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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1935

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Time - 1:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City, he stated that Earl Stuchlick, former husband of Doris O'Connor, is in Kansas City at the present time and registered at the Missouri Hotel. He has a car with him, which car is being kept in a parking lot near by, and which car is supposed to have been originally purchased by Edna Murray's son. The information about this car was furnished to Mr. Nathan by the Kansas City Police Department, which department was requested some time ago to be on the lookout for this car by the Wichita Police Department. Mr. Nathan stated that he has Agents watching the parking lot and the hotel for the purpose of ascertaining who might contact Stuchlick. Mr. Nathan further stated that he believes it is going to be desirable to interview this man, and feels that this can be accomplished at practically any time desired; that, however, he has not decided as yet whether he will have Stuchlick brought to the office for questioning, since it might be more advisable to first see who he might contact and also where he goes.

I inquired if the car in question is a stolen one, but Mr. Nathan stated that it is not. I then inquired as to why the Wichita Police Department had requested the Kansas City Police Department to be on the lookout for the car in the first instance. Mr. Nathan stated that the Wichita Police came in contact with the car first when it appeared at Stanley's place in Pittsburg, and when Agents of this Bureau trailed the same to Wichita where it was lost in the traffic. The Agents then requested the Wichita Police to be on the lookout for the car, and the Wichita Police broadcasted the information to the other police departments. No one told these police departments that this car might possibly be occupied by Karpis, they merely drew their own conclusions to this effect.

Mr. Nathan stated that Stuchlick would be kept under surveillance for a time, and if anything develops, he will be brought to the Kansas City Office for questioning, further informing that the Bureau will be kept advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
February 26, 1935

Time - 2:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Chief Clerk	.....
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Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

I telephoned Mr. R. B. Nathan at the Kansas City Office in regard to his conversation with me earlier in the day relative to some liquid supposed to be nitro glycerin which was found in the apartment in Kansas City formerly occupied by one "Leo", and which nitro would be destroyed by the Hercules Powder Company there if we would sign a release of all damages resulting therefrom.

I informed him that I had discussed this matter with you, and you had instructed against signing this release for the reason that we are not the proper party to assume this obligation; that the matter should in its entirety be put up to the United States Attorney for his consideration and disposition.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 27, 1935.

Hon. Charles D. McAvoy,  
United States Attorney,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention: Mr. Raily

Dear Sir:

The Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has in its possession one Buick Sedan, Motor No. 4949155, and Serial No. 2783525, which car was recovered from the possession of Alvin Karpis at the time he effected his escape from the Atlantic City Police. This car was purchased by Karpis under an assumed name from the Ungar Motor Company of Miami, Fla., and he is the rightful owner thereof.

While it will no doubt be difficult to prove that the car was purchased with ransom funds obtained by Karpis in the Bremer Kidnaping Case, there is no doubt that the purchase price represented proceeds of this illicit transaction. In the past numerous automobiles have been recovered and repossessed by the Bureau from gangsters of the type of Karpis.

I am transmitting herewith copy of petition filed in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois concerning the seizure of one Ford V-8 Coupe, which car was used by Vernon Miller, together with photostatic copy of the order handed down by Federal Judge Wilkerson in connection with this matter, and copy of court order handed down by the U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan for confiscation of Ford V-8 Sedan, which was in custody of John Hamilton.

It is kindly requested that a petition similar to the one enclosed issued in the Northern District of Illinois be drawn up and presented to Federal Judge George A. Welsh in order that this Bureau may obtain custody of the Buick Car in question.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 25, 1935

Time - 2:15 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Mr. Kingman  
 Jacksonville  
 Bremer Case  
 2-25-35

Mr. Kingman telephoned from the Jacksonville in response to a request which I had made of him yesterday to ascertain exactly how much information was furnished to the Jacksonville Police broadcasting station at the time they broadcasted the information relative to Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Kingman stated that Mr. Alt furnished this information to Captain Cannon. In this connection, Mr. Kingman contacted Captain Cannon who stated that Mr. Alt furnished him with this information early in the morning of January 20, 1935 by telephone; that Mr. Alt did not mention any names in giving him the information and that the information furnished him was substantially that which was included in his broadcast. Mr. Kingman stated that he has a copy of the broadcast and also a copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Alt covering his furnishing this information to Captain Cannon. I mentioned that a copy of the broadcast is set out in the investigative report. In the memorandum prepared by Mr. Alt, Mr. Kingman said that Alt states that he did not mention any names.

