radio & read the St. Paul papers you will have heard or seen that my father has made a special appeal to everyone to not interfere & let him work on my being returned alone.

"It is therefore necessary that someone take this letter to him, someone whose coming to see him will not create any suspicion & I should think of no one better than you.

"Please take this letter to my father at once. It may be asking a lot but it means so much to me. Go to the house as you usually do--to pay him a visit but don't let on to anyone that you have this.

letter. Don't give him the letter when anyone else is present. You can make the opportunity so that you are alone with him.

"Thank you for your kindness in doing this for me & may God speed you on your way.

Ever appreciative,

Edward Bremer."

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will testify that he wrote a letter in 1934 to ADOLPH BREMER, as follows:

"My Dear Father:

"I've seen the newspaper in which it states that you have made arrangements for everyone to lay off for three days so that this letter can reach you and contact to be made to pay off. I am sure that your word is good & that it will be as the paper stated namely the boys can get this letter to you & make arrangements to receive the money & also get the money without anyone but you & the man that is to pay off know anything about it. That means that no police or government officer will know anything about it & it can all be done on the quiet. Even though the police & government officers know nothing of these pay off arrangements, they will not be active in any way whatsoever during this three day period so that there will not be any slip up.

"I told the boys that you were a man of your word when you said that there would not be any prosecution on your part and they are absolutely relying on that.

"They also told me that they have tried to deal with you right along but that the government men have made it impossible. They said the government told you that they were not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

"Now, Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected & am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

"Pa please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power. Rush it through & relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to & don't waste any time. The sooner the better.

"Pa, I'm relying on you this is most unbearable. Its just a living hell. I'm trying the best thats in me to fight it through so I can see you & Emily & Hertzky again.

Your

Edward

EDWARD GEORGE BRUBER will further testify that he wrote a letter in ink as follows:

"My dearest Patz & Hertzky:

"Oh, I've been thinking of you so much, day and night. I'm sure you could nearly feel it. I never knew I could miss you so much. I can just see you waiting for me to come back. My dears, don't loose courage. I'll be back with you before long & we'll never be apart again. I'm at a loss what to say. If I could only express my feelings, you would understand.

"Now, my dears, pray hard and don't loose courage. I'll be holding you both in my arms before long & that is all that I want in this world is both of you.

Your son

Edward

EDWARD GEORGE BRUBER will testify that he wrote a letter to Miss Lillian Dickman as follows:

"My Dear Miss

"As my old stand by I am waiting on you to do something for me that it seems no one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father - unopened - & I know if I instruct it in your care it will be safe. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody, police & government, officers, ministers, etc. for the last three days so that he can make his own arrangements to get home.

now the next thing is--is to get the instructions to him--& you old pal will not fail me I know.

"As soon as you receive this note, take it to my father, please. Be sure that no one knows that you have received it. When you take it, don't say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want, tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell them but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father, be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any more because you always understand.

"Please girl hurry--but don't loose your head--I know you won't as I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

"It's a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon. Please hurry & be careful.

As always

Ed."

He will identify his signature on each of the typewritten ransom notes; will testify that sometime during the morning of February 7, 1934, he was shaved in his room at the hideout, at which time it was daylight, which he knows in view of the fact that he could see the reflection through a crevice between the windows of his room and a board nailed thereon; that at that time he was given new underwear, socks, and a gray shirt by the kidnapers (he will identify the underwear, socks, and gray shirt); that he was blinded with a pair of goggles which were covered with adhesive tape; that he was walked by two men out of the hideout house, up several steps, and into an automobile where he was placed in the middle with a man on each side of him; that he was driven a short distance in this car, which appeared to him to have been a roadster, and was then transferred to a larger automobile which apparently was a sedan; that he was forced to sit on the floor in the rear of this car while two men rode in the front seat and one on the rear seat; that he felt a large firearm on the floor underneath him; that next to him on the floor was what seemed to be a four or five-gallon capacity tin can with rounded corners which gave off an odor of gasoline; that one or more of these cans were on the rear floor of the car and at least one on the front seat or on the front floor of the car; that after travelling for several hours, this car seemed to leave the smooth-surfaced road on which it had been travelling and go for a short distance on what appeared to be a very

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uneven road, where it stopped; that all three of the occupants of the car then got out, leaving him therein; that the gasoline can next to him in the rear of the car was taken out by one of the men; that at that time he heard noises indicating that a tin can was being taken out of the front floor or front seat of the same car; that he then heard two or more cans of gasoline being poured into the automobile tank and smelled the odor of gasoline; that no cans were again placed in the automobile; that thereafter, the three men re-entered the car, turned it around, then seemed to drive back a short distance where they apparently entered a smoother surfaced highway than the one on which they had stopped; that they continued riding for what appeared to be approximately the same length of time as that consumed on that day prior to the aforementioned stop, when the car stopped for the second time and he was taken out and guarded near the highway by two of the men while he heard the other man drive off; that when he got out of the car at this time, there was to his knowledge at least one gun lying on the rear floor of the car; that while waiting for the car to return, he heard a train pass close by and it sounded as though it were travelling in the same general direction in which he had been, and continued to travel; that this train passed at approximately from one to two hours prior to his release at Rochester, Minnesota; that a few minutes later, the automobile returned and he and the two men re-entered the car and continued riding in the same general direction in which they had previously been travelling; that from one to two hours later, he was told that they were in Rochester, Minnesota, and that he was to be released; that he was released on a street in Rochester, Minnesota, shortly before 8:00 p.m., on February 7, 1934, at which time he was blindfolded; that only after the kidnapers' car was driven away did he take off the blindfold, which consisted of a pair of goggles covered with tape; that he went to the railroad station in Rochester where he took a train and proceeded to Owatonna, Minnesota, and from there by bus proceeded to St. Paul, where he returned home.

On April 26, 1934, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN were arrested at Chicago, Illinois, at which time VIDLER had in his possession \$2,265.00 of the BREMER ransom money. On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner WILLIAM T. GODDARD at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD ROE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; that is, the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnap, or otherwise unlawfully detain. The complaint further charged that on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, the individuals named in the complaint conspired that they would intercept and seize and confine in their custody, unlawfully, EDWARD BREMER, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; that after having seized and confined EDWARD BREMER, they conspired that they would thereafter hold EDWARD BREMER and demand for his safe return from their custody ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00; that they further conspired together that after seizing EDWARD BREMER they would transport him in interstate commerce. Certified copies of complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois; and on April 28, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN were arraigned before United States Commissioner Edward K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois, where they entered a plea of not guilty, demanded a hearing, and were held under bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 each.

On April 28, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY were arrested in Chicago, Illinois. On April 28, 1934, an additional complaint was immediately filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, before United States Commissioner GODDARD by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, including the names of PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. in a complaint identical with the complaint previously filed by Special Agent John V. Anderson. Certified copies of the complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois. On April 30, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY were arraigned before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, Illinois, and entered pleas of not guilty and demanded a hearing and were held in custody in default of bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 each.

On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and a True Bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury on May 4, 1934. The indictment charges ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, ROY GRAY alias Slim alias Mr. Smith, IRZY alias Mr. Jones who is

described as 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 or 170 pounds, having pock marked cheeks, and a large nose; JOHN DOE who is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexion; RICHARD ROE aged 40 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; PHILIP DELANEY; and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one EDWARD G. BREMER. At this time, none of the individuals named in the indictment with the exception of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP DELANEY, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER have been apprehended, the latter four being in custody at Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY, 817 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that she is 26 years old, married, and that for the past three years she has been employed at the F & W Grand & Silver Store, 37 Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she works at the hardware counter, which includes electrical equipment and flashlights; that she was so employed and on duty on Saturday, January 27, 1934; that on that date at about 11:30 a.m., a man called at her counter and stated that he desired three flashlights; that this man picked out three flashlights of the large reflector type and bearing the trade name "Merit Product"; that two of these lights had a black painted shaft and one of them a nickel plated shaft; that this man had in his hand a red disk and asked her whether she had similar objects in stock; that this man also purchased some "Arrow" batteries and "Ivaready" batteries for these flashlights; that he also purchased from her three extra flashlight bulbs. The total amount of this man's purchase was \$5.12. He paid her with a \$5.00 bill and was given change by her; that this man was a little taller than she is and that she is about 5 feet 5 inches tall; that his hair was brown and his eyes were large; that he smiled several times, enabling her to notice his teeth, which were fairly good; that he questioned her considerably concerning the flashlights and whether they were in good working order; that the man wore high-topped leather boots with wool stockings turned down over the tops; that his trousers were of a dark material; that he wore a dark zipper type wool jacket; that he wore a cap of wool pulled down over his eyes but that he later pushed it up above his forehead; that this cap was dark colored with a long visor. (The three flashlights will be placed in evidence at this point and will be identified by her as being similar to those purchased by the above mentioned man. The cap which was found in the car which was used to transport the ransom money to the vicinity of Zumbrotá will be placed in evidence here and identified by her as being similar to the cap worn by the aforementioned man.) She will testify further that on February 20, 1934, she was interviewed by Special Agent E. E. Notestrom of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to whom she furnished the aforementioned facts and that at that time she was shown a group of photographs from which she identified one as being a likeness of the above mentioned man who purchased the flashlights and batteries. She will identify the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS carrying No. 1538, K.S.P., as being a likeness of the person who purchased the three flashlights. She will identify a "Filmolens" as being identical with the object which was in the hands of the aforementioned person at the time he purchased the three flashlights. She will identify a statement signed by her dated February 20, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and witnessed by Special Agent E. E. Notestrom of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

REUBEN GROSSMANN, R.F.D., Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that he is a farmer residing about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, on a farm; that he resided there on February 7, 1934, and immediately preceding and subsequent thereto; that at about 5:00 p.m., on February 7, 1934, when returning home, and at about three-fourths of a mile from Highway No. 16, he found four empty gasoline cans; that the spot where he found them is situated approximately 5 feet from the left side of the county dirt road; that the ground in the vicinity of the cans was wet and that he smelled these spots and noticed a strong odor of gasoline; that each can gave off the odor of gasoline; that he knows that these cans were not in that place at approximately 7:00 a.m., on that date because he passed by that spot and did not see them; that on the following morning, February 8, 1934, he returned to the spot where he had seen these cans and took them, together with a funnel which was lying thereby, to his home where he placed them in his garage; that he discussed the matter with his father, FRANK GROSSMANN, and that they decided to notify the Sheriff at Portage, Wisconsin; that on February 10, 1934, Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIBNER came to his home and took the four cans and the funnel away; that he is positive that neither he nor his father nor HIBNER touched these cans with their naked hands in his presence. (He will identify the four cans and the funnel as being similar to those above referred to.) He will testify that on February 12, 1934, he was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and that he furnished Agent McKee with the aforementioned facts.

HARRY HIBNER, Deputy Sheriff, care of the Sheriff's office, Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that on the morning of February 10, 1934, FRANK and REUBEN GROSSMANN, farmers, advised the Sheriff's office that they had found four 5-gallon tin cans which had apparently contained gasoline and had also found a tin funnel by the side of the road near their home; that he went to the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN and interviewed GROSSMANN who furnished him with the facts as above set out as the testimony of REUBEN GROSSMANN; that he obtained the four tin cans and the tin funnel from REUBEN GROSSMANN'S garage and carried them to the Sheriff's office; that the office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, was furnished this information; that on February 12, 1934, he was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and with Agent McKee he interviewed REUBEN and FRANK GROSSMANN and examined the ground where these cans had been found by REUBEN GROSSMANN; that these four cans were personally given to Special Agent McKee by him on February 12, 1934; that on February 13, 1934, he mailed the tin funnel to the office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota. He will identify the four cans and the tin funnel as being similar to those above referred to.

EARNEST MILISCH, R.F.D., Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that he resides on a farm approximately seven miles northwest of Portage, in the vicinity of the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN; that during February, 1934, he was engaged in hauling tamarack logs; that on February 7, 1934, he laid off from work early and went to the school house nearby at about 3:30 p.m., and brought his young brother, and three children of neighbors, home from school; that at about 4:00 p.m., on that date, he was standing by the barn near his home, unhitching his team of horses, when he noticed a coffee-brown colored automobile drive past his house on the county highway; that the car came from the direction in which Highway No. 16 is located; that this car was a large sedan; that he observed that two men occupied the front seat; that they both appeared to be approximately 30 years of age, were fairly well dressed, and wore overcoats and felt hats; that this car passed approximately five yards from him and drove past his house, where it turned left at a fork in the county road and stopped at a corner, at which place the gasoline cans were subsequently found; that when this car stopped, he went to a point near his house and observed the car and the occupants as a matter of curiosity; that he observed that the two men whom he had seen on the front seat, get out of the car and go to the rear of the car and although he was not close enough to observe just what they were doing, he surmised that they were examining the spare tire; that after a short time, the car turned around and drove back past his house and to Highway No. 16.

S. K. McKEE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that on February 12, 1934, he conducted an investigation near the home of REUBEN and FRANK GROSSMANN which is approximately seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, and that on that date, he received from Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIBNER at Portage, Wisconsin, four gasoline cans which he personally brought to the office of the Division of Investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the same date; will identify the four cans as being similar to those which were given to him by Deputy Sheriff HIBNER; will testify that these four cans, together with a tin funnel, were forwarded to the laboratory of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

MR. WALTER MAGKE, residence, 1295 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Business
address, 118 West Central Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on January 17, 1934, while at his office at 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, he received a telephone call at approximately 10:20 a.m., from an individual who stated that it was McKEE calling; that this individual informed him that they had snatched his friend ED BREMER and demanded two hundred grand; that the individual also informed him that a note would be found giving further instructions near a stairway on the premises at 118 West Central Avenue; that the individual further informed by telephone that Victim ED BREMER'S car could be found near the Snelling Water Tower; that immediately upon the completion of this telephone call, he went to the side of the building in which his office is located, and there, under a side door, found a ransom note addressed to him as CHAS. MCGEE, which he will identify, and which reads as follows:

Mr. Chas. McGee

You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Don't
try to cross us. Your future and B'S are the important issue. Follow
these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either.
You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting
later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to
comfortable now so don't delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.
Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dollar bills--no new money--
no consecutive numbers -- large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box eatons big enough to hold
the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

No contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready
to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have
the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your final instructions. Be prepared to
leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain.
Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks.
Dont try to commanecate with us we'll do the directing.

Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee
to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

(Signed) E. G. Bremer

Deal only when signature is used.

Chas. McGee. Personal."

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The above ransom note bore the signature of E. G. BREMER. This witness
will further testify that immediately upon finding the note from the kidnapers, he
communicated with the Commercial State Bank and ascertained that ED BREMER was not
at the bank at that time. He then communicated with ADOLPH BREMER, EDWARD's father,
and informed him of the circumstances; that after a short conference with ADOLPH BREMER,
he went, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, to the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower,
where he located ED BREMER's Lincoln Sedan. This witness will further testify that
on the evening of January 25, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER delivered to him a claim check for
baggage which had been left at the Union Bus Depot at St. Paul, Minnesota, and upon
presenting this claim check at the Union Bus Depot, he obtained a black zipper bag,
which bag contained a pillow and an additional note which read as follows:

"TO THE PAYOFF MAN

From here on you are to assume the name of John B. Brakeham

Take the money and get on the Bus leaving this station at

8:40 pm. tonight for Des Moines

Dont travel any other way but on this BUS

Register at Fort Des Moines hotel under above name.

If your planning a double cross DONT DO ANY FURTHER.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PAYOFF.

IF THERE ARE COPPIERS TAILING YOU DONT GO.

Mr. Chas. McGee or payoff man

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

(Signed) E. G. Bremer

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The note bore the signature of E. G. BREMER. This witness will identify this note as having been obtained by him from the zipper bag which he obtained at the Union Bus Depot. This witness will also testify that on the evening of February 3, 1934, in accordance with instructions received by Mr. ADOLPH BREMER, he obtained from his home his wife's Ford Sedan, which he drove to a parking lot in the rear of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company; that from this point he drove to St. Clair and 7th Streets, where he was met by ADOLPH BREMER, Jr., and ransom money contained in two suit boxes was transferred to the car which he was driving. He then drove in a circuitous route to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at this point at approximately 8:00 p.m., where he found parked in front of this address, a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing "SHILL" Oil Company signs on each door, at which point he transferred the ransom money from his wife's automobile, which he had been driving, to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, entered the car and found in the left hand door pocket, the keys to the car, and an additional note, which he will testify from his recollection, read as follows:

"Go to Farmington, Minnesota. The Rochester bus will arrive there at 9:15 p.m. and leave at 9:25 p.m. Follow one hundred yards to back of this bus. When it leaves Farmington until you come to two red lights on the left of the road; turn on the first road to the left and proceed at fifteen miles per hour until you see five flashing lights; then stop and deposit packages of money on right hand side of road. Leave the two notes; get in car and go straight ahead."

The witness will testify that these instructions were typewritten and that there was enclosed in the envelope of instructions, a Western Union card belonging to ED BREMER. He will testify that in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe he proceeded to Farmington, Minnesota, from there followed the bus to Cannon Falls, to Embrota, and that when about four or five miles out of Embrota, he saw flashing lights on the left side of the road on the bank of a hill through which

road had been cut; that he immediately applied the brakes on the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving, and about three hundred feet behind the point where he saw the lights, he came to a gravelled road leading to the left and turned on to this road and proceeded slowly; that he had proceeded along this road approximately one-half mile, when a car pulled in behind him and he saw the head lights flash five times; that he stopped the car he was driving, walked around the rear of the car, opened the door on the right side, took out the two suit boxes and placed them on the right hand side of the road. The witness will further testify that the note of instructions, the envelope which contained the note of instructions, and a note written by ADOLPH BREMER to the kidnapers was placed with the boxes of money; that the car which had flashed the lights five times stopped when he stopped only a short distance away and kept the head lights shining on him when he removed the two suit boxes containing the money from the Chevrolet Coupe. This witness will further testify that upon delivery of the two suit boxes containing the money at the side of the road described above, at approximately 11:15 p.m., he re-entered his car and drove straight ahead, arriving in a small town (later learned to be Mazeppa, Minnesota) from where he proceeded to Goodhue, Minnesota and proceeded to St. Paul by way of Zumbrota; that immediately upon arriving at St. Paul, Minnesota, he placed the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving and which he had obtained in front of the address 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the private garage of ADOLPH BREMER, in the rear of his home. This witness will further testify that on February 8, 1934, he, in company with Special Agents in Charge Werner Hanni and Frank J. Blake, proceeded by the way of United States Highway #55 to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where they located the place where he had turned off of this highway to the left and that four flash lights were found resting on a large stone fastened with lumps of dirt and that Special Agent in Charge Hanni immediately took these flash lights into his possession. This witness will identify the two ransom notes received by him and will testify that they were delivered by him to ADOLPH BREMER. He will also identify a dark blue cap with long peak as being in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe which he obtained at 969 University Avenue on the evening of February 6, 1934, lying on the shelf in the rear of the seat at the time he obtained this car.

This witness will further testify that on January 17, 1934, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, SR., he proceeded to the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower, where he located the Lincoln Sedan of Victim EDWARD G. BREMER parked on Higocumbe Road near the water tower; that he examined this car and found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat, and the back of the front seat; that under his supervision this automobile was removed to his garage, where it was later examined by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

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DR. H. T. NIPPERT, residence, 706 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

business
address, Lowry Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 20, 1934, at approximately 6:00 a.m., he was awakened by a crash which apparently occurred in his home, but that he paid no particular attention to this crash; that about 7:15 a.m., he and his wife arose and while he was shaving, the maid called to have him answer the telephone; that he answered the telephone and a voice told him to go down to the vestibule of his home and see what he could find; that he immediately went down stairs and found that a bottle had been thrown through the plate glass front door and also found an envelope addressed to him, which apparently had been left under the door. He will further testify that he opened the envelope, found a note addressed to him signed by EDWARD BREMER, also found two envelopes addressed to WALTER MAGEE and to MRS. EDWARD BREMER, which he delivered to ADOLPH BREMER. The ransom note, which was delivered to DR. NIPPERT and which he subsequently delivered to ADOLPH BREMER, was addressed to CHAS. MCGEE, and reads as follows:

"Chas. McGee

You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer dont get back his family has you to thank. Youve made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance. - the last.

First of all all coppers must be pulled off.

Second the dough must be ready.

Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a N.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. Well know if the coppers are pulled or not.

Remain at your office daily from noon until 8.00 p.m

Have the dough ready and where you can get in within thirty minutes.

You will be instructed how to deliver it

The money must not be hot as it will be examined before bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

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Well try to be ready for any trickery if attempted,

This is positively our LAST attempt. DONT duck it

Mr. Chas. McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety,
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

E. G. Bremer

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The note was signed in ink, E. G. BREMER.

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C. A. STAHMANN, residence, 1823 Miles,
St. Paul, Minn.
business
address, 972 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, at approximately 7:30 a.m., he arrived at the office of BEHRENS-WITTMANN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is employed as bookkeeper; that upon opening the door to the office, he found that an envelope with a typewritten address to WALTER MAGEE or ADOLPH BREMER had been left under the door. He will testify that approximately fifteen minutes later, upon the arrival of WILLIAM P. BEHRENS, at the office, he delivered this envelope to MR. BEHRENS.

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WILLIAM P. BEHRENS, residence, 2140 St. Clair St.,
St. Paul, Minn.
business
address, 972 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, he arrived at the office of the BEHRENS-WITTMANN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, at approximately 7:45 a.m.; that immediately upon his arrival, C. A. STAHMANN delivered to him, an envelope bearing typewritten address, WALTER MAGEE or ADOLPH BREMER; that he opened this envelope and read the following typewritten notes:

Chas. Magee

If you can wait O.K. with us. You people shot a lot of coppers trying to get somebody killed than the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the martyr. The copper's think that's great but Eddie don't.

Were done taking the draws and you can go now.
From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you reach us somehow yourself. Better not wait too long.

that he immediately delivered this note, together with the envelope, to MR. ADOLPH BREMER at the office of the JACOB SCHMIDT BREWING COMPANY.

JOHN MILLER, residence, 1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
business
address, Hamm Recreation Parlor,
Hamm Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of January 25, 1934 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., while at the recreation parlor, which he operates in the Hamm Building, he received a telephone call; that upon answering the telephone, he said, "Hello" and that the party calling, in a hearty, friendly tone said, "Hello, is this you, John? We left a Hill Bros. coffee can on your front porch, take a cab out there immediately, take it to Adolph Bremer's home;" that he replied, "Is Adolph home?" to which the party calling replied, "I don't know but take it there anyway. I know you will find him". This witness will further testify that immediately upon completion of this telephone call, he proceeded to his home at 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, but did not find a Hill Bros. coffee can on his porch as his wife had previously found it and that upon his arrival at his home his wife delivered to him a note which was addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or ADOLPH BREMER and that he did not read this note and immediately proceeded to ADOLPH BREMER's home where he delivered the note to ADOLPH BREMER. The note which was received by JOHN MILLER in a Hill Bros. coffee can, having been delivered to him by his wife, reads as follows, and is signed, in ink, E.G. BREMER:

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer

You better stop listening to those assholes this time do what we tell you.

The money must be delivered tonight.

With all the coniving we still got the boy

We keep our word. Either you get him back tonight or the coppers bring him back stiff.

Dont stall. Dont ask questions. Follow our instructions. You are the only one that can make the plan fail.

Bring the money and this tag to the Jefferson lines Bus Station tonight at 8.20 pm sharp.

This tag is for baggage checking locker in the waiting room. Inside of HANDBAG are farther instructions Dont open this BAG even one minute before 8.20 pm It is watched.

REMEMBER

If this payoff fails we are through forever

You are watched from the time you start.

Its up to you--you get the boy alive or dead.

Mr. Walter or Adolph

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

Signed: E.C. BREMER

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MRS. JOHN MILLER,
1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of January 25, 1934, while she was looking through the window of her home she saw an individual approach the house and leave a can on the front porch but that she did not get a look at this individual, as he flashed a light on her as she stood in the window; that upon the departure of this party she went to the front porch and there found a Hill Bros. coffee can, which contained a note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or ADOLPH BREMER. This witness will further testify that she did not read the note and immediately upon the arrival of her husband at the home she delivered this note to him. This witness will also identify the Hill Bros. coffee can in which the note was left on the front porch of her home.

MISS LILLIAN L. DICKMAN, residence,
1085 Cortland Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
business address:
Commercial State Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on February 5, 1934, between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m., a man came to the back door of her home at 1085 Cortland Street; that she answered this individual's knock at the back door and upon opening the door the man said, "Are you Lillian Dickman?" to which she replied in the affirmative; that the individual then handed her a note and said it was very important and in substance for her to take care of it. The note which was delivered to Miss Dickman was written in pen and ink and signed, "As Always ED". MISS DICKMAN will identify this note which reads as follows:

"My Dear Lil;

As my old standby I am calling on you to do something for me that it seems no-one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father -- unopened -- & I know if I intrust it in your care it will be done. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody police & government officers included to lay off for three days so that he can make his own arrangements to get me back. Now the next thing is -- is to get the instructions to him -- & you old pal will not fail me I know.

As soon as you receive this note take it to my father, please. Be sure that no-one knows that you have received it. When take it dont say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell them but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any-more because you always understand.

Please girl hurry -- but don't loose your head -- I know you wont & I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

Its a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon. Please Hurry & be careful.

As Always

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This witness will also testify that there was enclosed in the note which she received, a note to ADOLPH BRABER, which note, however, she did not read.

FATHER DEERE,
Prior Lake, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 6, 1934, a man came to the door of his home at Prior Lake, Minnesota, and asked if he were FATHER DEERE. He answered in the affirmative. The man then asked if he knew a family by the name of BREMER, to which he then replied in the affirmative. The individual then asked if he could get to St. Paul, Minnesota by 6:00 o'clock, to which he replied, "Yes". This witness will further testify that the individual had the door of his residence opened about six inches; that he wore a cap, the peak of which came down over his forehead, covering his eyes and ears; also wore a cloth jacket similar to that worn by railroad men with pockets in the side and that after the conversation, this individual thrust an envelope into his hand, which envelope contained a note addressed to himself, signed, "EDWARD BREMER", telling him to deliver additional notes which were in the envelope to ADOLPH BREMER and to EDWARD BREMER's wife. FATHER DEERE will identify the following note which was delivered to him by this individual, which is signed in ink, "E.G. BREMER":

"Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph

The coppers jinned the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it maybe not. Well know for sure next time. So we give you the benefit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that has alive till we are assured that

we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get him him back alive. Thieves are not so foxy as bankers but theyr usually more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note that's all.

Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you wont be followed then

you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER.

(Above note typewritten, with errors as set out. On reverse side is following:)

"Adolph Bremer.

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We dont care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter

\$500,000.00 is the price if you dont.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM SHARP TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE

969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND

A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SHELL GAS SIGNS ON THE
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

The KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE

SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS. GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACTLY

IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN.

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00 PM

AS WE WATCH YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

BY CHAS McKEE or ADOLPH BREMER.

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible
for my safety. I am responsible for the money

(Signed) E.G. Bremer

FATHER DEERE will also testify that immediately upon receiving this
note he proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he delivered the note to MR.
ADOLPH BREMER.

ARTHUR MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that about two weeks prior to the release of EDWARD BREMER, a man called at the New Hotel Brunswick in Faribault, Minnesota, who was dressed in overalls or rough clothing and appeared to be a farmer, or someone dressed as a farmer, and stated to him that this individual's father would arrive at Faribault, Minnesota, on the 10:30 p.m., bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine with him; that the man gave him a package which supposedly contained medicine, and asked him to give the package to the gentleman who would arrive on the 10:30 bus and whose name, as appeared on the package, was JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM; that this individual immediately left the hotel following this conversation but returned to the hotel a short time before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus; that this individual requested him to hold the package until someone called for it.

This witness will further testify that this package was held for about a month; and as no one called for it, it was opened by his mother, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, at which time it was found to contain a ransom note addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM.

MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that she opened a package addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM which had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, and found in this package a corn meal box containing a ransom note, purporting to have been signed in ink by E. G. BREMER. This witness will identify the following ransom note which was contained in the corn meal box:

"Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)

We now cancel previous instructions

Follow these new instructions

Take the money and get off this Bus at the next town called

Owatonna.

about 50 feet west of where this bus stops at the station

you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe

The car is black and has a black tire cover with a round white spot painted in the center of the cover

Place the money in this car and get into it at once

Your next instructions are on the steering post of the car

Mr. Chas. McGee (John B Brakeham)

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer (signature)

This witness will further testify that this note was delivered by her to her husband, MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY, on March 31, 1934.

MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that on March 31, 1934, he received from his wife, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, a ransom note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham); that he forwarded this note on March 31, 1934, to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota.

ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., residence, 855 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Business
address, Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co.
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify to the receipt by him of the various ransom notes which are outlined and delivered to him by the foregoing witnesses. He will also identify the signature, in ink, E.G. BREMER, appearing on these notes as being the signature of his son, EDWARD G. BREMER. He will also testify that in accordance with the demands contained in the ransom notes delivered to him, that there was prepared and placed in two suit boxes at the American National Bank, \$200,000.00 in \$5. and \$10. bills. He will further testify that on the evening of February 5, 1934, this money which had previously been kept in the safe of the American National Bank, was removed to his home and later delivered to his son, ADOLPH BREMER, Jr.

FRED CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that in accordance with instructions received by him, he caused to be wrapped \$200,000.00 in \$5. and \$10. bills, which was received by the American National Bank from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that the money was wrapped in wrappers issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing the following label, "Super Kraft, Sturgis Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Tailors' Favorite"; that these labels were designed to wrap bundles of \$500. each. This witness will further testify that he counted all of the money as it came from the Federal Reserve Bank, took the serial numbers therefrom, and placed the money, after being wrapped, into two suit boxes, such as are used to convey an ordinary business suit; that this money was then placed in the vault of the American National Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, from which it was removed on the evening of February 5, 1934, and then taken in his presence to the home of ADOLPH BRUBER, Sr., located at 875 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

ADOLPH BREMER, Jr.,
855 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of February 6, 1934, he removed from his father's, ADOLPH BREMER's, home, two suit boxes containing money which he placed in his car and drove to St. Clair and 7th Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, where the money was delivered to WALTER MACKIE, being removed from the car he was driving and placed in a Ford Sedan which WALTER MACKIE was driving.

This witness will further testify that on the evening of February 5, 1934 the ransom money was removed in his presence from the American National Bank to the home of his father, ADOLPH BREMER, at 875 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

WERNER HANNI, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that on February 8, 1934, in the company of WALTER MAGKE, he proceeded to a place in the road several miles south of Zumbrota, Minnesota, to the place where on the previous night, he had observed four red lights; that he found four flashlights on the bank near the highway; that the lights were in a position facing north; that each light contained several red disks which carried the trade name "Filmolens" and which were attached underneath the regular flashlight lens; that he brought these lights and Filmolenses to the St. Paul Division office; that three of these flashlights carried the trade mark "Merit Product"; (will identify the three flashlights marked "Merit Product" which were found by him and which were identified by MRS. HUMPHREY as being the ones she sold to ALVIN KARPIS).

This witness will further testify that on January 17, 1934 he examined the Lincoln Sedan, the property of Victim EDWARD G. BREMER in the garage of WALTER MAGKE; that he found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, the gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat, and the back of the front seat; that he removed from this Lincoln Sedan the front seat, which he forwarded on February 2, 1934 to the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

O.G.HALL, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on February 12, 1934, he examined a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe in the private garage of ADOLPH BREMER, located in the rear of ADOLPH BREMER's home, that he found the car to bear a SHELL sign on each door panel, also found the car bore 1933 Minnesota license number H199876, and motor number 3,536,203; that there was found in the car, the following articles:

1 box-type kodak;
2 umbrellas;
1 pair amber glasses;
1 dome light lens;
1 hatchet;
1 windshield wiper blade;
2 old army blankets;
1 pair pliers;
1 railroad man's dark blue cap;
A quantity of old newspapers bearing dates of April, 1933.

This witness will further testify that the above articles were removed by him from the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe and taken to the offices of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at 205 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

DR. D. L. TOMASEK,
1914 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that he is the owner of 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #3,536,203, and that about 8:30 p.m., on the evening of December 22, 1933, while enroute to his home, he stopped his car on Snelling Avenue near St. Clair Street for the purpose of purchasing a Christmas tree; that he returned in about five minutes to find that his car had been stolen, and that he gave no one permission to use this car and has no knowledge as to the identity of the thief. This witness will further testify that all of the articles found by Special Agent O.G. HALL in the Chevrolet Coupe were his property with the exception of the railroad man's dark blue cap, which DR. TOMASEK will testify is not his property and was not in his automobile at the time of the theft of this car on December 22, 1933.

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EDGAR W. FRIGGE, Stockton, Minnesota, will testify that he operates a gasoline filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, on U. S. Highway No. 14, which station is located approximately 28 miles east of Rochester, Minnesota; that on the night that EDWARD G. BREMER was released at Rochester, Minnesota, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a large automobile which appeared to him to be a Buick Sedan, drove into his service station; that it contained only one person, who was the driver; that the driver asked him to fill the gasoline tank and check his oil and water; that he filled the tank with 15 gallons of gasoline; that he put three quarts of oil in the car; (he will identify from his daily records of individual sales, one dated 3-7-34 which on line 13 reflects the sale of 15 gallons of Red Crown gasoline, total charge \$2.69, and on line 19 reflects the sale of three quarts of Iso-Vis oil, total 70¢); that the driver of the car was about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, weighing approximately 140 pounds, that he was slim with narrow shoulders; that the man wore a gray hat; that the man asked him for road maps of Iowa and Minnesota and got out of the car and walked into the service station and came out with some road maps in his hand; that while putting gasoline in the car, he looked through the rear window of the car and saw on the floor two or more firearms which were either shot guns or rifles, or both; that he could see the rear floor of the car fairly clear in view of the electric lights outside his filling station; that the man paid him with a \$10.00 bill and received change; that the car left his station and proceeded in a westerly direction toward Rochester, Minnesota; that while he was servicing this car, GORDON MILLER of Stockton, Minnesota, walked into the filling station and remarked that the car appeared to be a Buick; that a passenger train passed through Stockton each evening at approximately 8:55 p.m., which train proceeds from Stockton to Rochester, Minnesota.

GORDON MULLEN, Stockton, Minnesota, will testify that he resides in the vicinity of Stockton, Minnesota, and on the night that BREMER was released at Rochester, Minnesota, he went to the filling station of EDGAR W. PRIGGE in Stockton, about 7:00 p.m.; that he customarily goes by this filling station each evening at about the same time in order to get the mail which arrives at 6:55 p.m., on the Chicago & Northwestern train; that as he entered EDGAR PRIGGE'S station, he noticed a large car parked therein, being serviced, which car faced west; that he saw a young man standing near the car, which he believes was a Buick Sedan of eight-cylinder capacity; that the car was of a dark color; that the car drove away from PRIGGE'S service station in a westerly direction toward Rochester, Minnesota; that shortly thereafter, PRIGGE advised him that he had seen guns on the rear floor of the car, which guns looked like rifles.

FRED JACKSON, No. 38106, inmate of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. This witness will testify that in May, 1930, while he was an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, he photographed ALVIN KARPIS, being photograph No. 1539. This witness will produce the original negative made by him and introduce it in evidence.

J. C. DUNCAN, fingerprint expert, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, subpoena duces tecum to produce original fingerprint cards of ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases. This witness will testify that ARTHUR R. BARKER was fingerprinted at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 31, 1921, under No. 11059 and on February 11, 1922, under No. 11096.

AARON KOHN, fingerprint expert, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. This witness will testify that on February 16, 1934, there was received at the Identification Unit at Washington, D. C., four 4-3/4-gallon gasoline cans and a funnel; that from one of the gasoline cans he obtained a latent fingerprint impression which he ascertained by comparison with the fingerprint impressions of ARTHUR R. BARKER to be the fingerprint impression of the right index fingerprint of ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases. This witness will produce a chart prepared in the Identification Unit of the Division of Investigation, and by technical comparison will point out the similarities between the original fingerprint impressions of ARTHUR R. BARKER and a latent fingerprint obtained by him from the gasoline can. This witness will identify the particular gasoline can from which the latent fingerprint was obtained by him.

S. F. PICKERING, Assistant Scientist, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. This witness will testify to the receipt at the Division on February 3, 1934 of the automobile seat which had been forwarded by Special Agent in Charge Hamai; that this seat and the stains thereon were examined in his presence of Edward R. Donaldson, Micro-analyst of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and that he assisted Donaldson in this examination and found that the stains on the seat were human blood.

EDWARD R. DONALDSON, Micro-analyst, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., will testify that on February 3, 1934, at the laboratory of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., he made an examination of the stains found on an automobile seat and from this examination determined that these stains were human blood.

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The following criminal record of ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, was obtained from the Division at Washington, D. C.:

[REDACTED]

The following criminal record has been obtained from the Division at Washington, D. C., for Subject ARTHUR R. BARKER:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is the criminal record of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, as obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C., and the Chicago Police Department:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is the criminal record of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, as obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C.:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following criminal record of PHILLIP DELANEY, with aliases, was obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C:

[REDACTED]

The records of the Identification Unit of the Division at Washington, D. C. indicate that JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., has no known criminal record.

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- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. CLERK
- MR. ...