Mr. Kingman further stated that Captain Cannon informed that he does not remember whether Mr. Alt told him that the parties in question were members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but states that he believes this conclusion was drawn by him for the reason of its being so soon after the Ocala affair.

Mr. Kingman stated that the broadcast is as follows: "Wanted by this department, white man, dark complected, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, very slender build, dark hair and eyes, accompanied by a woman who is to become a mother within a few days, driving Buick Sedan, 1935 Model, Florida license D-5306, motor number 4949155. This man has in his possession a .45 automatic pistol and a rifle. Take no chances as he is a dangerous character. Left Miami last Wednesday headed this way."

Mr. Kingman stated that to his knowledge, the Jacksonville Police have not until now been officially notified as to who the above persons are; that they drew their conclusion from reading the newspaper accounts of the Atlanta City affair. Mr. Kingman further stated that he has prepared a memorandum on this and will forward the same to the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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BREKID INFORMANT CLOSE TO MORAN FAMILY ADVISES DOCTOR JOSEPH P MORAN AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, NAME USED AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. NEW ORLEANS TO HANDLE AND ADVISE WHEN LOCATED AND BEFORE ACTION TAKEN TO APPREHEND. HAVE ESTABLISHED CLOSE CONNECTION WHICH WILL PERMIT EXAMINATION KARPIS HOME HERE PERIODICALLY.

JODIL RECOVERED TODAY TWENTY TWO CALIBRE RIFLE FROM FILLING STATION ATTENDANT STOLEN FROM GILLIS FORD SEDAN AFTER SHOOTING NOVEMBER 27. AM TRACING GUN AND WILL FORWARD GUN TO BUREAU FOR TESTS. SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES FATSO NEGRI IDENTIFIES PICTURE GEORGE KABY HELD NEW YORK CITY AS GEORGE REFERRED TO IN STATEMENT NEGRI.

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- Miss Gandy.....

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303A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 27, 1935.

Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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7-576-4862  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 4 - 1935  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Re: ...*

Dear Sir:

Recently while Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin was in Reno, Nevada, he secured information to the effect that an individual by the name of Joe Murdock, true name either Joe Jaconi or Joe Frankini, arrived in Reno shortly after Russell Gibson was slain by Federal Agents in Chicago, Illinois.

According to Attorney Talmadge Smith, who confidentially advised that he represents this individual in a legal capacity, Murdock or Jaconi or Frankini, is a former member of the Al Capone Gang and was implicated in the St. Valentines Day Massacre, and on one occasion was designated to kill "Bugs" Moran, a notorious Chicago gangster.

Murdock, according to Smith, is at present residing at either 1116 or 1118 East 4th Street, Reno, Nevada, with Vic Columbo and his wife.

Recently G.W. Ziller, formerly President of the Reno Stock Exchange, now under investigation by the Salt Lake City office in connection with bankruptcy proceedings instituted against him, informed Special Agent McLaughlin that Murdock was in town and that he was as hot as "Hell", and that he would not have anything to do with Murdock. According to Ziller, Murdock's description as far as he can describe him is as follows:- about 30 years of age, short, dark, thin, natty dressed Italian. He frequently hangs out about the Bank Club in the evening and minds his own business at the present time.

It is suggested that possibly information relating to this man can be obtained from some of your sources of information in the Chicago district. In the event that he is wanted by the Federal or State Government, it is possible that his apprehension can be caused at Reno, Nevada.

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S.A. ...*

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cc - Bureau

Very truly yours,  
JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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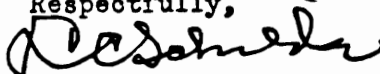
Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstracts of criminal records, showing descriptions, as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of one Joseph Jaconia, Police Department, Paterson, New Jersey, #6341; one Joseph J. Franchina, our file #618665; one Joseph Franchina, our file #162974; and one Joseph Jacone, our file #843509; one of whom is possibly identical with the Joe Murdock, aliases, Joe Jaconi, and Joe Frankini, whose record Mr. Newby requested.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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Lester C. Schilder*

*J.H.*

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Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1935.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Joseph Jaconia on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Subject as Joseph Jaconia, #6341, arrested by Police Department, Paterson, New Jersey, July 18, 1934, charge material witness and gambling.