M. Newby



CONFERENCE CALL

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DIRECTOR AND CLEGG
BREKID REFERENCE JOE MIDDLETON, 6201 BLACKSTONE AVENUE, CHICAGO
AS POSSIBLE ~~REF~~ INFORMANT LOCATION OF HIDEOUT AND SUSPECTS

WILLIAM E. FUELONG, CHICAGO ATTORNEY WHO SPONSORED MIDDLETON AS
INFORMANT IN HARK CASE, INDICATES MIDDLETON IS A CHISELER AND
UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH MIDDLETON TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.
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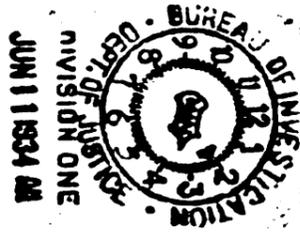
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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
June 5, 1934

Mr. Henry H. R. Briggs
Acting Postmaster
Los Angeles, California



Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

Will you kindly furnish this office with tracings of
all first class mail addressed to

Miss Ruby Adams
Apartment 308

[Redacted address block]

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation in
this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

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

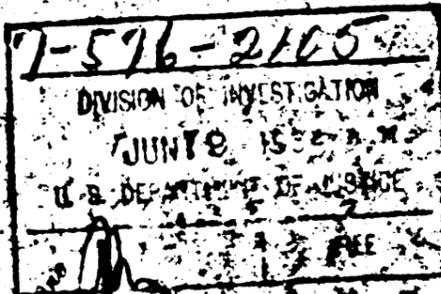
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/18-20/34.	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219, et al; 0 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted in following cities in Illinois without locating the hideout:

Elizabeth	Lena
Stockton	Elroy
Warren	Dakota
Mora	Rock City
Weddams Grove	

Further investigation in Monroe and Browtown, Wis.



REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 5/19/34.

DETAILS:

Investigation disclosed herein made by Special Agents M. F. Glynn and J. A. Rice, in an effort to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held.

ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS:

DETAILS:

E. J. Covary, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 870 people and is located on W. B. Highway #20 midway between Freeport and Calena, Illinois. There is no Siren or factory whistle located here or is it possible to hear any from nearby towns. There are no church bells rung during the week. The Catholic Church bell rings at 8: A. M. and 10: A. M. on Sunday; the Lutheran Church at 9: and 10: A. M. Sunday morning and the Methodist & Presbyterian Churches at 9:30 and 10: A. M. on Sunday.

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Mr. Coveny or his clerk were unable to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Elizabeth. Mr. Coveny was unable to give any information regarding the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals without results:

Geo. Shucker, Meter Reader, Interstate Utility Co.
Al Davey, Town Marshal
Grocers;

O. M. Bishop; J. L. Orien; Stanley Goldthorpe;
Dan Clegg.

Druggists;

I. E. Shaw; Bernard Dittmar.

Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers;

J. C. Newkirk; Will Bennett.

Gasoline Station Operators & Garage men;

Fred E. Hopkins; A. Rodden;

C. E. Kyle; -station agent, C.G.W. RR.

Henry Gohorn, Elizabeth Lumber Co.

L. C. Bailey, Station Attendant, Standard Gasoline Station.

When L. C. Bailey, Station Attendant, Standard Gasoline Station, was shown the photographs of suspects, stated the following photographs looked rather familiar to him. William Weisman, Tommy Carroll, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry "Dutch" Sawyer. Bailey was unable to give any definite description of these men, he could not say when he saw them, whether he saw them all together or each one separately. In fact Mr. Bailey was unable to give any information of value.

C. E. Kyle, Agent, Chicago Great Western RR., gave the following information relative to trains through Elizabeth:

Eastbound (Passenger)

4:52 A. M., 2:58 P. M.

Eastbound (Freight)

4:30 A. M., 4:15 P. M.

Westbound (passenger)

4:25 A. M., 10:05 P. M.

Westbound (freight)

5:00 A. M., 5:00 P. M.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wall paper said to be in Bremer's room and plans of the hideout house were exhibited to the meter reader and wallpaper men.

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All houses in the vicinity of the C.G.W. RR. tracks were personally viewed, however, it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

There are no water-works in Elizabeth and therefore there were no meter readers.

STOCKTON, ILLINOIS:

I. L. Dow, Assistant Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1500 people and is located one-quarter of a mile off U. S. Hiway #20. The town siren blows at 12: noon and in case of fire. There are no factory whistles here and none can be heard from nearby towns. The Chicago Great Western R.R. serves this town.

Mr. Dow was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither could he recall any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever having received mail at Stockton. Mr. Dow was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Father A. E. Schunickt, Pastor of the Catholic Church stated his church bell rings at 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12: Noon and 6:00 P. M. every day except Sunday. That on Sunday it rings at 7:00 A. M., 7:30 A. M., 9:30 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 12: Noon and 6:00 P. M. He stated further that the Methodist or Evangelical Church bells do not ring during week days except in case of special services. That they ring at various times between 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday mornings.

R. S. Dresser, Agent, C. G. W. RR. gave the following information relative to trains through Stockton:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
5:15 A. M., 5:00 P. M.	4:00 A. M., 10:05 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
5:30 A. M., 6:00 P. M.	3:30 A. M., 2:00 P. M.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals without results:

- R. S. Dresser, Station Agent, C. G. W. RR.
- Wm. Wenger, Meter Reader, Ill. Northern Utility Co.
- F. J. Kirk, Manager and meter reader, Stockton Water Works.

F. E. Coppernall, Town Marshal
Gasoline Station Attendants and Garage men:
O. H. Baskian; C. Schroeder; J. Faharty;
R. Schoffield; Glen Schrier; Neil Perry.

Druggists:
Henry Niemeyer; A. M. Smith.

Grocers:
Della Harrison; S. W. Tucker; J. Lingle;
C. E. Gilberts; J. A. Evans.

Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers:
A. J. Hendel; W. Fiddler; R. L. Smith;
L. C. Gaskian; Gaskian Lumber Co.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room was shown to the meter readers and wallpaper dealers and hangers, together with house plans.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the C. G. W. RR. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

F. E. Coppernall, Town Marshal, stated his records failed to reveal there was a fire in Stockton on January 28th, 1934.

WARREN, ILLINOIS:

A. Justus, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1200 people and is located on Illinois State Highway #78, about one-quarter mile south of the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line. There is a siren located here that blows at 12: Noon daily, except Sunday and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle and it is not possible to hear one from nearby towns. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Justus or his clerk were unable to recognize any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if any of the suspects under their proper names or aliases ever received mail in Warren. Mr. Justus was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Father J. M. Lully, Pastor, St. Anne's Church stated he has his church bell ring on Sunday mornings at 7:50, 8:00, 9:50 and 10:00 and

at no other time during the week. He stated further that the Baptist and Methodist Churches rang their bells at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. on Sunday and at no other time except in case of special services.

I. N. Swain, Agent, I. C. R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Warren:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:24 A. M., 1:15 P. M. and 6:02 P. M.	4:38 A. M., 1:15 P. M. and 9:44 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:00 A. M., 8:24 A. M. 2:45 P. M., 5:45 P. M. and 9:44 P. M.	1:15 A. M., 9:35 A. M. 5:15 P. M., 8:55 P. M.

Mr. Swain stated there is very little switching done at this point.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

J. W. Reed, Meter Reader, Warren Water Works.
Robert Cook, Meter Reader, Ill. Northern Utility Co.
James Bourguine, Town Marshal
John Bommer, Druggist.
W. Grundy, Grundy Lumber Co.

Grocers:

O. T. Ford; T. Hartsogh; Wm. Grundy; E. T. Zeigle; M. F. Keilberger.

Gasoline Station Operators and Garage Operators:

J. Leubough; R. Hewitt; O. G. Storing; J. Corant; Leslie Aikens.

Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers:

H. Andrews; Wm. Groon; F. Fox; H. Dreiballais
I. N. Swain, Agent, I. C. R. R.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were exhibited to meter readers and wallpaper dealers and hangers.

It was learned at the Fire Department that there was no fire in Warren on January 28th, 1934.

Personal observation was made of all houses located in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. Tracks and it was found that none of them corresponded with the hideout house.

MORA, ILLINOIS:

Abbie Minor, Postmistress, gave the following information: This town has a population of 100 people and is located on a very rough gravel country road. It has no siren or factory whistle and it is not possible to hear either from nearby towns. The Congregational Church bell rings at 9:00 and 9:50 A. M., every Sunday and at no other time. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mrs. Minor was unable to recognize any of the photographs shown to her, neither was she able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Mora. Mrs. Minor was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

M. P. Moore, Agent, Illinois Central R. R. gave the following information relative to trains passing through Mora:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:50 A. M., 1:19 P. M. and 6:06 P. M.	4:50 A. M., 1:06 P. M. and 9:58 P. M.
Eastbound (Freights)	Westbound (Freights)
4:06 A. M., 8:50 A. M., 2:50 P. M., 5:50 P. M. and 9:50 P. M.	1:07 A. M., 9:29 A. M. 5:07 P. M., 8:40 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, with out results:

Grocers:

V. H. Skitch-; F. D. Kelley, also has a gasoline station;
M. P. Moore, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, I. C. RR.
J. R. Swan, Swan and Roe Lumber Co.
R. T. Stanley, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.

There are no waterworks, druggists, wallpaper hangers, town marshals or garages in this town.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the I. C. R.R. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

WADDAMS GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Lloyd A. Schneider, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 50 people and is located on a rough gravel county road. It is served by the Illinois Central R. R. It has no sirens, factory whistles and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. There are no waterworks, drug stores, churches, garages or town marshals located here.

Mr. Schneider was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Waddams Grove. Mr. Schneider was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

Harry Fenn, Agent, I. C. R.R. gave the following information relative to trains passing through Waddams Grove:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:56 A. M., 1:25 P. M.	4:56 A. M., 1:12 P. M.
6:14 P. M.	9:44 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:12 A. M., 8:56 A. M.	1:00 A. M., 9:25 A. M.
2:57 P. M., 5:56 P. M.	5:00 P. M., 8:50 P. M.
and 9:56 P. M.	

Photographs were shown to the following persons, without results:

Albert Gents, Gents Lumber Co.
Harry Fenn, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, I. C. R. R.
Lucille Blake, and G. A. Schneider-Grocers & Gas. station Operators.

Personal observation was made of the three houses in the vicinity of the I. C. R. R. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

LENA, ILLINOIS:

C. J. Roabde, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1100 people and is located on a paved County Highway. The fire siren blows at 7:00 A. M., 12: Noon, 1:00 P. M., 6:00 P. M., daily, except Sunday, and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle here and it is not possible to hear one from nearby towns. There are two Lutheran Churches here which ring bells at 9:50 and 10:00 A. M., on Sunday, the Methodist Church bell rings at 9:50, 10:00 and 11:00 A. M. on Sunday and the Catholic Church at 9:50 and 10:00 A. M. on Sunday. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Roabde or his clerk were unable to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Lena. Mr. Roabde was unable to give any information relative to the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

E. Donner, Station Agent, Illinois Central R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Lena:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:42 A. M., 1:51 P. M.	4:50 A. M., 1:00 P. M.
and 6:20 P. M.	and 9:56 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:18 A. M., 8:42 A. M.	12:50 A. M., 9:17 A. M.
5:08 P. M., 6:02 P. M.	2:50 P. M., 8:24 P. M.
and 10:08 P. M.	

Mr. Donner stated there is very little switching done in the railroad yards at this point.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

- Ed. Donner, Agent and Telegraph Operator, I. C. R. R.
 - Bill Hofer, Town Marshal
 - Art Schelder, Druggist.
 - Cloy Gisherville, Manager & Meter Reader-Lena Water Works.
 - Leo Richmond, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.
 - G. G. Trotter, Lena Lumber Co.
- Grocers:
- C. W. Klickner; J. R. Gob(or Gale); Mrs. Harrison; R. J. Trotter.

Gasoline Station & Garage Operators:
Tom Wright; G. Croezinger; Dave Merkle.
Wallpaper Dealers & Hangers:
Ray Allison; Harry Altenberg; Morris Sprague.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were shown to the meter readers, wallpaper dealers and hangers. There was no fire in Lena on January 28th, 1934.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. tracks and it was noted that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

ELEROY, ILLINOIS:

A. E. Steals, Postmaster, Grocer, and Gasoline Station Operator, gave the following information. This town has a population of 75 people and is located on the U. S. Highway #20. It has no sirens or factory whistles and none can be heard from nearby towns. The United Brethren Church bell rings at 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock every Sunday morning and at no other time. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Steals was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Eleroy. Mr. Steals was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Walter Grenger, Station Agent, Ill. Central R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Eleroy:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:52 A. M., 1:41 P. M. and 8:40 P. M.	4:20 A. M., 12:50 P. M. and 9:28 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:28 A. M., 8:52 A. M. 5:18 P. M., 10:18 P. M.	12:40 A. M., 5:07 A. M. 2:40 P. M., 6:14 P. M.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals without results:

Gasoline Station Attendant & Garage Operator:
Art Swan; G. Robinson.
W. Grenger, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, Ill. C. R.

There is only one grocery store in this town, there are no lumber yards, drug stores, water works, town marshals, paper dealers or Hangers, or meter readers.

All houses in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. tracks were personally viewed and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

DAKOTA, ILLINOIS:

Veneta Moss, Postmistress, gave the following information: This town has a population of 250 people and is located on State Highway #75. It has no siren and the Creamery whistle blows at 12: Noon daily except Sunday. The Community Church bell rings at 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock every Sunday morning only. This town is served by the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

Mrs. Moss was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to her, neither was she able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Dakota. Mrs. Moss was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

J. J. Marsch, Station Agent, C. M. St. Paul & P. R. R. gave the following information relative to trains through Dakota:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
6:21 A. M. , 1:15 P. M.	12:05 P. M. , 8:12 P. M.
Eastbound (Freights)	Westbound (Freights)
8:40 P. M.	5:18 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

E. R. Vertus, Vertus Lumber Co.
J. J. Myers and W. C. Smith, Grocers & Gasoline Station Oprs.
J. F. Craven, H. M. Mitchell, Gasoline Station & Garage owners.
J. Roach, Geo. Sneltzer, Wallpaper dealers and hangers.
J. J. Marsch, Station Agent and Telegraph Opr.-C. M. St. P. & P. R. R.
Waynard Russell, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were shown to the meter reader and wallpaper men.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks and it was noted that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

There is no marshal in this town, no drug store, or water works.

ROCK CITY, ILLINOIS:

The following information was given by Postmaster, A. J. Miller. This town has a population of 150 people and is located on State Highway #75. The fire siren blows at noon daily and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle here and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. The Evangelist Church bell rings at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. every Sunday and at no other time. This town is served by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

Mr. Miller was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever having received mail in Rock City. Mr. Miller was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

John Reilly, Station Agent, C. M. St. Paul and P. R. R. gave the following information relative to trains through Rock City.

Eastbound-6:40 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.
Westbound-11:50 P. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

W. Thoren; Jess A. Meyer, -Grocer & Gasoline Station Operators.
W. M. Grosskop, wallpaper dealer and hanger.
Maynard Russell, Meter Reader, Durand, Illinois.
John Reilly, Station Agent and Telegraph Operator, -C. M.
St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

There is no town marshal, drug store, garage, water works, or lumber yard in this town.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

MONROE, WISCONSIN:

The following investigation was conducted at Monroe, Wisconsin, the County Seat of Green County, by Special Agent J. H. Rice on May 18 and 19, 1934.

Monroe has a population of approximately 5000 people. It is located at the intersections of State Highway #69 (Madison, Wisconsin, to Freeport, Illinois and State Highway #11-(Dubuque, Iowa, to Beloit, Wisconsin), these being the main highways, some being concrete, rough and a series of curves. Monroe is served by the Illinois Central and Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads-these being spur lines and having very little railroad traffic, a schedule of which will be later set out.

Assistant Fire Chief, E. F. Sckenter, voluntary fire department advised that the fire-siren, which is stationary, is blown by him only at (midday) noon each day of the week and for fires and that there is no record of a fire or alarm being sounded by the siren from January 17 to February 7, last.

Mr. A. F. Lachsinger, owner and operator of the Lachsinger Monument Works, advised that the air whistle at his plant blows at 7:59 A. M. and at noon each week day, and further investigation disclosed that this is the only whistle at Monroe which blows.

Otto Schneider, janitor, at the Court House stated the tower clock on the Court House contains a bell which tolls the hour night and day. The tolling of the time can most generally be heard anywhere within the city limits.

The following Churches have bells and an interview of the janitor was had and the day and time of the tolling of the bells were ascertained as follows:

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Catholic Church-Jim Keegan, janitor- 7:55 A. M. and 9:55 A. M. each Sunday.

St. John's Evangelical-Sam Hauser-7:00 P. M. each Saturday - 9:00 A. M., 9:50 A. M., 10:50 A. M.-each Sunday.

Emanuel Evangelical-Charles Berring- 8:50 A. M., 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:00 P. M., 7:50 P. M.-each Sunday.

Methodist-Thomas Beavin,- 9:50 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M. 7:00 P. M. 7:50 P. M. each Sunday.

The following is a train schedule for Monroe, Wisconsin, furnished by Agent F. E. Lamborley employed by the Illinois Central R. R. :

N.-bound-Arr.-8:55 A. M.	Departs-8:57 A. M.
N.-bound-Arr.-12:01 P. M.	Departs-12:05 P. M.
N.-bound-Arr.-5:00 A. M.	does not stop
S.-bound-Arr.-2:55 P. M.	Departs-2:57 P. M.

The above are mixed trains, no passenger trains operate. With the exception of the north bound-5:00 A. M., each train does its own switching at Monroe, if any is necessary.

The following is a train schedule furnished by Agent Frank Callentine, employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. :

E.-bound 1:45 P. M.	- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
E.-bound 4:05 P. M.	- Week days-mixed train
W.-bound 12:27 P. M.	- Week days-mixed train
W.-bound 1:45 P. M.	- Tuesday, Thursday, and Sat.-mixed train

The above trains do their own switching at Monroe, if any is necessary and their time of departure sometimes are problematical.

The floor-plans of the alleged hideout was furnished to Sheriff Fred W. Poeser, and his deputies, Chief of Police, Jerome Schwaiger and members of his department, Fire-Chief-Jake Blumer, Assistant Postmaster-M. D. Grennell, and all post office employes including city and rural carriers. Leslie Hayes, Manager-Wisconsin Power and Light Co. and employes; H. M. Place, Manager, Wisconsin Hydro, Electric Co. and employes; George Schneider, Sup't. of Monroe Water Works; C. L. Chambers, Chambers Wall Paper Co., and paper hangers; Phil and Geo. Burger; John Boltger; John Donmeyer; Howard Chadwick, Manager and employes, Monroe Lumber and Fuel Co.; Henry L. Larsen, Manager and employes, Green County Lumber and Fuel Co.; Robert Rote, Manager, A. F. Rote Coal Co.

None of the above mentioned were able to recall of any house at Monroe or vicinity that would be similar to construction to the information furnished. Photographs of subjects and alleged associates were exhibited to the above mentioned parties, as well as to the following, none of the parties were able to identify any of the photographs.

Western Union, Geo. Jacobs, Manager.
Postal Telegraph Station located at Monroe.

Barber Shops:

Day Bros.	A. F. and D. E. Day
John Knitchold	and employees
T. J. Hines	" "
Max Schneider	" "
Harvey Mason	" "
Wm. Sacker	" "
C. Spaide	" "
Ernest Meyers	" "
C. Stuessy	" "
Chas Holsinger	" "
Russell Orth	" "

Gasoline Stations:

Mid Continent	Emmett Norton
" "	Abert Frey
" "	Alfred Boegli
Shell Station	Ray Chesebro
Standard Oil	Mathin Coplein
" "	Wuethrich Wick
" "	J. C. Scheinder
Deep Rock Oil	Chas Buholzer
Taxaco	Ernest Stader
" "	Sam Boyd
Sinclair	Paul Rufenacht
" "	Perle Richardson
Tank Car Service	Jack Taylor
Mayer Oil Co.	Mort Mayer.

None of the gasoline station attendants could recall of receiving a request to fill any cans with gasoline that held approximately 4 1/2 gallons.

Drug Stores:

Ford-Hopkins	Harold D. Larns, Manager, and employees
Blumer pharmacy	Harold Blumer,
South Side Drug Store	Clarence Keupfert, Mgr.,
Recall	Will Truckenbord, Manager, and

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Grocery Stores:

Kroeger #1	Arnold Schroeder, Mgr., and employees
" #2	J. Lucifil,
Royal Blue	C. L. Mason,
Meythaler Bros.	Charles & Fred Meythaler and
National Tea Co.	Walter Wyss, Mgr.
A. & P.	Cacius Woodle,
W. J. Keiger	W. J. Keiger
Hausser Cash	H. C. Hausser
Young & Co.	Roy Young

Garages:

Dodge Motor Co.	Bert Lynch, Manager and employees.
Badger	Wm. Grueb
Green County Auto Co.	Alvin Stoldt, Mgr. and
Specialty Service	Frank Davis,
Pellmore Motor Co.	J. L. Pellmore,
Monroe Sales Co.	Roy Jaberg

Hotels:

Ludlow	Roy Grant, Manager.
Monroe	Fred Roth,
Green County House	Harry Young
City Hotel	Fred Steffin
Eugene	Arthur Sperry
United Telephone Co.	J. P. Weirich, " and employees.

During the above investigation at Monroe it was ascertained that there is no winter fishing at Monroe and vicinity and that neither are there any airport, or airplane facilities at Monroe.

BROWNTOWN, WISCONSIN:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Rice at Browntown, Wisconsin, on May 20th, 1934.

Browntown is located 8 miles west of Monroe on State Highway #11, formerly #20, and is of concrete, rough, and a series of curves. It has a population of 500. It has no public sanitary system. Same has a voluntary fire department and Fire Chief J. E. Maddrell reports no record of a fire from January 17 to February 7th, 1934. This department maintains a stationary fire siren which is blown for fires only. There are no whistles. Mr. Maddrell advised that there is no house constructed similar to that of the alleged hideout at Browntown.

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Photographs of subjects and alleged associates were exhibited to the following, no identification was made:

Miss Sophie Jackson	-	Postmistress
Willard Samson	-	Browtown Garage & Standard Gasoline Station.
B. E. Maddrell	-	Operator General Store.
A. M. McCulley	-	Drug Store & Tavern

Ministers, Seelander and Wychal, of the Methodist and German Lutheran Churches, respectively, advised that the bells of their churches rang under their supervision at 9:00 A. M. and at 11:00 A. M., each Sunday.

Browtown does not maintain a police officer but is covered by the Sheriff's Office at Monroe, Wisconsin.

PENDING

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan

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E. J. Connelley



DIRECTOR

LAURAY CAMPBELL SISTER OF HARRY CAMPBELL SUBJECT IN BREKID CASE
IS NOW IN ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, PREPARING FOR EXAMINATION AND
POSSIBLE OPERATION. AGENT WALLS INVESTIGATING THERE TO SEE IF
SUBJECT CAMPBELL MAKES CONTACT.

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ST. LOUIS, MO. St. Paul, Minnesota St. Louis, Mo.

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7, 1934 21, 22/34	REPORT MADE BY I. O. NICHES
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CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al.
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS
Billie Louise Riley located in disorderly house 2518 Forest Park Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. wife of Theodore Riley, claims no knowledge of any such aliases well acquainted with Paula Harmon, whose present whereabouts are unknown to her. Inquiry made by William Ryan, Deputy Sheriff, Danville, Ill., with reference to identity of suspects in instant matter, made by Ryan during investigation of local case in Danville; no connection with present case. Mrs. W. L. Winklebach, Toledo, Ill. mother of Mrs. E. E. Gibson, Pampa, Texas. Mrs. E. E. Gibson, per daughter Mildred, who is the wife of Harry Campbell, identified Mrs. Gibson as daughter's husband in Toledo, Ill. in March 1933 for approximately two weeks. Mildred Campbell using alias in Toledo of Helen Potter. Billie Stewart, Toledo, Ill. daughter of Mrs. W. L. Winklebach by previous marriage. A. Carter, General Delivery, Dupon, Ill., to whom issued 1934 Illinois license 1229191 for Quick Coach, motor no. 217232, fictitious, E. M. Dunn, Dupon, Ill. Police file on application for said license. License made out check of numerous other Illinois licenses. License proven issued to fugitive, records included herein. 1934 Illinois license no. 1229191 issued Harry L. Bartlett, Hennepine, Dearborn, Michigan County, Ill. for Dodge Coupe, motor no. 217232.

REFERENCE
Letter to Little Rock, Ark. in Charge, dated 5/21/34.

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Dallas, dated March 8, 1934.
Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, dated
March 23, 1934.
Letter of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Chicago,
dated March 24, 1934.
Telegram of Special Agent in Charge Blank, Dallas,
dated May 7, 1934.

DETAILS:

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Pursuant to receipt of telegram of reference, which advised that Theodore Riley former associate of Paula Harmon, had received a letter at Beaumont, Texas mailed on May 4, 1934 from St. Louis, Mo. From Mrs. Billie Riley, 4318 Forest Park Blvd., investigation conducted by this office, disclosed that such residence was being operated as a disorderly house.

In conjunction with officers of the St. Louis Police Department, a raid was conducted at said residence on May 7, 1934, at which time Clara Schildroth, age 31, Daisy Greer, age 26, Louise Strange, age 25 and Billie Louise Riley, age 21, all inmates of the aforementioned house, were taken into custody. Subsequent to being taken into custody, a group photograph of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, together with a police photograph of Paula Harmon, were displayed to the aforementioned girls, all of whom, with exception of Billie Louise Riley, advised they had no knowledge of such persons. Billie Louise Riley was interviewed by Special Agent E. W. Maher, of this office, and advised that she is personally acquainted with Paula Harmon, and stated that she is presently 21 years of age and also married to Theodor Riley with whom she had lived at 1092 Center St., Beaumont, Texas separating from him approximately one year ago, subsequent to which, she lived at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gallery, 235 Fall St., Beaumont, Texas. Billie Louise Riley further stated that approximately two months ago, she had met one, Daisy Greer, at Beaumont, Texas, who persuaded her to come to St. Louis, Missouri, where she, Daisy Greer, intended to visit her sister. Billie Louise Riley further advised that, on March 10 last, she and Daisy Greer, left Beaumont, Texas by way of Great Northern Bus, arriving in St. Louis, Missouri on or about March 13, 1934, that on arrival, she and Daisy Greer, went directly to the home of Daisy's sister, Clara Schildroth, 4318 Forest Park Blvd.

When the group photograph referred to above, was shown to Billie Louise Riley, she advised that she had no knowledge of any of the persons therein. She did, however, identify the photograph of Paula Harmon, stating that she was well acquainted with Paula Harmon, and that Paula Harmon also used the name of Paula Woods; further, that approximately one year ago last January, she received information that Paula Harmon was living with her husband, Theodore Riley, at either 952 or 962 Center St., Beaumont, Texas, and that she had phoned Paula Harmon through telephone No. 6855, and asked her if it was so that she was living with her husband, Theodore; further that when Paula Harmon answered in the affirmative, she only replied "I hope you will have better luck with him than I did", claiming that she has not heard from or seen Paula Harmon since that time. Billie Louise Riley further alleges that Paula Harmon's people, name unknown, reside at Port Arthur, Texas.

Interview with the aforementioned Daisy Greer and Clara Schildroth, substantiate the statements made by Billie Louise Riley, pertaining to her coming to St. Louis.

AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

William Ryan, Deputy Sheriff, Vermilion County, was interviewed by the writer pertaining to his interest in the instant case, and advised that he did not recall at this time, a telephone conversation with the Chicago Division Office pertaining to the identity of suspects in the instant matter. Mr. Ryan, however, stated that he recalled discussing the instant matter with several Federal Agents and Division Agents, whose names he does not at this time recall, at the time he was investigating circumstances surrounding a swindle perpetrated on one, Pete Sanchez, who operates a candy kitchen at 150 Vermilion St., Danville, Illinois. After discussing this matter with Mr. Ryan, it was discernible that there was no connection with the instant case and it was further ascertained that the Sheriff's office at Danville, Illinois was in possession of photographs of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker. In connection with this particular matter, the Division is advised that Mr. William Ryan is a candidate for the office of U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Illinois; further, that Ryan has, for some time, been associated in the law enforcement work and bears a very good reputation in Danville.

AT TOLEDO, ILLINOIS

Edgar Neal, Acting Postmaster at Toledo, Illinois was later viewed and advised that Mrs. W. A. Winklebach had for a number of years

been a resident at that point and is regarded as a respectable citizen. Neal stated that he recalls several letters being received by Mrs. Winklebach from a Mrs. Gibson in Texas, whom he knows to be a daughter of Mrs. Winklebach. Neal further stated that Mrs. Winklebach was previously married to a man named Stewart and had several children by her first husband, now residing in Toledo, among whom was one, Wesley Stewart, who is considered a rather worthless character.

In company with Mr. Neal, Sheriff Pete Nunamaker was interviewed and advised that in March of 1933, Ernest Stewart, son of Wesley Stewart, together with a young boy named Egers, had been involved in a robbery at Toledo; that, subsequently, Egers was arrested and that it had been learned that Ernest Stewart was visiting Mrs. Gibson, daughter of Mrs. Winklebach, in Texas; that Mrs. Winklebach's daughter and Ernest Stewart returned to Toledo, Illinois at which Ernest Stewart was taken into custody, and is now serving a term on the aforementioned robbery charge. Sheriff Nunamaker further stated that the Gibsons were in Toledo for approximately two weeks, and that, to his knowledge, Mrs. Gibson's daughter was using the name of Helen Rotter; further, that, to his knowledge, a man posing as the husband of Mrs. Gibson's daughter, was also present in Toledo, at that time, and had associated for some time, with aforementioned Wesley Stewart, who Sheriff Nunamaker stated, is a local Police character. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, were displayed for the Sheriff's examination, as well as that of Acting Postmaster Neal, and both advised that, to their knowledge, no one answering the description of any, had been Toledo. Sheriff Nunamaker further stated that he could not be positive in his identification of Harry Campbell, as the individual who accompanied the Gibsons in Toledo in March, 1933, and who posed as the husband of Mrs. Gibson's daughter, who was, as previously stated, using the alias of Helen Rotter. Sheriff Nunamaker stated that he would immediately advise the St. Louis Division Office should the Gibsons again put in an appearance at Toledo, Illinois and arrangements were also made with Acting Postmaster Edgat Neal for the observation of mail being received by Mrs. W. A. Winklebach and Wesley Stewart.

In view of that arrangement, that there is a possibility that some information of value might be obtained by reason of such observation, no direct contact was deemed advisable at this time with either Wesley Stewart or Mrs. Winklebach.

In this connection, attention is directed to a letter of Inspector H. H. Clegg, St. Paul, dated May 14, 1934, requesting this office to determine the identity of Elizabeth Stewart, Toledo, Illinois, who had written a letter to Mrs. R. E. Gibson, at Pampa, Texas. From the information previously obtained, it appears that Elizabeth Stewart is a daughter of Mrs. W. A. Winklebach by her previous marriage, and is a sister of Mrs. R. E. Gibson of Pampa, Texas, and Wesley Stewart of Toledo, Illinois.

Pertaining to the investigations being conducted in this district for the purpose of obtaining the identity of persons to whom Illinois licenses have been issued whose names are similar to those of known members of the Karpis-Barker Gang, and for the purpose of tracing cars known to have been, at one time, in the possession of said gang, the following results are noted:

1933 Illinois license No. 21324 issued to E. Lester Burns, River St., Momence, Illinois for 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, motor 2890226, was determined to have actually been in the possession of E. Lester Burns who is the manager of the Burns Creamery, 111 W. River St., at Momence. Mr. Burns, upon being interviewed, displayed a registration card for 1934 Illinois tags 830266 issued at his previous address 227 W. Fourth St., Momence, for 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, motor 2890226, serial No. 2 21 KE 96744. Mr. Burns advised that the instant car is presently in his possession and that 1933 Illinois tags 21324 have been destroyed, but that, to his knowledge, same were in his possession from the date of their issue.

Investigation conducted by Special Agent E. B. Darron, of this office at Peoria, Illinois pertaining to 1933 Illinois license 200588, issued to Arthur Barker, R.R. 5 Pekin, Illinois for a Chrysler Sedan, and to 1934 Illinois license 88702 issued to Arthur Barker R.R. 5, Peoria, Illinois, disclosed that said route was covered from the branch Post Office located at 222 E. Peoria, Illinois. Everett Riggs, carrier, E. Peoria, Illinois was interviewed and stated that Arthur Barker was a farmer residing on a small farm of about ten acres; that he is about 40 years of age and married to a Hoke woman, whose parents reside only a short distance from the Barker farm which is on R.R. 1, Pekin, Illinois; that the

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Barkers have no children and that Barker's parents are deceased; that, to his knowledge, Barker has no relatives living in this vicinity and further that Barker is steadily employed and has lived on said farm for the last four years. Mr. Biggs also stated that, to his knowledge, Arthur Barker drives an old model Chrysler Sedan, and is of good reputation, being particularly interested in the Church which is in the vicinity.

With reference to 1935 Illinois tags No. 896845, issued to R. L. Burns, 901 Cartwright St., Chillicothe, Illinois, inquiry was made by Special Agent Deamon through George Leiner, Post Office employee at Chillicothe, Illinois, which disclosed that Raymond L. Burns was born and raised in Chillicothe, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns, who, being now deceased, was a former township commissioner; further, that Clyde Burns, a brother, is now township commissioner, and now lives with his mother in a subdivision, known as Northhampton; that Raymond Burns is about 38 years of age, married and served in the U. S. Navy; that, until about four years ago, he resided with his people in Northhampton, and worked in a number of filling stations and restaurants, and is now believed to be located in Peoria. Mr. Leiner further advised that, to his knowledge, Raymond Burns bore a good reputation and had never been in difficulty with local officers.

Pertaining to 1935 Illinois license 574788, issued to Mrs. George L. Morton, 411 Westmoreland Ave., Peoria, Illinois, Special Agent Deamon of this office, interviewed the Superintendent of Mails and Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery of Peoria, which disclosed that George L. Morton is an elderly man owing the property where he resides, and that he is employed as a foreman at the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Plant in Peoria.

With reference to 1934 Illinois license 134620 issued to Dr. J. J. Burns, 518 W. South St., Dwight, Illinois, Postmaster James E. Spebert, Dwight, Illinois advised that Dr. Burns is a dentist and has resided in Dwight for at least the last twelve years; that Dr. Burns is married, approximately 35 years of age and has several children. Postmaster Spebert further stated that Dr. Burns father, now deceased, formerly associated with the Railroad, and that his mother is presently residing with her son. The Postmaster also stated that Dr. Burns himself, and the entire family, bore a good reputation in Dwight, Illinois.

Pertaining to 1935 Illinois license 1289191 issued to J. Carter, General Delivery, Supo, Illinois for Buick Coach, motor No. 2177430

serial No. 2177062, investigation conducted at Dupu, Illinois by Special Agent Maher of this office, disclosed that A. Carter was unknown, and likewise E. H. Hunt, 121 N. 6th St., Dupu, whose name appeared as that of Notary on the application for said tags. It was further determined that there is no N. 6th St. in Dupu, Illinois and no information pertaining to Hunt or Carter could be obtained.

With reference to 1935 Illinois license 498479 issued to William Lohman, R.R. & Edgemont Station, E. St. Louis, Illinois, for a 1928 Dodge Touring Car, motor No. A350800, investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent Maher, disclosed that William B. Lohman is part owner of the H & L Packing Company, 7301 State St., E. St. Louis, Illinois, and in that community, is considered a highly respected citizen. It was further ascertained that Lohman is approximately 35 years of age, married, his wife being Rose Piot of E. St. Louis, Illinois, and that his only other known relative is a brother, Henry Lohman, a farmer residing at Centerville, Illinois.

Reference to 1935 Illinois tags 1208723, issued to H. J. Harvey, Duquoin, Illinois, is made, showing that investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent Maynor of this office, disclosed that H. J. Harvey is operating a City Service Filling Station at that point. Mr. Harvey advised that he is still in possession of the aforementioned 1935 license plates which were issued to him for a 1934 Maxwell Touring Car, motor No. 451266, serial No. 54095.

Investigation conducted by Special Agent Maynor with reference to 1935 Illinois tags, 390035, issued to R. E. Hamilton, Duquoin, Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Hamilton is the operator of the Hamilton Produce Company at that point and is still in possession of said 1935 license tags which were originally issued for 1928 Ford Sedan.

With reference to 1935 466175 issued to J. I. Blackburn, Coffeen, Illinois for Ford Sedan, Motor No. A251611, investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office, disclosed that J. I. Blackburn is a member of the Board of Directors of the Coffeen National Bank, and a highly respected citizen. Mrs. J. I. Blackburn was interviewed in the absence of her husband and stated that they now have

possession of the aforementioned 1928 Sedan, motor No. A231611; that the aforementioned 1933 license plates were never out of their possession during 1933 and that none other than she and her husband had possession of the said Ford Sedan at any time during the years 1933 and 1934.

Attention is directed to letter from the St. Paul Division Office dated March 23, 1934, requesting a check of motor vehicles registered in Illinois to determine what cars are now in possession of the Karpis-Barker Gang, and a stop order to be placed for any cars registered by them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Morris of this office:

A. H. Petry, Postmaster Hillsboro, Illinois was interviewed and advised that George Dunn, 314 S. Broad St., Hillsboro, is a neighbor; that he knows that George Dunn has possession of his 1932 model Ford Sedan and has never lost the license plates for this car in either the years 1932 or 1933; further, that George Dunn is in the Real Estate Abstract business in Hillsboro, Illinois and is a highly respected citizen of that community. Mr. Petry further advised that he is not well acquainted with Dock Barker, but believes that he is a reliable farmer residing on R.R. 2, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Dock Barker was interviewed and advised that his 1929 Plymouth Coach, motor U.81385, was purchased by him in St. Louis, Mo. several years ago, and that same has not been out of his possession, or his immediate family since the purchase of said car.

Inquiry conducted by Special Agent Morris in the neighborhood disclosed that Dock Barker has been known by neighbors for approximately three years; that he owns his own farm, residing thereon, with his mother and sister, and that he has apparently been in no trouble during his residence at Hillsboro.

F. W. Riedel, 220 South Park St., Decatur, Illinois was interviewed and advised that Raymond L. Burns had been employed by him as a lead plumber for the past twelve years being his most reliable employee. Riedel stated that, to his knowledge, Burns now has possession of his

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 1340710, and that, to his knowledge, said car has been continually in the possession of Mr. Burns, during the year 1933 and 1934. In substantiation of this statement, Mr. Riedel displayed for examination insurance policy for the aforementioned car which he had in his possession at the time of the interview.