Notation:

"Joseph Jaconia, #6341, Paterson, New Jersey, January 18, 1926, non-support; ordered to pay \$10 weekly to wife."

The following is the description of this individual appearing on print #6341, Police Department, Paterson, New Jersey: color, white; sex, male; age, 31; height, 5'5"; weight, 148; build, medium; complexion, ruddy; hair, dark chestnut; eyes, brown; place of birth, Paterson, New Jersey; residence, 194 Slater Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

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 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Tamm  
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 Mechanical Section  
 Chief Clerk's Office

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FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

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abstracts of each and 5 photos  
of each.*

  
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March 21, 1938.

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In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith three additional copies of abstracts of criminal records, showing descriptions, as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of one Joseph Jaconia, Police Department, Paterson, New Jersey, #6341, our file #898069; one Joseph J. Franchina, our file #618865; one Joseph Franchina, our file #162974; and one Joseph Jacone, our file #843509; one of whom is possibly identical with the Joe Murdock, aliases, Joe Jaconi, and Joe Frankini, whose record Mr. Newby requested.

I am also transmitting herewith five copies of the photograph of Joseph Jacone, our file #843509. Please be advised that the files of the Identification Division do not disclose photographs of the other individuals mentioned.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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RE: 73 - 4862 - March 26, 1935  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 27, 1935, addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, reflecting information to the effect that an individual by the name of Joe Murdock, true name either Joe Jacconi or Joe Frankini, arrived in Reno shortly after Russell Gibson was slain by Federal Agents in Chicago and is, at the present time, residing on East 4th Street in Reno, Nevada, with Vic Columbo and his wife.

The Bureau records reflect one Joseph Jacconia, Police Department, Paterson, New Jersey No. 6541, Bureau file No. 898069; one Joseph J. Franchina, Bureau file No. 818665; one Joseph Franchina, Bureau file No. 162974 and one Joseph Jaccone, Bureau file No. 842509, one of whom may possibly be identical with the Joe Murdock referred to in your letter.

Abstracts of criminal record, reflecting descriptive data, are transmitted herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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E. J. Connelley  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1935

Time - 1:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office in regard to the raid recently conducted on the apartment of one "Leo" in Kansas City during which raid Spike Lane was apprehended. Lane informs the Agents that in this apartment there was a considerable quantity of nitro glycerin. In this connection, Mr. Nathan stated that there have been found in the apartment two bottles containing a liquid which might easily be nitro glycerin. Mr. Nathan stated that there is about a pint of this liquid. Mr. Nathan stated that he has been in touch with the local representative of the Hercules Powder Company, who said that he would be glad to destroy, or attempt to destroy, this liquid for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it is nitro glycerin; further, that he would be glad to do this free of charge. However, this representative informs that in all instances of this kind, he has to have someone execute a release to him from any damages or from any injuries incurred in transporting the liquid to a place where it can be destroyed. This representative has a standard form which he informs is used for this purpose.

I inquired of Mr. Nathan if the Bureau Agents had a search warrant to go into this apartment. Mr. Nathan stated that it is his understanding that they did have such a warrant, and that the nitro glycerin was obtained lawfully; that, however, the nitro is as yet in the apartment since it has not been moved. I then inquired if the United States Attorney has been consulted about this situation. Mr. Nathan stated that the nitro glycerin phase has not been discussed with the Attorney. Mr. Nathan stated that the Agents are remaining in the apartment in anticipation of the return of some members of the gang, and since the nitro is still in the apartment, Mr. Nathan stated that he believes it entirely advisable to get rid of it as soon as possible. I then mentioned the possibility of Sheriff Bash's signing the above mentioned release. Mr. Nathan stated that he rather doubted that the Sheriff would do it.