Pursuant to telegraphic request received by the St. Louis Division office from Inspector H. E. Clegg to determine the identity of the person to whom 1933 Illinois tags No. 759065 had been issued, investigation conducted by Special Agent Norris at the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, disclosed that said tags had been issued over the counter from the Chicago Office of the Secretary of State on March 27, 1934 to one, Henry L. Bartoli, Bannockburn, Dearfield, Lake County, Illinois for a Dodge Coupe, serial No. D256FY motor No. DD44326. The application for said tags indicated that said car had been purchased new on June 15, 1931 from McPherson Brothers, Highland Park, Illinois through a conditional bill of sale. The Notary Public on the application for said tags, is indicated as A. B. Cummings, who is probably an employee in the office of the Secretary of State at Chicago. The record further reflected that 1933 Illinois license 1126212 had been issued for this same car.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a report rendered
by Special Agent J. O. Hisev dated at St. Louis, Missouri,
June 7, 1934 in the above entitled case.

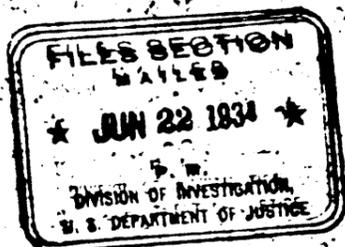
Beginning at the bottom of page 6 and continuing to
page 7, information is set forth concerning 1933 Illinois li-
cense #1229191 issued to A. Carter, General Delivery, Dupe
Illinois for Buick Coach, motor #2177639, serial #2177062.
In view of the fictitious character of the information developed
concerning this license plate, the Division desires this car to
be traced from the factory to its present owner. When the in-
formation has been fully developed relative to this car, a re-
port should be submitted to all Field Offices, making reference
to Division letter dated May 17, 1934 with which was transmitted
a chart covering all cars which are now or have been in the pos-
session of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure 551477.

Director.

cc - Mr. E. E. Clegg
Chicago
Dallas
St. Louis



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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/27/34 to 5/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, alias J. J. McLAUGHLIN - FUGITIVE; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases - FUG.; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: with aliases PHILIP J. DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases-FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
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Synopsis:

On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner Goddard, St. Paul, Minnesota, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD BOE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to violate the kidnap statute. On April 28, 1934, an additional complaint was filed including the names of PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN. On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and a true bill of indictment returned the same date against ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, BOY GRAY, "IZZY" alias MR. JONES, JOHN DOE, RICHARD BOE, FRANKIE WRIGHT, PHILIP DELANEY, and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. Subjects VIDLER, DELANEY, and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 28, 1934, where they are presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail in default of bond.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 16, 1934.

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DETAILS:

On April 27, 1934, following the arrest of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN in Chicago, Illinois, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner William F. Goddard at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD BOE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; that is, the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnap, or otherwise unlawfully detain. The complaint further charged that on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lincoln and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, the individuals named in the complaint conspired that they would intercept, seize, and confine in their custody unlawfully, EDWARD BREMER, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; that after having seized and confined EDWARD BREMER, they conspired that they would thereafter hold EDWARD BREMER and demand for his safe return from their custody, ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00; that they further conspired together that after seizing EDWARD BREMER, they would transport him in interstate commerce. Certified copies of the complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, non est return having been made as to Subjects McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER by the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On April 28, 1934, following the arrest of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. and PHILIP DELANEY in Chicago, Illinois, an additional complaint was filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, before United States Commissioner Goddard by Special Agent D. L. Nicholas, including the names PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., in a complaint identical with the complaint previously filed by Agent Anderson. Non est return was made on this warrant by the United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, as to McLAUGHLIN, JR., and DELANEY; and certified copies of the complaint and warrant were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and true bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury on the same day. The indictment charges ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER; ROY GRAY alias "SLIM" alias MR. SMITH; "DIZZY" alias MR. JONES, who is described as 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 150 or 170 pounds, having peck-marked cheeks and a large nose; JOHN DOE who is described as

30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexioned; RICHARD ROE, age 40 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; PHILIP DELANEY; and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00, one EDWARD GEORGE BREMER; that none of the individuals named in the indictment, with the exception of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER have been apprehended.

On May 22, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, and PHILIP DELANEY arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, in custody of the United States Marshal; and they are presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail in default of bond in the amount of \$25,000.00 each for PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, and \$50,000.00 in the case of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN. Since these individuals are presently in custody at St. Paul, Minnesota, the word "Fugitive" will be dropped following their names in the title of this case, in future reports.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., has previously been released at Chicago, Illinois, under bond in the amount of \$5,000.00; and the word "Fugitive" following his name will also be dropped in the title of this case in future reports.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/2-6/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Additional information secured from [redacted] Addresses of relatives secured and some additional information as to associates of William E. Mead. P

Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, Mont. 5/7/34.

Details:

At Billings, Montana

Confirming notes from [redacted] in a personal interview on June 4 and 5, 1934, he gave the following additional information in regard to WILLIAM E. MEAD and his wife:

MRS. MEAD has a sister in Portland, Oregon, named SCHMITT, who lives at 288 East Broadway, and a sister named BAXTER, who lives at 1440 Boston Avenue, both Portland. [redacted] did not know the first name of these people. MRS. MEAD visited her sisters quite often during the time [redacted] have been acquainted with them. The MEADS once lived on a ranch near Portland. He states that [redacted] couple a few months ago, they lived at 1535 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and had a Lincoln car.

[redacted] has been in the Cliff Lake country and had a talk with Morris Stagers and states that Stagers told him that if MEAD came there he could hide him for months and would do so. [redacted] is keeping friendly with Stagers and will advise this office if MEAD or any of his friends show. He states that the reason MEAD was called "Judge" in the Madison Valley is that

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six or seven years ago the people having cabins there caught a young fellow stealing chickens from a camp, [redacted] and they had their own trial and MEAD acted as Judge. He has been called "Judge" there since. Morris Stagers also told him that he expected MEAD to be in that section this summer and [redacted] thinks he must be in touch with him in some way. [redacted] states that Stagers gets his mail at Cliff Lake but warned this agent that he could not trust the Postmaster there to watch the mail, as he is the same type of man as Stagers.

[redacted] states that MEAD always had a number of good guns with him and usually has an ex-convict working for him.

In talking with Stagers, [redacted] stated that after Stagers had said that he expected MEAD this summer, he said that he would not be surprised if "FARRIE" would pull a stunt like MEAD is supposed to have pulled. FARRIE was a Chicago man who was a very good friend of MEAD'S and has been out in the Cliff Lake country with him. They evidently see each other a great deal in Chicago and often play golf together. MEAD stated that FARRIE was in the automobile business. His name is GEORGE FARRIE, [redacted] was not sure about the spelling - it may be GEORGE FERRIE, but he thought he spells it with an "a" and pronounces it "Farie". He is a heavy set man. Stagers said that FARRIE is an oil man and had a racket in Chicago; could not learn just what the racket was.

In talking with [redacted] he recalled that in 1932 MRS. MEAD and a MRS. LONG arrived in the Madison Valley, near Cliff Lake, driving a sixteen-cylinder new Cadillac. MRS. LONG has a round face and small features, blonde, is an incessant cigarette smoker. Later, MR. LONG and MEAD arrived in the MEAD'S Marmon car, and the four stayed there for quite a while; that LONG had lots of high-power rifles in his car and was continually practicing with them, showing considerable proficiency in his shooting. What recalled [redacted] mind to the visit of the LONGS, was an Associated Press report printed in the Billings "Gazette" under date of June 1, 1934, stating that a trap laid for Dillinger gangsters resulted in the arrest of a MRS. MARY CLARKE and OPAL LONG, sweetheart of the hunted JOHN HAMILTON. All the photographs in the Butte Office of HAMILTON and PATRICIA CHERRINGTON were shown [redacted] but he said that LONG was not HAMILTON nor the woman PATRICIA CHERRINGTON.

[redacted] says that he is keeping in constant communication with Morris Stagers and if anything is learned it will be promptly transmitted to the Butte Office, or through Sheriff E. M. Birely, Billings, who is much interested in the case, but he prefers to deal directly with the Butte Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUTTE OFFICE will keep in touch with [REDACTED] and such informants as may pass through the Cliff Lake country.

No other leads are set out, as the Butte Office has not sufficient data to know whether anything in [REDACTED] information is worth while or has not been covered.

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

FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT: CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/31/34	REPORT MADE BY: WALTER C. ROBINSON
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219. ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

R. E. Davis, George Haller, A. S. Hunter and C. E. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio, identified as not being members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 4/4/34.

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

The Reference Report gives a list of cars and the owners thereof to be checked to determine if any of the owners are identical with members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Item No. 23 shows that license A-80,885 was issued to R. E. Davis, 2738 Montana Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Dodge Sedan. U. S. Mail Carrier Pohlman, whose route includes 2738 Montana Ave., was interviewed and informed that R. E. Davis is a man about fifty-five years of age, short and heavy-set, who has been living in that neighborhood for approximately two or three years, and that he has a son, E. L. Davis, about thirty years of age. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang were shown to Carrier Pohlman, but he informed that neither of the Davises could be identical with any of the photographs shown to him.

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Superintendent of Mails Graischen, Westwood Station, was interviewed and advised that R. E. Davis had lived in the Westwood section for a period of about three years and had received mail in the post office box for the greater portion of this time. He informed that neither Davis nor his son could be identical with any of the Barker-Karpis photographs shown him.

Item No. 32 shows license B-23,951 was issued to George Haller, 3225 Nash St., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Graham Sedan. It was ascertained that George Haller, with his brother, conducts the firm of Haller and Haller, Grocers, 951 Windsor St.

Neighborhood inquiry revealed that the Haller Brothers have conducted this grocery store for about three years. George Haller was interviewed under pretext, and cannot be identical with any members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Item No. 36 shows that license B-92,038 was issued to A. S. Hunter, #2 Leroy Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Hudson Coach. It was found that #2 Leroy Court is a delicatessen, which has been operated by Mr. Hunter for a period exceeding eighteen months.

Mr. Hunter was interviewed under pretext and cannot be identical with any member of the Barker-Karpis Gang, it being noted that he was pop-eyed and a cripple.

Item No. 37 shows that license #890,918 was issued to C. E. Moore, 2605 Norwood Ave., Norwood, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Chevrolet Sedan. Thomas McVilley, President, First National Bank of Norwood, Norwood, Ohio, was interviewed and informed that the C. E. Moore who lives at 2605 Norwood Ave. was a middle-aged carpenter, and that he has carried a small account at the First National Bank of Norwood for a period exceeding ten years. Mr. McVilley viewed the photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang and informed that C. E. Davis could not be identical with any shown on the photographs.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE will complete investigation as set out in Reference Report.

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

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/27 to 31/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. Newby
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim BREMER accompanied Division agents to Whitewater, Wisconsin and other Wisconsin towns for the purpose of locating hideout without success. Victim insists that he heard siren coincident with factory whistle during each weekday morning and factory whistle each weekday afternoon. None of towns visited had the sounds coincident with times indicated. Street car bell Madison, Wisconsin identified resembling street car bell heard by Victim enroute to hideout. Air whistle Chicago, Milwaukee RR. locomotive engine also identified. Sites at Portage, Wisconsin and Stockton, Minn. surveyed by Victim.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/16/34 and 2/20/34.

DETAILS: On May 27, 1934, Victim BREMER accompanied Special Agent John E. Brennan to Portage, Wisconsin where they met the writer of this report for the purpose of visiting certain Wisconsin and Illinois towns, hereinafter mentioned, with a view to identifying siren and whistle alleged to have been heard by Victim during the time he was held captive. Special Agent Brennan, while enroute to Portage, surveyed the surrounding country at Stockton, Minnesota, for the purpose of locating the site where Victim BREMER was put out of the car with two of the kidnapers, while a third kidnaper returned to Stockton for the purpose of re-fueling.

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the car of the kidnapers. The particular site where this took place could not be located. At a later interview with Victim BREMER, he advised the writer that he, together with the two kidnapers, stood up against what appeared to be a board fence that he and Agent Brennan could not locate such a board fence and it is possible that the board fence referred to by Victim BREMER is one of the snow fences erected during the winter and at this time has been taken down and stored for future use.

Seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, the writer, in company with Victim Bremer and Agent Brennan, surveyed the site near the home of BREMER GROSSMAN, where the four gasoline cans were recovered. After examining the surrounding ground, Victim BREMER stated that it is his recollection that the gasoline cans were discarded on the right hand side of the car. Agent Brennan stated that the gasoline cans were recovered on the left hand side of the road. Victim BREMER originally stated that after re-fueling the car from the gasoline cans, the car turned around and continued on its way. After studying the situation, he is now of the opinion that the car turned around before re-fueling, which will reconcile his story with the facts, that is, that the cans were discarded on the right hand side of the car. Victim BREMER, in this instance, as in several other instances, is making a study of the different problems that confront the Division with a view to reaching a solution.

While enroute to the hideout and two or three hours driving time before reaching the hideout, Victim BREMER is quite positive that he passed through a town having street cars; that he heard several of these street cars and also heard the bells of the street cars. Madison, Wisconsin has been considered from the outset of this investigation as one of the possible towns through which Victim Bremer was carried by the kidnapers and the town in which he heard the street cars. Upon arriving in Madison, no street cars were observed on the streets and inquiry was made of the desk clerk of the Hotel Lorraine who advised that the street cars had been discontinued in Madison prior to Christmas of 1933. Further inquiry at the Madison Railway Street Car Barn, it was ascertained that street cars are regularly operated during the rush hours between 6:00 and 9:00 A.M., 12:00 and 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.; that these hours were maintained during January and February of this year. Inquiry was made of Victim Bremer as to whether he could possibly identify the sound of the bells which he heard and he replied in the affirmative. The writer rang one of the bells on one of the street cars at the barn and after giving it some thought, Victim Bremer stated that the sound of the bell very closely resembled the sound of the bell which he heard. In considering Madison as the town with the street

cars, it is observed that it is possible to have avoided this town by turning to the left at the intersection of State Highway 51 and 151, and continuing on 151 a short distance making a right hand turn and proceeding south until U. S. Highway #12 is reached and continue in a southern direction. This route is frequently followed by travelers between St. Paul and Chicago and so as to avoid Madison and is a well known "cut off", Victim BREMER recalls that while passing through the town with the street cars, one of the kidnapers remarked, "What the hell do you want to go through this town for". At a subsequent interview with Victim Bremer, he stated that it was on the return trip when one of the kidnapers remarked, "Why didn't you go through the town".

It is noted that in making a trip from St. Paul to Chicago, one of the main highways is southward through Portage on Highway #51, which approaches Madison from the northeast and continues through the town in a southeasterly direction. In following this route through Madison, a trip is made down grade with the exception of one or two blocks approaching the State Capital. An effort was made to determine from Mr. BREMER's observations whether the kidnapers' car seemed to coast through the town with the street cars or whether the car appeared to labor up-grade, thereby determining which direction the kidnapers were going, if and when they passed through Madison. In connection with the town with street cars, Victim Bremer states that he does not recall leaving the paved highway until he was within possibly one hundred feet of the hideout. He cannot tell which direction the car turned at any time en-route to the hideout. He recalls that before reaching the town with street cars and several times on the return trip from the hideout, the kidnapers travelled over gravel roads, that the driver of the car appeared to be familiar with the roads over which he travelled and by reason of the fact, no sudden stops were made and no audible inquiry or suggestions were made with regard to the routes which they should follow.

In his original statement, Victim BREMER made reference to the sound of a small gasoline truck. This has been interpreted to mean the sound of one of the gasoline locomotive engines which travel over short feeder lines to the main railroad routes. Knowing that one of these gasoline locomotives was due to arrive in Milton, Wisconsin, Victim BREMER was taken to that city and while sitting in the engine room several blocks from the railway station, one of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad gasoline locomotives, in approaching this town gave several blasts with its air whistle. Without questioning Victim BREMER, he voluntarily stated after hearing this sound that it was one of the sounds which he heard while being held by the kidnapers. Victim BREMER had been previously questioned with regard to gasoline locomotives with a view to ascertaining whether he had heard the whistle of such a locomotive, and has always contended that he had not heard such an engine.

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It was noted by the writer that the exhaust of the type of locomotives used by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway is not audible at a very great distance. On one occasion it was observed that the exhaust of the locomotive could be heard over the noise of the regular steam locomotive at even a distance of several hundred feet. During the stay of Victim Bremer at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago on the evening of May 28, 1934, he heard an air whistle on one of the intercity buses which was also identified as resembling the air whistle of the gasoline locomotive referred to above. The writer, however, did not hear this particular air whistle, but it is the writer's recollection that the whistle on buses are frequently blown in short blasts, whereas the gasoline locomotive whistles are blown in long blasts. Victim BREMER, however, states that he is inclined to believe that the whistle heard by him at the hideout was the whistle of a bus.

In view of Victim BREMER's positive statement that he heard a siren coincident with a factory whistle each week day morning and the same whistle each weekday evening, a survey was made of the following towns, a number of which have present the sounds heard by Victim BREMER:

Whitewater, Wisconsin
Milton, Wisconsin
Milton Junction, Wisconsin
Edgerton, Wisconsin
Kilbuck, Wisconsin
West Allis, Wisconsin
Hartford, Wisconsin
Harrison, Wisconsin
Barton, Wisconsin
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Adams, Wisconsin
Crystal Lake, Illinois
Terry, Illinois
Fox River Grove, Illinois
Maywood, Illinois

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At each of the above towns a general survey was made for a house fitting the house which Victim BREMER has visualized. He stated to the writer that he visualized a house setting up on a knoll around which is barren ground with scattered tin cans and possibly a wooden box. He bases his vision upon the fact that when leaving the hideout he kicked two tin cans and a wooden box. When he furnished this information the writer made the remark that the agents working on this angle of the investigation, who have read the reports containing the descriptions of the hideout as given by Victim BREMER were in for a big surprise when the hideout has been located. Victim BREMER stated that he anticipated at being somewhat surprised at the general setting of the house, the location of the various rooms in the house, as previously indicated by him to Inspector Borer, but that he will not be surprised when the opportunity presents itself to examine the room in which he was held. He stated that he is positive about the arrangement and appearance of the room and its contents. The writer presented the problem of determining the direction which the house faced from the ray of light which possibly seeped through the crack between the board which abraded the window and window sill. Victim BREMER stated that a crack was right at the sill and that the window frame prevented a direct ray of light from seeping through; that the only light which entered through the crack was a diffused light from which he could not determine the position of the sun at different times throughout the day.

During the three day period which the writer accompanied Victim BREMER, an effort was made to further develop Victim BREMER's recollection of incidents which occurred during the time he was held by the kidnapers through informal conversation with him. Victim BREMER explained to the writer that from the very beginning, he tried to remember everything that took place but that at the time he was released, his mind was in a state of mental confusion and that while in that state of mental confusion, so many attempts were made to force him to furnish information which he could not recall. During the conversation with him, Victim BREMER stated that in his opinion, there were two groups; one, a local group, residents in the town wherein the hideout is located, and the other group, the members of which were not local residents; that one of the local group was referred to as "PANCHO"; that the members of the local group extended certain privileges to him such as offering him different magazines and other reading material, whereas members of the out of town group appeared to be of the hard-boiled type.

Victim BREMER stated that shortly before he was released, the kidnapers questioned him as to what information he could furnish upon his release regarding the sounds heard by him and after telling the kidnapers that it would be foolish for him to say that he had heard sounds and after some argument, the

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kidnapers advised him that it would be all right to tell everything he could remember regarding the sounds; that it would not make any difference to them. Victim BREMER was also told by the kidnapers that he was either north or south of St. Paul and that he advised the kidnapers that he was of the opinion that he was in the opposite direction; than that which had been indicated by the kidnapers. Victim BREMER does not now recall the direction indicated by the kidnapers but stated that this information had been furnished to Inspector Eorer on a previous occasion.

It was suggested to Victim BREMER that whenever he recalls an incident that occurred during the time he was held Victim that he furnish the Division with this information so as to complete the detailed picture of the events occurring during the time that he was held.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

St. Paul Office

Will, by engaging Victim BREMER in informal conversation, obtain from him information regarding incidents which occurred during the time he was held and any other information which will be of assistance in locating the town in which he was held by the kidnapers.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 23, 1934

SPC:mtr

MR. NATHAN _____
 MR. TOLSON _____
 MR. CLEGG _____
 MR. COWLEY _____
 MR. HARRIS _____
 MR. GAN _____
 MR. QUINN _____
 MR. LESTER _____
 CHIEF CLERK _____
 MR. ROSS _____
Newby

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black called from Tulsa, Oklahoma and advised that they had been unable to get any verification of the report that Arthur Barker and Campbell had been in Tulsa yesterday but that they were continuing to investigate this report.

He stated also that no word had as yet been received from Mr. Comstock in connection with Floyd.

Mr. Clegg called from St. Paul this afternoon and advised that Bremer's offer to accompany agents of the Division in an effort to locate his hide-out had been postponed at least for the time being; that Bremer had called back and stated that his father and uncle were in Washington in connection with the M. R.A. Brewers' Code Committee Meeting; that a truck drivers' strike was on in the Twin Cities which affected the delivery of liquor and that Bremer's father had advised him by telephone to postpone the proposed trip until a later time, thinking that it might have some effect on the strikers. Mr. Clegg stated that Bremer intended to go on a ten days' or two weeks' vacation a week from Friday and that he had stressed the importance to Bremer of making this trip before his vacation; that he hoped they would be able to leave Saturday; that in order to get Bremer to make this trip, he had promised him to keep an agent at his home for three nights; that Bremer wanted this action for protection. Accordingly, Mr. Newby's trip to Chicago to join this party was cancelled, but he will go Saturday if Bremer decides to cooperate to this extent.

Mr. Clegg also advised that Bessie Green was sentenced to serve fifteen months.

Mr. Clegg advised that Edward Bremer stated that his father and uncle would call upon the Attorney General and the Director while in Washington.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM DOWN SALT LAKE CITY TO EFFECT
THEODIRE BENTZ MENTIONED THRUOUT BREKID AND DILLINGER FILES IS
BELIEVED TO BE IN RENO NEVADA WE HAVE NO OUTSTANDING PROCESS
FOR HIM AND POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM HIM
ON QUESTIONING SEEMS REMOTE SUGGEST HAXX THAT IN VIEW OF HIS
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EXAMINED AT WASHN D C AND DOWD ADVISED OF ALL PLACES WHERE BENTZ
ARREST DESIRED AS GROUND FOR ARRESTING AND HOLDING END

Edward to Bremer

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 8, 1934.

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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,
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Kindly refer to Division letter dated May 19, 1934,
directed to Inspector H. E. Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to
Clyde Nimerick, who is carried in the Identification Unit's files
of the Division as No. 77961.

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Through contact with the Identification Division
of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, it was ascertained
that the arrest of Clyde H. Nimerick as No. 9751 by that Police
Department

[REDACTED] in
addition to that data, the following criminal record apparently not
in possession of the Division was obtained from the Kansas City,
Missouri, Police Department for Nimerick:

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Relative to this latter charge, advice was received from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department that the Interstate Bank at Kansas City, Missouri, had been robbed on December 10, 1930, of \$45,000.00; that after Nimerick's arrest on that charge on January 1, 1932, he was released on \$20,000.00 bond, which bond he jumped and his apprehension is now desired in connection with that bank robbery. It is noted that the Division has a WANTED NOTICE posted in behalf of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and in behalf of the Sheriff's office, Kansas City, Missouri, for Nimerick in connection with this latter charge.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

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

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cc-St. Paul-Chicago-Oklahoma City-Salt Lake City.
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June 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BANNER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

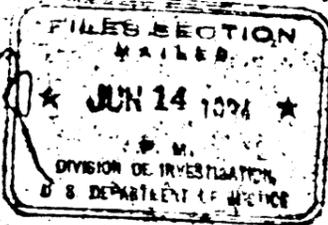
Reference is made to your letter dated June 8, 1934 setting forth briefly, information obtained at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, with respect to Clyde E. Himerick, #7751. The Division is of the opinion that considerably more information can be obtained than that reflected in your letter with respect to the offenses committed by Himerick, together with information concerning his associates. In view of the fact that Himerick is an important suspect in the above entitled case, it is the desire of the Division that all possible information be obtained concerning him, including the best available photograph.

This matter should receive the immediate attention of your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - St. Paul
Chicago
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City

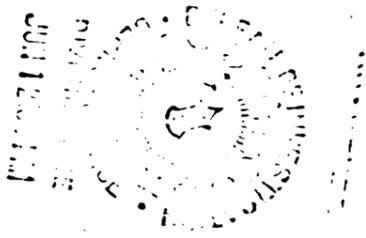


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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bk. Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
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Washington, D.C.

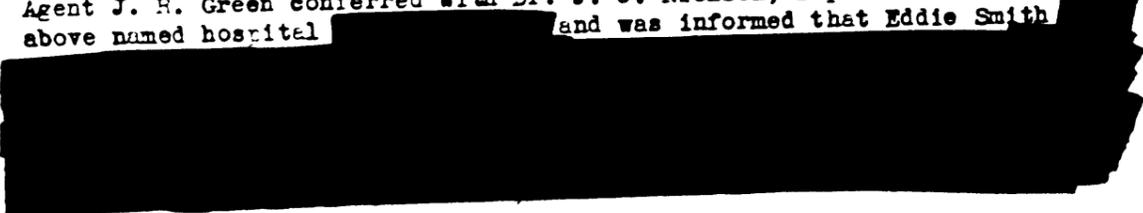
Dear Sir:

In re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, IO 1218,
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, IO 1219,
Et Al
George Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

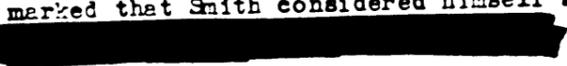
Kindly refer to Division letter dated April 6, 1934,
with enclosures, requesting that an interview be had with Eddie Smith,
Nebraska State Hospital, Ingleside, Nebraska.

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The Division is respectfully advised that Special
Agent J. R. Green conferred with Dr. J. C. Nielson, Superintendent of the
above named hospital [redacted] and was informed that Eddie Smith



Dr. Nielson stated that Smith being harmless and of
a rather superior type, the hospital had permitted him for a number of
years to carry mail from the above named institution to the nearby postal
station at Ingleside and, hence, had an opportunity to write letters with-
out the knowledge of the authorities of the institution. Dr. Nielson re-
marked that Smith considered himself somewhat of a detective [redacted]



The hospital's records disclosed that James Edwin Lapp,
referred to by Smith as the party whom he believed might be Subject Kar-
pis, was received at their institution from Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska, February 13, 1934, and was transferred to the Veterans Administra-
tion Hospital at Sheridan, Wyoming, March 8, 1934; that Lapp's place of
birth was given as Minneapolis, Minnesota, but a resident of Holdrege,
Nebraska, for the past twelve years; with description as follows:

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Age 34 years
Height 5 ft. 7 in.
Weight 130 pounds
Eyes blue
Hair dark brown
Complexion fair.

Photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis was exhibited to Superintendent Nielson, also to Thordson Thompson, Supervisor of said institution, and more familiar with faces of their inmates, and each advised that the photograph of Karpis in no way resembled said James Edwin Lapp.

Agent Green interviewed aforesaid Eddie Smith, writer of the letter in question, who immediately stated that he had written letters at different times to various Departments at Washington, including some to President Calvin Coolidge; that he had only seen aforesaid Lapp once, but because he told him he was from Minneapolis, formerly, appeared very shrewd, and shut up "like a clam," when he, Smith, mentioned something about Secret Service, and not having seen Lapp since, he thought Lapp might be Karpis, hence had written to the Division. When Agent exhibited photographs of Subjects Davis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Karpis and Campbell, with their names concealed, to said Smith, he stated that not one of them in any way bore a resemblance to aforesaid James Edwin Lapp. His conversation immediately disclosed that he was mentally unbalanced.

Superintendent Nielson later requested that he be advised if the Division was further bothered with letters from said Eddie Smith, in which event he would make such arrangements that he would not have the opportunity for writing letters as he now has by reason of his carrying the mail to and from their institution.

Very truly yours,



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

MCS-c
cc-Omaha-St. Paul
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~~Bureau of Investigation~~
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 7, 1934

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.#1218;
Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir :

From a review of the Oklahoma City file in the above entitled case, it is apparent that the Division and most interested field offices have only a photograph of Phoenix Donald which was taken by the St. Paul Police Department and is, according to persons who know him, a poor likeness of him.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of Donald which were obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department and, according to persons who are well acquainted with him in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, this is a very good likeness of Donald. It is suggested that the Division have copies of these photographs made and forward several to each interested field office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

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William Weaver

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William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald



William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald

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William Weaver, #23452,
PD, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order #2218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order #2219, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of the photographs which you obtained from the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department of William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald, a known associate of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

It is noted from your letter dated June 7, 1934, transmitting these photographs to the Division, that the enclosed photograph, according to persons who know him, is a very good likeness, and therefore, a supply of these photographs is being furnished to each of the offices indicated below.

From the information reflected on the reverse of the original photograph, it appears that the photograph was taken March 15, 1933, at which time he gave the name Phoenix O. Donald, alias P. O. Scott alias William Weaver,

cc Inspector Clegg (St. Paul)
Chicago
St. Louis
Kansas City
Dallas
San Antonio

Age	27 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	146 pounds
Hair	Chestnut
Eyes	Steel blue
Complexion	Fair
Fingerprint Classification:	9 2 0 0
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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #552792

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Attached telegram to be sent to the following:

R. H. Colvin
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
1331 First National Bank Building
El Paso, Texas

R B Nathan
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Building
Kansas City Missouri

B Brantley
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City Oklahoma

E P Guinane
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco Calif

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Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Tamm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

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BREKID REFER LOS ANGELES LETTER JUNE FIVE ADDRESSED TO ME.
 RECOMMEND LOS ANGELES BE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE [REDACTED] PROCEED
 TO OKLAHOMA AS INFORMANT IF CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE THIS ADVISABLE. AGENT
 DEWEY ADVISES POLICE CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, HAVE HOUSE UNDER OBSERVATION
 BELIEVED FREQUENTED BY ALVIN KARPIS. AGENT DEWEY STATES HE IS KEEPING
 IN TOUCH WITH THIS SITUATION

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MIL PLS

Handwritten notes:
 (copy to [unclear])
 [unclear]
 for 6/9/34
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Did he top as off as
to under shell -
Expeditious check
of information -
I will go along if
supplies.

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June 9, 1934

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REFER TO REFERENCE LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR CLEGG JUNE FIFTH
EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION YOUR DISTRICT AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR CLEGG JUNE FIFTH EXPEDITE
INVESTIGATION YOUR DISTRICT AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE DIVISION RESULTS

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JUNE 9, 1934

M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BRKID REFERENCE LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR CLEGG JUNE FIFTH EXPEDITE
INVESTIGATION YOUR DISTRICT AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE DIVISION RESULTS

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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PRESIDENT

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NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. E. WELLES
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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BREKID REFERENCE DIVISION TELEGRAM REQUESTING CHICAGO EXPEDITIOUS

INVESTIGATION SUGGESTED LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR G EGG

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

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BREKID YOUR WIRE TODAY NO APPARENT LEADS HERE IN LETTER

LOSANGELES JUNE FIFTH STOP OMAHA REQUESTED COVER LINCOLN

ANGLE=

NATHAN ACTING

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
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BREKID ~~ED~~ DAVIS STILL IN COUNTY JAIL LOSANGELES STOP

ARRANGEMENTS MADE YESTERDAY WITH WARDEN SANQUENTIN TO COVER

ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONTACTS ASSOCIATES AT PRISON ON HIS ARRIVAL

QUINANE.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
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FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-30, 31-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. M. BOTT AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219, ET AL Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

According to Witzel Studios, Los Angeles, California, photograph furnished by Chicago Division Office is photograph of MRS. ANNE GIBSON, 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, California. Investigation at this address disclosed that MRS. ANNE GIBSON, who is known at this address as MRS. NANCY GIBSON, is at present residing in Kansas City, Mo., with her daughter, MRS. WALLS; that another daughter, RUBY GIBSON, is at present residing at 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles. No one answering RUSSELL GIBSON'S description known in Los Angeles.

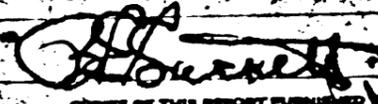
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REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Division Office dated 5-21-34.

DETAILS:

This Agent presented the photograph of the elderly lady which was received from the Chicago Division Office, and which bore on the reverse side of the photograph the name of GRAY, No. 97431, to the Witzel Studios, 1011 West 7th Street, Los Angeles. MR. WITZEL examined his records and stated that no one by the name of GRAY, resembling this elderly lady, had had a photograph taken in his studio, and that the number "97431" is the number of a photograph for a two and one-half months old baby. In view of this information, the reverse side of the photograph was ex-

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amined with a magnifying glass, and it was discovered that the name originally placed on the back of this photograph was "GIBSON" and that the original number placed on the back of this photograph was "98241", which name and number had been erased, and that the name "GRAY" and the number "97431" written over the original name and number.

The records of the Witzel Studio disclosed that MRS. ANNE GIBSON'S photograph, No. 98241, was taken by the Witzel Studio in 1932, and the negative, which has been retained, is identical with the photograph furnished by the Chicago Division Office. At the time the photograph was taken, MRS. ANNE GIBSON gave her address as 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, California.

Agent interviewed MRS. R. L. SMITH, proprietor and manager of the apartment house at 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles. MRS. SMITH stated that the photograph of MRS. ANNE GIBSON is the likeness of a woman by the name of MRS. NANCY GIBSON who formerly resided in her apartment house, and who is believed to be residing at the present time with her daughter, a MRS. WALLS, street address unknown, Kansas City, Missouri. MRS. SMITH stated that MRS. NANCY GIBSON has another daughter by the name of RUBY GIBSON who is at present employed by the May Company Department Store in Los Angeles, and who resides in Apartment 307 of informant's apartment house.

Continuing, MRS. SMITH stated that not very long ago, a letter addressed to MRS. NANCY GIBSON, bearing the return address of the U. S. Department of Justice, was received in the mail by informant, and that informant placed the letter in the mail box of RUBY GIBSON; that when informant later asked RUBY GIBSON if she had received the letter from the Department of Justice, addressed to her mother, RUBY GIBSON stated that she had, and laughed.

MRS. SMITH stated that she never heard MRS. GIBSON or her daughter RUBY mention the fact that there are any boys in the GIBSON family, and that she, informant, does not recall having seen anyone call at her apartment house who resembles RUSSELL GIBSON, alias ROY GRAY.

In order to secure the above information, it was necessary for this Agent to disclose his identity, after being assured by MRS. SMITH that there was no reason why the interview could not be treated confidentially. MRS. SMITH stated that she was glad to be of any assistance possible to the Government, and that she would not disclose to anyone this Agent's visit.

~~_____ of _____, Apartment _____, Los Angeles, for a period of thirty days.~~

No leads are being set out for the Kansas City Division Office to locate MRS. WALLS in Kansas City - request for such an investigation being left to the discretion of the St. Paul Division Office, in view of the fact that this work

may already have been performed. The Kansas City Office is being furnished copies of instant report, in the event that subsequent investigation is required at the instance of the St. Paul Division Office.

The photograph of MRS. NANCY GIBSON, alias MRS. ANNE GIBSON, is being returned to the Chicago Division Office with copies of instant report.

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June 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a report rendered by Special Agent W. E. Bott, dated Los Angeles, California, June 7, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein information is set forth concerning the presence in Los Angeles, California, during 1932, of Mrs. Anne Gibson, apparently the mother of subject Russell Gibson, with alias, Fugitive, Identification Order #1213. The Chicago office is presently engaged on an investigation looking to the location and apprehension of Russell Gibson, who has been identified as "Ellis", an individual who passed some of the Bremer ransom money in Chicago, Illinois.

Inasmuch as Russell Gibson is the subject of an investigation involving a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, of which your office is the office of origin, copies of all reports submitted in the above entitled case dealing with the location and apprehension of subject Gibson should be furnished to your office.

The Chicago office has previously furnished your office with snapshots of a woman believed to be the wife of subject Gibson and it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made with a view to establishing whether this woman is identical with the woman who was associating with Gibson at the time he committed the bank robbery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 24, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Tulsa at 5:05 P.M. and wanted to know if any reward was being offered for any of the individuals wanted in connection with the Bremer case. I advised him that we would pay \$250.00 each as reward for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Black advised that a sister of Volney Davis is negotiating at McAlester for his parole and he believes it would be a good idea to get a transcript of all of her telephone calls, in and out. He was advised to proceed with this plan if he thought it would be productive and he was authorized to spend a reasonable amount of money for a reasonable length of time, if necessary.

He further advised that the former wife of Herman Barker, brother of Doc Barker, claims she has some friends in McAlester, who handle hot bonds, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker and Karpis; also she knows Barker's father, who lives at Neosho, Missouri, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker's mother. It is very possible that Barker and Karpis will be apprehended, if the whereabouts of Barker's mother can be ascertained. All this woman wants is her expenses and a share of the reward if anything develops.

This trip is about 700 miles and will take from 12 to 15 hours. Mr. Black was advised to follow this plan and to use his judgment as to whether to hire a car for this purpose or use a Division car. Mr. Black suggested that it might be a good idea to hire some boy to drive this woman, preferably a boy that knew nothing about this case. The Division will be advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation

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

June 7, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~COVLEY~~ *James E.*

On the evening of June 4, 1934, I received a telephone call from Mr. Schilder, who stated that a wire had been received from the Salt Lake City Office in the Bremer case requesting to be advised whether Theodore Benz is wanted. Mr. Schilder stated that the records of the Identification Unit revealed that Benz is wanted at Chicago, Illinois by the American Express Agency, by the State Police at Lansing, and by the San Francisco, California Police Department for violation of the Dyer Act. Mr. Schilder wanted to know whether it would be all right to advise the Salt Lake City Office by wire concerning these wanted notices. I told Mr. Schilder that the matter was within his province and that if these wanted notices were reflected in the files of the Identification Unit, and the Salt Lake City Office requested an answer by wire, such an answer would appear to be appropriate.

Respectfully,

John B. Little
John B. Little.

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BREKID. MR. C. A. WESTBERG A VOLUNTARY INFORMANT ADVISES THAT ON DATE OF DISAPPEARANCE OF DOC MORAN AND SLIM GRAY HE SAW ONE JACK HERMANSON, FORMER ILLINOIS STATE TROOPER AND FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE AT FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS, WHO WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF CROOKEDNESS, IN COMPANY WITH GRAY AND MORAN ON STREET CAR IN CHICAGO. WESTBERG OVERHEARD THEM SAY THEY WERE GOING TO HERMANSONS COTTAGE WHICH IS IN VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN, THAT WHEN THEY RETURNED THEY WOULD BE SITTING PRETTY. CONVERSATION INDICATED DOC MORAN WAS TO TREAT SOMEONE FOR BAD CASE OF GANGERENE OF THE LEG. WESTBERG INDICATES MORAN FRIENDLY WITH DILLINGER. THIS NOT VERIFIED.

GLADYS WYLDE INFORMS THAT ON NIGHT OF MORANS DISAPPEARANCE HERMANSON TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO HIS COTTAGE WITH DOC MORAN AND THAT SHE SHOULD KEEP QUIET. HERMANSON SHOWED GLADYS WYLDE A MACHINE GUN HE USES. SHE STATES JAMES WILSON, ASSOCIATE OF MORAN WAS ALSO TO GO TO SAID COTTAGE. IT HXX IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WERE TO MEET OTHER PERSONS AT COTTAGE, HERMANSON DRIVING AN OLD BLUE LINCOLN SEDAN. MISS WYLDE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN FRED BARKER AND HARRY CAMPBELL IN MORANS OFFICE. SHE REPORTS SLIM GRAY TO HAVE TUBERCULOSIS AND NOT TO LIVE LONG, AND TO BE DANGEROUS. THIS FACT IS ESTABLISHED BY AGENTS. AGENTS RICHMOND AND WELLES NOW IN VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN MAKING UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. THEY REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD FOUND THE RESORT WHERE HERMANSONS COTTAGE IS BELIEVED LOCATED.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

JUNE 8, 1934.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
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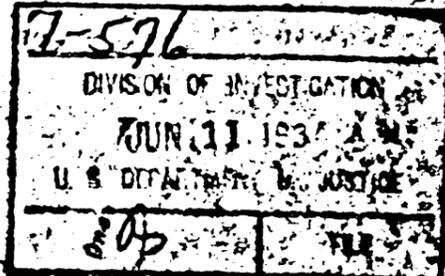
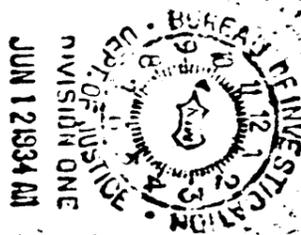
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JODIL RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY FATHER COUGHLIN WE HAVE LOCATED THE
AMBAXXXXX COM ODORE HOTEL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION GIVEN AND POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATIONS MADE OF NELSON AND WIFE UNDER NAME J WILLIAMS AND FAMILY
REGISTERED THERE JUNE NINETH AND JUNE 22ND AND SEPTEMBER
WX 25TH ALL IN 1933

THEY ARE NOT THERE AT PRESENT AND HAVE NOT BEEN BACK SINCE THEY LEFT IN
OCTOBER LAST THEY ARE WELL KNOWN TO BELLHOPS AT HOTEL AND ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE SO WE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT THEY RETURN THOSE KNOW-
ING NELSON STATE THAT HE IS VERY OBVIOUS BECAUSE ON FACT THAT HE IS SO
SMALL AND SO YOUTHFUL IN APPEARANCE AND LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE PHOTO
APPEARING ON IDENT ORDER

THE GARAGE ANSWERING THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN IS PROBABLY GARAGE WHICH
IN FALL AND SUMMER 1933

WAS OWNED BY HARRY SAWYER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS
HERB GARAGE OPERATED AS HERBS GARAGE ALTHO SPOKEN OF AS HARRY SAWYERS
PLACE THE MECHANIC EDDIE AT THIS GARAGE IS NOW OPERATING EDDIES
GARAGE OWNED BY FRED BARKER AND HAS BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION BY AN AGENT
HERE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

JEAN DELANEY CROMPTON WAS SENTENCED AT MADISON WISC TODAY TO SERVE ONE
YEAR AND ONE DAY AS A PROBATION VIOLATOR

WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN AGENT GOING TO MADISON TO TAKE THIS GIRLS
MOTHER MRS C DELANEY TO MADISON TODAY TO SEE HER DAUGHTER AND THE MOTHER
HAS AGREED TO GIVE US ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE OBTAINED AGENT GROSS
ADVISES MOTHER AND JEAN CROMPTON HAVE BEEN TOGETHER MOST ALL AFTERNOON
AND HE WILL ADVISE IF ANYTHING OF VALUE OBTAINED

ALL AVAILABLE AGENT HERE ARE PATROLLING STPAUL MPLS AND ENVIRONS LOOK-
ING FOR NEW HUDSON COUPE AS DESCRIBED BY EDDIE CERNOCKY TO FATHER COUGH-
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DR MORTENSEN WAS RECENTLY REINSTATED AS CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER AND
IMMEDIATELY RESIGNED HE IS NOW ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CORONER
RUNNING AS HE STATES FOR VINDICATION AT HANDS OF PEOPLE

TOM DAHILL WAS LAST WEEK APPOINTED AS TEMPORARY ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE
AND TODAY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY IS THAT SOMERS WILL
NOT BE APPOINTED AT ANY TIME IN FUTURE

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P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 11, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218;
Arthur H. Barker, with aliases, I. O. 1219;
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping. Omaha File #7-4.

Reference is made to telephone conversation you had with me to the effect that a certain letter received by the Kansas City Office from Inspector Clegg indicated that one [redacted] had informed that one Charles Dotson, who was recently convicted at York, Nebraska, on a bank robbery charge, and sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, was a pal of Fred Barker, or that Dotson's wife, Trixie, who is believed to be at Cookson, Oklahoma, is also well known to Barker and that if she is located undoubtedly the Barkers can be found with her, or by observing her.

Please be advised that Special Agent Green, at Lincoln, Nebraska, ascertained that Charles Dotson died in the Nebraska State Penitentiary on June 4, 1934; that his body was shipped to Marble City, Oklahoma, by Dotson's wife, who is known as Pauline Dotson and sometimes is known by the nickname "Cricket"; that Pauline Dotson was with Charles Dotson for two weeks prior to his death; that on the day of the shipping of his body to Marble City, Oklahoma, Pauline Dotson was joined by her two brothers, Robert Luna and Fred Luna, who are supposed to be residents of or near Park Hill, Oklahoma; that Charles Dotson has a brother by the name of John, and his mother, named Lucy, residing in Marble City, Oklahoma.

Special Agent Green advised that he questioned Joe Harris and Robert Trolinder, two inmates of the Nebraska prison who were convicted on the same crime with Charles Dotson, and neither of them claims to know either the Barkers or Karpis, and claim not to know that Dotson is acquainted with either one of them.

It is suggested to the Oklahoma City Office that some inquiry be made in this matter at Marble City and Park Hill, Oklahoma.

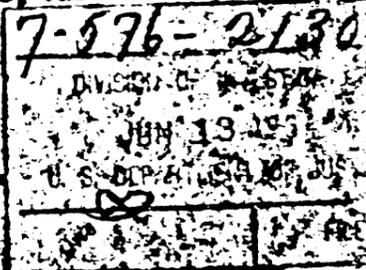
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WALTER HANSEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, alias J. J. McLAUGHLIN - FUGITIVE; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases - FUGITIVE; PHILIP J. DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, alias WILLIAMS - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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Synopsis of Facts:

Additional ransom note received at the St. Paul Division Office on April 4, 1934, which had been left by an unknown individual at the New Hotel Brunswick at Faribault, Minnesota.

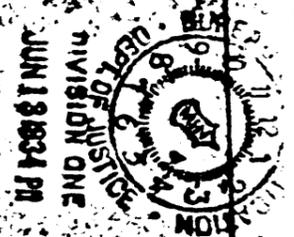
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 16, 1934.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report by the various Special Agents who are assigned especially to this case at the St. Paul Division Office.

On April 4, 1934, there was received at the St. Paul Division Office an additional ransom note which had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota, in a corn meal box, and subsequently forwarded to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota. This ransom note reads as follows:



DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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"Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)

We now cancel previous instructions

Follow these new instructions

Take the money and get off this Bus at the next town called
Owatunna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station
you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe

The car is black and has a black tire cover with a round
white spot painted in the center of the cover

Place the money in this car and get into it at once

Your next instructions are on the steering post of the car

Mr. Chas. McGee (John B. Brakeham)

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer (Signature)

In connection with the delivery of this note, Special Agent
I. E. Brennan conducted the following investigation:

St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan on May 22, 1934:

At Faribault, Minnesota, interview was had with ARTHUR MURRAY, clerk at The New Hotel Brunswick, who stated that about two weeks prior to the release of EDWARD BREMER, a man called at the hotel and stated to him that his father would arrive at Faribault on the 10:30 P.M. bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine with him; that the man gave him a package, which supposedly contained medicine, and asked ARTHUR MURRAY to give the package to the gentleman who would arrive on the 10:30 bus, and whose name, as contained on the package, was JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM; that the man left immediately after this conversation, but came back just before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus. He requested MURRAY to hold the package until somebody called for it. This package was held for about a month, and was opened by MURRAY'S mother, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, at which time it was found to contain a ransom note addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM, the original of which note has heretofore been transmitted to the Division.

ARTHUR MURRAY stated that the man who left this package was not more than 30 years of age; about five feet, 10 inches; 130 to 140 pounds; thin face; cheeks lined as though from hard living; wore overalls, or rough clothing, and cap, and appeared to be a farmer or someone dressed as a farmer. Photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to ARTHUR MURRAY, who stated that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS most closely resembled the person who left the package, although he could not state that it was that of the man. He further stated that he was not sure whether or not he could identify the person who left this note should he see him again.

MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, mother of ARTHUR MURRAY, stated she opened the package addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM, which had been left at The New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, and found a cornmeal box containing a ransom letter purporting to have been signed by EDWARD G. BREMER; that she showed this letter to her son ARTHUR and her husband, and that her husband sent

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it to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul on March 31st,
MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY confirmed the statement of his wife.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY and ARTHUR MURRAY stated that they
were the only ones who handled the contents of the package. Their finger-
prints and palm prints have been obtained and will be transmitted to the
Division, together with fingerprints and palm prints of other persons
known to have handled the ransom letter and cornmeal box.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/9/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-25-31/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire - MG
TITLE: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. 1218 Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Clinton, Wisconsin
Beloit, Wisconsin
Milton, Wisconsin
Milton Junction, Wis.
South Beloit, Illinois

fails to disclose location of hideout house
in which Bremer was held.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois,
May 19th, 1934.

DETAILS:

Investigation in the towns noted in synopsis fails to dis-
close location of hideout house in which Bremer was held.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice, at Beloit, Wisconsin, and South Beloit, Illinois, on May 25th, 26th and 28th, 1934. Beloit is situated on the Wisconsin State Line and has an approximate population of 23,000. South Beloit is on the Illinois side and has an approximate population of 2300.

The trunk highways #15, #26 and #15 meet at Beloit. There are no street cars in operation but there is some street car track that has not been removed from the streets, this being on Liberty Street, on which state route #13 enters Beloit and Central Avenue, state route #15, from Beloit to Milwaukee. This track being situated within the city limits.



APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Val Zimmerman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2132	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 15 1934
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The following were furnished information concerning the hideout and photos of subjects and associates were exhibited without results:

J. R. Riordan - Postmaster, and all postal employees, including city and rural carriers.

Dan Torrisi - Chief of Police and all members of that Department.

B. H. Ferbert - Fire Chief and all members of that department.

Floyd Alton - Supt. Meter Department, Wisconsin Power & Light Co.

Frank Finnegan - Electric, water and gas meter reader

Wayne Dudley - " " " " " "

Harry Wynn - " " " " " "

Lawrence Lynch - " " " " " "

Wilford Lumber & Fuel employees

Home Lumber & Fuel employees

Ideal Concrete Products & Fuel Company employees

Rock River Lumber Company employees

South Beloit Fuel & Manufacturing Company employees

Beloit Lumber Company employees

B. H. Ferbert, Fire Chief, advised that there is no stationary fire siren or fire bell at Beloit, the only fire sirens being used are those on the fire trucks. The following is the fire record for January 28th, 1934: a call at 5:18 P. M., 7:31 P. M., and 9:15 P. M.

Following is a schedule of the whistles that were blown during months of January and February, 1934 - information being furnished by the engineers of the respective plants:

Fairbanks & Morris Company,
7:50 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:55 P. M.,
1:00 P. M., 4:00 P. M.

General Refrigeration Corp.,
7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:50 P. M., 3:00 P. M.

Gardiner Machine Company,
6:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P. M.,
4:30 P. M., 5:00 P. M.

All the whistles are steam whistles.

Following is a schedule of the churches that toll their bells for the January and February months. This information being furnished by the janitor of each named church:

First Congregational - Sunday only,
9:30 A. M., 10:15 A. M., 10:45 A. M.

Second Congregational - Sunday only,
9:00 A. M., 9:30 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 10:45 A. M.,
7:00 P. M., 7:30 P. M.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran - Sunday only,
 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M.
 St. Johns Evangelical - Sunday only
 9:15 A. M., 10:30 A. M.
 Our Saviour Lutheran - Sunday only,
 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 10:30 A. M., 11:00 A. M.
 St. Thomas -
 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M. ----- Daily
 7:30 A. M., 9:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., ---- Sunday

Train schedules furnished by C. B. Elder, Despatcher, C. M. St. P. & Pacific R.R.,
 for January and February, 1934:

West Bound

Arr.	Dep.	Freight
12:50 A. M.	1:10 A. M.	"
9:15 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	"
11:12 A. M.	11:20 A. M.	Passenger
11:14 A. M.	11:22 A. M.	"
4:59 P. M.		" (Oni.-Beloit)
6:50 P. M.	7:40 P. M.	
7:26 P. M.	7:35 P. M.	

East Bound

1:45 A. M.	2:35 A. M.	Freight
6:05 A. M.		" (Remains at Beloit)
7:02 A. M.	7:18 A. M.	Passenger
7:07 A. M.	7:12 A. M.	"
2:00 A. M.	2:12 A. M.	"
3:38 A. M.	4:10 A. M.	Freight
11:35 P. M.		" (Remains at Beloit)

Train schedules furnished by A. C. Matzek, Despatcher, Chicago & Northwestern R.R.,
 the desired period:

West Bound

4:40 A. M.	4:42 A. M.	Passenger
7:30 A. M.	7:35 A. M.	Freight
12:05 P. M.	12:10 P. M.	"
3:53 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	"
6:28 P. M.	6:42 P. M.	Passenger
8:15 P. M.	8:20 P. M.	"

East Bound

<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	
7:20 A. M.	7:22 A. M.	Passenger
2:20 P. M.	2:25 P. M.	Freight
4:57 P. M.	4:58 P. M.	Passenger
6:47 P. M.	6:49 P. M.	"
8:40 P. M.	8:41 P. M.	Freight

Mr. Elder and Mr. Matzek stated that the majority of the switching at Beloit was done between the hours of 11:30 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. and 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. on weekdays. There is very little, if any, switching done on Sunday.

Photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited at the following places. No identification of any being made:

Automobile Dealers and Garages

Rock River Motor Company
Bowman Chevrolet Company
Tarrault Motor Company
Mork Sales Corporation
Kelly Motor Company
Rock County Motor Company
Studebaker Sales & Service Company
J. H. Saris Auto Company
B. & M. Motor Sales
Beloit Auto Body Shop
Housew & Kennedy
Interstate Garage
Golden Rule Auto & Electric Company

Grocers

National Tea Co., Store #1, #2.
Victor's
Universal - Store #1, #2.
The Grocery Patch
Royal Blue Food Stores
Park Avenue
Happ's
International
Kapitanoff's
Balaban & Wisch
Economy
Cora, Inc. Store #1, #2.
The Corner Store

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Gasoline Stations

Phillips
Standard - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5.
Tank Car Service
Cities Service - #1, #2.
Wodham Oil Company - #1, #2.
Valvoline
Barnsdall Service - #1, #2.
Interstate Gas Station
Sinclair - #1, #2.
Goodall's
Freeman's
Scott and Cole
Walkey's Service Station
Karlem Oil Company
Tydol

Hotels:

Hilton	Branigan
Loran	Grand
Doris	Carlton

Barber Shops

Hilton	Sanitary
Cozy	Wheeler
Keenan	Wolf & Briscoe
Bon Ton	

Drug Stores

Peoples Pharmacy
Walgreen
Liberty
Chilson
Public Service
Wisconsin Ave. Pharmacy
Farnsworth Pharmacy
Bach's
Johnson's Service
Wardin's

At South Beloit, Illinois, hideout information furnished and photos exhibited to the following, without results:

L. Walsh, Postmaster - there are no rural or city carriers working out of this office.

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Fay Hansen - Fire Chief
Emile Hiederman - Constable

South Beloit, Ill.

Fay Hansen, Fire Chief, stated that at South Beloit the fire department has a stationary fire siren which, during the months of January, February and March, was blown at 12:00 o'clock noon each weekday and for fires. The records of that department do not disclose that same was sounded for any fires during the month of January, 1934.

Photos were exhibited at South Beloit, Illinois, to the following without results:

Gasoline Stations

Wodham Motor Oil
Netites Service
Tank Car Service

Goodall's Service
Texaco
Valvoline

Garages

Blackhawk Manor
Sharp and Wilhelm Auto Supplies

Groceries

Charles Shaffer
Grey's

Peifer's
Ray White's

Strasburg Lumber & Fuel Co.

The same named electric, gas, and water meter readers set out for Beloit, Wis., cover South Beloit, Illinois.

Fay Hansen and Emile Hiederman advised that on some occasions the church bells of Bockton, Illinois, were audible in South Beloit, Illinois.

Agent personally inspected all the houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Beloit and South Beloit and no house was located that fitted the hideout.

Cash Whipple, who resides at 947 Vernon Avenue, and an official of the Beloit Iron works stated that he owns a plane and same is stored at the Beloit airfield, which is located about six miles north of Beloit on the Janesville Beloit highway; that he makes business trips in his plane, having made several last January and February; that outside of his using the field same is used very little and has not been used during the last six months by anyone but him. Cash Whipple is reported to be a reputable business man and citizen of Beloit.

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On May 30th, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice, at Clinton, Wisconsin.

Clinton is situated at the intersection of state highways #15 and #140, concrete, and has an approximate population of 900.

Hideout information and photos of subjects and associates were exhibited to the following without results:

- F. W. Winegar - Postmaster
- A. R. Richards - Fire Chief
- George Jorgensen - Constable
- Clem Proesel - Constable, and city water meter reader
- Earl Duxstad - Electric meter reader for Wisconsin Power & Light Co.

Photos were exhibited at the following places without identification:

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| Standard Oil Station | Larson's Barber Shop |
| Fidewater Oil Station | Barker Lumber & Fuel Co. |
| Shell Oil Station | DeLong Coal & Oil Co. |
| Texaco Oil Station | Dollen's Garage |
| Goodall's Oil Station | Stony & Korth Chevrolet Garage |
| Shattuck's Drug Store | A. J. Christensen Ford Agency |
| A. J. Bodin's Drug Store | Royal Blue Store (Grocery) |
| Clinton Cafe & Tavern | Bahn's Ideal (Grocery) |
| Art Pye's Barber Shop | J. A. Hamilton (Grocery) |
| | Super Service Grocery |

The following is a schedule of the tolling of the church bells for desired period:

- Baptist - Rev. Parmelee
 - Saturday evening - 7:00 P. M.
 - Sunday, 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:00 P. M., 7:45 P. M.
- Methodist - Rev. Wagoner
 - Sunday, 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 7:00 A. M.
- Pella Lutheran - Rev. Christensen
 - Sunday, 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M.

Euber Hansen, Despatcher for the C. & N.W. R. R. and S. M. St. Paul & Pacific R.R. furnished agent with a schedule of the following trains passing through Clinton during desired period:

C. & N. W.	East Bound	
Arr.	Dep.	Passenger
8:40 A. M.	8:42 A. M.	

<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	
9:22 A. M.	9:24 A. M.	Passenger
10:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M. to 3:00 A.M.	Way Freight
6:00 P. M.	6:02 P. M.	Freight
8:40 P. M.	8:42 P. M.	"

West Bound

5:00 A. M.	5:02 A. M.	Freight
3:40 P. M.	3:42 P. M.	"
7:45 P. M.	7:47 P. M.	Passenger
11:51 P. M.	11:59 P. M.	"

C. M. St. Paul & Pacific

East Bound

2:27 A. M.	2:29 A. M.	Freight
7:26 A. M.		Pass. - does not stop
8:25 A. M.	9:25	Way Freight
1:17 P. M.		Freight - does not stop
2:30 P. M.	2:32 P. M.	Gasoline motor
6:20 P. M.	6:22 P. M.	Pass. - Freeport to Milwaukee

West Bound

8:25 A. M.	8:27 A. M.	Freight
10:48 A. M.	10:50 A. M.	Gasoline Motor - Milwaukee - Freeport
4:16 P. M.	4:18 P. M.	Passenger
7:10 P. M.	7:12 P. M.	Passenger
11:50 P. M.	11:52 P. M.	Way Freight

There is no hotel in operation at Clinton.

A. R. Richards, Fire Chief, stated that the fire department maintains a stationary fire siren which sounds at 12:00 o'clock noon each weekday. There is no fire record for January 28, 1934.

Agent personally inspected all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks and none was found that resembles that of the hideout.

Constable Proessel stated that on some occasions in the winter months one was able to hear the steam whistle owned by the Fairbanks Morris Manufacturing Company at Beloit, Wisconsin.

There are no landing fields for airplanes located at Clinton.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice on May 31, 1934, at Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin.

Milton Junction is located on State Highway #59, concrete, and has an approximate population of 1,000. Milton is situated on State Highway #59 and #26, concrete, and has an approximate population of 1,200. The villages are approximately one mile distant from each other, Milton Junction being west of Milton.

Hideout information and photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited to the following without results:

At Milton Junction:

G. B. Keith, Postmaster and postal employees
L. W. Foreman, Firechief
G. W. Hevey, Deputy Sheriff and constable
Harry Burrows, Constable
M. W. Stockman, Plumber (only active plumber at Milton Junction and Milton and is familiar with plumbing located in houses in that vicinity.)
Lester Knappes, Electric and water meter reader (also reads electric meters at Milton.)

At Milton:

J. P. Holmes, Assistant Postmaster
Oscar Davis, Constable
D. A. Borden, Firechief
E. L. Barnes, Water meter reader
R. A. Gray, State Game Warden for Green, Rock, Jefferson and Walworth counties.

Photographs were exhibited at the following places without identification:

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At Milton Junction

Garages and gasoline stations:

G. F. Crandall - Ford Agency
H. J. Hart - Chevrolet
W. R. Thorpe - Druggist
E. R. Hall - Grocery
S. L. Mobson - Grocery
John Wright - Grocery
J. A. Baker - Grocery
G. A. Cramp - Grocery
Iverson Dry Goods store
George Stockman - Lakeside Coal and Wood Company
Fred Wendt - Milton Junction Lumber and Coal Company
Stockman and Rye - Barber shop
Dick Grim - Barber shop
Pat's Bakery
R. H. Lauback - Meat market
Green Lantern Tavern
Max's Cafe

At Milton:

Walter Copeland - Gasoline station
Smith Oil Company - Stations #1, #2, #3.
Walter Sayre - Garage
J. R. Davidson - Garage
J. B. Harker - Garage
H. B. Crandall - Grocery
Oakes and Drakes - Grocery
Don Millis - Grocery
H. C. Stewart - Druggist
Elmer Olsen - Druggist
T. A. Saunders Lumber and Coal Company
Homer Green - Barber shop
I. C. Johnson - Barber shop

At Milton Junction, Fire Chief L. W. Foreman advised that the fire department maintains a stationary fire siren which blows at 12:00 Noon each day including Sunday and for fires. The fire record reflects that the department responded to two fires on January 28, 1934, the first being at 11:15 A.M. and the second at 5:00 P.M., both fires

being located in the townships, and that the trucks going to the fires always sound the sirens attached to the trucks.

D. A. Borden, Fire Chief, advised that the fire department at Milton maintains a stationary fire siren that sounds at 12:00 Noon each day, including Sunday. There is no report of a fire or the siren sounding on January 28th, except at Noon as usual.

Ed Lucas, who operates a garage and Cities Service Gasoline Station at Milton Junction, when exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker, stated that Barker looked familiar to him and as he recalled, the description of Fred Barker and the photograph are somewhat similar to a party who stopped at his gasoline station sometime last winter, possibly January or February, and purchased gasoline; that this individual was alone and he (Lucas) was unable to recall what type or make of car he was driving; that he had not seen this stranger since, but if he has an opportunity again to observe the individual that he saw he will immediately advise Deputy Sheriff G. W. Hevey. Mr. Hevey was advised by Agent Rice concerning Lucas's information and proper arrangements were made.

Schedule of the tolling of church bells at Milton Junction covering desired period:

Seventh Day Baptist - Information furnished by Rev. J. F. Randolph:
Each Friday - 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Each Saturday - 10:20 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Methodist - Information furnished by Rev. Frank Hanaman:
Each Sunday - 9:15 and 9:45 A.M.

Catholic - Information furnished by Rev. P. A. Snyder:
Each week day - 7:30 A.M.
Each Sunday - 7:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

AT MILTON:

Seventh Day Baptist - Information furnished by Rev. C. L. Hill:
Each Friday - 7:30 P.M.
Each Saturday - 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Evangelical Lutheran - Information furnished by Rev. E. C. Schumacher:
Each Sunday - 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Methodist - Information furnished by Rev. Frank Hanaman:
Each Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

The Milton College located at Milton sounded a chapel bell each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 A.M., 7:40 A.M., 11:55 A.M. and 12:55 A.M., during the desired period.

There are no whistles blown at Milton Junction. The Burdick Corporation at Milton sounds a steam whistle on week days except Saturday and Sunday, covering the period at 7:55 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 12:55 P.M., 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. This information was furnished by F. A. Anderson, President, Burdick Corporation.

The following is a schedule of the trains over the C. M. St. P. & P. R.R. Co. at Milton:

EASTBOUND

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
1:05 A.M.	1:05 A.M.	Freight
5:28 A.M.	5:29 A.M.	Passenger
7:36 A.M.	7:38 A.M.	Gas engine - except Sunday
		Madison, Milwaukee
		Passenger
9:22 A.M.	9:23 A.M.	Gas - Madison, Rockford
10:19 A.M.	10:20 A.M.	Freight
10:55 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	Freight
12:15 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	Freight
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	Passenger
5:46 P.M.	5:47 P.M.	Passenger
6:02 P.M.	6:03 P.M.	

WESTBOUND

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
1:05 A.M.	1:05 A.M.	Freight
4:45 A.M.	4:45 A.M.	Freight
8:05 A.M.	8:06 A.M.	Passenger
10:07 A.M.	10:08 A.M.	Passenger
10:25 A.M.	10:25 A.M.	Freight
10:45 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	Freight
11:19 A.M.	11:19 A.M.	Freight
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	Freight
4:52 P.M.	4:53 P.M.	Passenger
7:36 P.M.	7:36 P.M.	Passenger
8:32 P.M.	8:32 P.M.	Passenger

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AT MILTON JUNCTION: - C. & N.W.

WESTBOUND:

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
6:00 A.M.	6:00 A.M.	Gas engine - Passenger Fond du Lac - Janesville
8:45 A.M.	8:45 A.M.	Freight

EASTBOUND:

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
2:05 P.M.	2:05 P.M.	Gas engine - Passenger
5:05 P.M.	5:05 P.M.	Janesville - Fond du Lac

The time schedule was furnished by R. K. Hurlbut, dispatcher
C.M. St. P. & P. R.R. and C.N.W. R.R. Co., located at Milton, Wisconsin.

All houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Milton
and Milton Junction were personally inspected by Agent Rice and none was
similar to that of the hideout.

The sounds of Milton and Milton Junction are audible to
each other, that is to say, the fire siren, church bells and the steam
whistle at the Burdick Corporation at Milton can be heard at Milton
Junction and those sounds at Milton Junction can be heard at Milton.

There are no airplane landing facilities at Milton or Milton
Junction.

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 Mr. Tolson.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
 Mr. Cowley.....
 Mr. Egan.....
 Mr. Glavin.....
 Mr. Ladd.....
 Mr. Nichols.....
 Mr. Rosen.....
 Mr. Tracy.....
 Mr. Carson.....
 Mr. Hendon.....
 Mr. Pennington.....
 Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
 Mr. Nease.....
 Mr. Gurnea.....
 Mr. Harbo.....
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 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ST PAUL. CLARK NOT PRESENT DURING SHOOTING
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FILE

Dear Sir:

Since my arrival here, I have made several efforts to develop some confidential informants, particularly for use in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases and in view of the absence of any valuable confidential informants on my arrival here, as well as my personal unfamiliarity with the territory and underworld characters, I found this to be a very difficult task. I have sought to solicit the aid of Special Agents on special assignment here to help develop such contacts and, in most instances, the contacts have been either very temporary or of a comparatively unserviceable type. As a matter of record, however, and for the information of both the Division and the St. Paul Office, I desire to list the following:

MRS. PETE CONROY.

This woman is a contact that has been developed by Special Agent T.J. Dodd. She is a known shoplifter and "fence" for shoplifters. She is a friend of Myrtle Eaton and Ida Gold, who, likewise, are shoplifters and associates of underworld characters affiliated with the HARRY SAWYER group. Agent Dodd's contact with this informant has been on a personal basis. He considers it unwise to make offers of money to her for her information and all the information which she has furnished to him concerning underworld characters, upon being checked, has been found to be accurate.

LEONIA GOODMAN,
863 West Central Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored woman, together with her brother, MOSE GARDNER, operates the G AND G BARBECUE stand at 443 Rondo Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. She is, originally, from Georgia. She was arrested on the occasion of the shooting of EDDIE GREEN and EDDIE GREEN was shot with weapons which were, at the time, in the house

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rented by LEONIA GOODMAN. She is a close friend of MYRTLE EATON and the latter calls on her from time to time to care for and clean her, MYRTLE EATON'S, apartment. LEONIA GOODMAN has, recently, moved to the address above given from an address formerly identified as 778 Rondo Street in St. Paul. She has been offered \$500.00 if she furnished exclusive information to this Division which will lead to the location and apprehension of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, CARROLL, VAN METER, REILLY, and the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She states that she will cooperate and, in the event MYRTLE EATON returns to the city, and communicates with her, she will promptly advise MR. LADD, whose telephone number has been furnished to LEONIA.

LUCY JACKSON,
291 St. Albans Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored woman is a sister of LEONIA GOODMAN, above mentioned. She has, in times past according to her own statements, performed services for individuals identified by photographs and descriptions as being FRANK NASH; VERNIE MILLER; MYRTLE EATON; certain members of the DILLINGER GANG; and practically all the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She has, in her possession, at the present time, a key to MYRTLE EATON'S apartment. She has been furnished with identification orders that have been issued on both the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs and has been told that if she furnished information leading to the location and apprehension of these individuals, she would be furnished \$500.00 for each one so apprehended.

MR. AND MRS. E. SLOAT,
565 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MRS. SLOAT is a janitor at this apartment building and her husband is a milkman. It is in this apartment building that MYRTLE EATON has an apartment, #104. MR. and MRS. SLOAT reside in the first apartment in the basement to the left after entering the building. They are both personally acquainted with MYRTLE EATON and have seen BILL WEAVER and ANDY ROTHEMEYER, who have been friendly from time to time with MYRTLE EATON. MRS. SLOAT states that about a year ago the

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police examined MYRTLE EATON'S apartment and MYRTLE authorized them to permit the police to examine her place at any time. Although MR. SLOAT seemed to have less interest than MRS. SLOAT, the latter has been furnished with identification orders which have been issued on the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS and has been informed that he, or either of them, would be paid \$500.00 for the receipt of information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of these mobs.

MRS. HELEN "BABE" (MRS. PAT) REILLY.

This woman is the wife of PAT REILLY, subject of an identification order. She is acquainted with all the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. Her sister is MRS. JEAN MARGARET CROPTON, who, until TOMMY CARROLL'S death, has been his girl friend. She is, likewise, a sister of DOLORES DELANEY, who is the youngest sister of this group and who is the girl friend of ALVIN RAY KARPIS. MRS. REILLY adopts a jovial, joking attitude. She was held in jail for about a week to see if she would talk. She "kicks" a great deal, is probably a woman of loose moral character; she is the mother of the four or five year old son of PAT REILLY. She is not in love with REILLY and, on one occasion, sought to divorce him but changed her mind. She sees REILLY on occasions but is not especially interested in him but states frankly that she would do nothing to turn him in. She stated that she would not be a stool pigeon, or reveal the whereabouts of any of her friends or enemies, for \$10,000.00 reward each. She is quite a bluffer and it is believed that, since her sister is now likely to be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, that she may adopt a more serious attitude and be willing to cooperate. Her income is of a decidedly limited character. She lives, at times, with her mother at 365 Maria, St. Paul, and, at times, with PAT REILLY'S mother, at 78 Sherbourne Avenue, in St. Paul. If word is left with her mother to call the office, she will do so although but limited information has been furnished by her to date.

MRS. DELANEY,
365 Maria, St. Paul, Minnesota.

This woman is the mother of BABE REILLY, the wife of PAT REILLY, and JEAN MARGARET CROPTON, the girl friend of TOMMY CARROLL and of DOLORES DELANEY, the girl friend of ALVIN KARPIS. She seems to have some vestige of principle left in her makeup and will cry profusely if she is talked to about the status of her daughters.

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She insists that they were not brought up to form associations with the type which they have developed. She utterly hates PAT REILLY. On one occasion, she attempted to personally serve divorce papers for HELEN REILLY against PAT REILLY and the latter drew a pistol on her and she called him a name with the prefix "yellow", walked up to him and took the pistol out of PAT REILLY'S hands. She stated PAT REILLY had been responsible for a great deal of her unhappiness and she will have no objection to turning him in. She has been offered \$500.00 for information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. It is possible that, through her daughters, she might be able to obtain such information. She has been furnished the telephone number of the office and has agreed to call the office if she receives such information. This woman appears to be living, at the present time, with some other man but states she has agreed, if the girls will all return to a proper type of living, to herself return to their father in Chicago and to make a home for them. She, obviously, worries considerably about the difficulties into which her daughters find themselves from time to time.

MOE GARDNER,
863 West Central,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored man is a brother of LEONIA GOODMAN and LUCY JACKSON. He knows less about the underworld mobs than do his sisters but the same offer has been made to him as to his sisters for the location and apprehension of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs.

The managers of the Maurice L. Rothschild Clothing Departments, in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, have been contacted and furnished identification orders on both the DILLINGER mob members and the BARKER-KARPIS mobs. These clothing department managers have been informed that a considerable portion of the men's clothing found to have been abandoned by members of these groups have been purchased from their departments. They have agreed to telephone the St. Paul Office, the telephone number of which has been furnished them, for the purpose of giving information leading to the location and apprehension of any of these individuals whom they see.

MISS RUTH WOOD, clerk,
Pharmacy at Grand and Dale,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MISS RUTH WOOD has been contacted by Special Agent S.W. Hardy. She has cooperated previously in furnishing information about HOLDEN and KEATING and she has been made acquainted with the Division's desire to locate members of this mob. Agent Hardy has been authorized to offer to her the same amount of money as indicated and similar offers for the location of those whose apprehensions are desired by the Division.

MRS. MARIE MURNANE, telephone operator,
St. Francis Hotel,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent Hardy has made a similar offer to the above informant who has previously cooperated and this informant is located advantageously in view of the fact that the St. Francis Hotel is looked upon as a gangster hotel.

MYRTLE EATON resides in apartment 104, at 565 Portland Avenue. There is another apartment, the rear of which is adjacent to the apartment building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located. The manager of this apartment building operates, in the basement, a grocery store and delicatessen and he states that MYRTLE EATON and her friends, from time to time, make a good many orders by telephone, which he delivers to their apartment. He has not seen them since they left their apartment several months ago. He has been furnished with the telephone number of the St. Paul Office and will advise in the event he receives any orders from this apartment.

MR. and MRS. SLOAT, janitors,
565 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloat are the janitors in the building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located and have agreed to advise immediately upon MYRTLE EATON'S return.

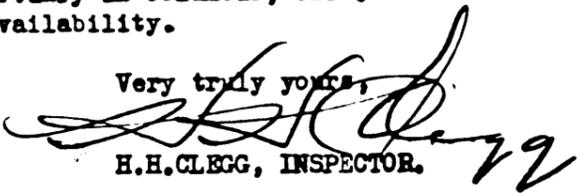
At the present time, Special Agent S.L. Fortenberry is pursuing an undercover assignment at Reno, Nevada, where it is known that the BARKER-KARPIS group have maintained temporary residences, from time to time and where their girl friends, whose descriptions Special Agent Fortenberry has, are known to visit gambling places and night clubs in Reno. Agent Fortenberry is now making his reports to Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd and daily reports are being received from him.

Special Agent C.O. Lawrence, using the name of AUSTIN, is working daily at a Standard Oil Company Filling Station, which is adjacent to the garage operated by "EDDIE", and known as EDDIE'S GARAGE, which is, in fact, owned by FRED BARKER. Agent Lawrence has been instructed to continue on this assignment and to telephone the St. Paul Office in the event any of those fugitives, whose apprehension is desired by the Division, should be observed.

Special Agent F.C. Guerrero has, on June 8, 1934, rented an apartment upon authorization of the Division from which the apartment occupied by the mother of PAT REILLY can be observed and Agent Guerrero, who is using the name of FRED GOMEZ, has been instructed to continue in this apartment in the guise of a student preparing to enter the local university during the coming winter and doing general studying and research, at present, until he is instructed to the contrary. He is having a telephone installed and will advise in the event PAT REILLY, or any of his associates of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS are seen.

Informant IRVING REUBEN has made his departure from St. Paul and is now operating a Jewish Mortuary in Columbus, Ohio. The Cincinnati Office is being advised of his availability.

Very truly yours,


H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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