I requested Mr. Nathan to read the above mentioned release to me, and it is as follows: "Whereas, the undersigned customer has requested assistance of the Hercules Powder Company in connection with the performance of certain blasting work, and, whereas the Hercules Powder Company is not engaged in blasting work, its business in explosives being confined solely to the manufacture and sale thereof; but to assist the said customer, the said Hercules

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Company has agreed to permit the said customer the temporary use, free of charge, of the services of the said company's employees, together with or without certain needed equipment. Now, therefore, the undersigned hereby expressly agrees that while engaged in said work, said employees and equipment are and shall be to all intents and purposes the employees and equipment of the undersigned and subject to his sole supervision and control, and that all work and services so performed shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the undersigned. And, from any damage or loss resulting from such services, except liability for injury or death of said Hercules employees, the undersigned expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the said Hercules Company, and, further, to assume full responsibility for the result of the services of such employees or equipment, gratuitously furnished by the said Hercules Company."

I told Mr. Nathan that I would take this matter up with the Department to ascertain if we have authority to sign this release, and will convey the results of the ruling of the Department to him.

I then requested of Mr. Nathan if anything of evidentiary value was found in the apartment. Mr. Nathan stated that he understands the Agents have gone over the apartment inch by inch and have failed to find anything of such value therein; that, however, he does not know whether attempts have been made to develop latent fingerprints for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Volney Davis has been in the apartment. I told him that since we have process out charging these people with harboring Davis, we ought to have some evidence to support our allegations.

In regard to Spike Lane, Mr. Nathan stated that this man steadfastly refuses to talk; that he was charged with harboring and his bond fixed at \$10,000, which Mr. Nathan thinks he possibly will make. Mr. Nathan stated, however, that the State may charge him with carrying concealed weapons and with the possession of explosives. There is also the possibility that they will charge him with robbing a bank at Webb City, Missouri about a year ago. Mr. Nathan stated that efforts are being made to connect him with the Okemah, Oklahoma bank robberies, but so far nothing definite has been developed in this regard.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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*Nathan advised to refer question  
of intro to U.S. attorney & see  
additional memo*

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P.O. Box 64  
Buffalo, N.Y.

March 4, 1935

7-11.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment  
P.O. Box 812  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS w as, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN w as, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL w as, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS w as, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER w as, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON w as, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY BAFFER w as, I.O. 1240.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of Feb. 20, 1935, in which the corrected number of a 20 gauge auto and burglar sawed-off shotgun, manufactured by the Ithaca Gun Co., is given as #381601. This letter also requested that an investigation be made at the Remington Arms Co., at Ilion, N.Y., to determine to whom was sold one Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun, #272907.

This office has ascertained from the Ithaca Gun Co., Ithaca, N.Y., that the auto and burglar gun, #381601, was shipped to Sturt-Jeffers Hardware Co., Amboy, Ind., on Nov. 30, 1923.

From the Remington Arms Co., Inc., Ilion, N.Y., it was learned that 12 gauge pump shotgun, #272907, was sold and shipped to Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Chicago, Ill., on Aug. 9, 1923.

No further records were obtainable at either company in regard to the further sale of these guns.

Very truly yours,

JDC:MAN  
CC Bureau  
St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 16, 1935, transmitting the photographic negative of the latent fingerprint developed on a bottle found in the house occupied by Alvin Karpis in Miami and which has been identified as that of Wynona Burdette in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive - I.O. 1218; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-24.

One of the photographs of the latent print which was submitted with the letter of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson dated at Miami, Florida, January 23, 1935, is being returned herewith to be turned over to Assistant Identification Officer W. J. Gaines of the Miami Police Department, in compliance with his request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 25, 1935

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 1:50 P.M.

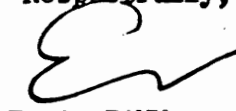
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Whitley, during a telephonic conversation with me, stated that the New York Daily Mirror is today carrying a story to the effect that the New York City Police are combing lower East Side of New York looking for Myrtle Eaton, supposedly a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. While the article states that the tip was furnished by J. Edgar Hoover of the Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Whitley says that it is his belief that the article might be based on an Identification Order on this girl which was seen by a police officer. He further stated that he has talked to the supervisors in the New York Office as well as to the Agents handling this case, and has ascertained that there are no outstanding leads in the New York District for this girl, or for members of the gang for that matter.

Mr. Whitley stated that the article carries a picture of Karpis, and goes into somewhat of a general summation of the Dillinger and Bremer cases; that he believes it is just a fill-in story.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
412 U S COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

BREKID IMMEDIATELY FORWARD TO BUREAU AIRMAIL LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS REFERRED TO  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1935

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 1:32 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. McKee telephoned from the Chicago Office with reference to the above matter and stated that he had just received a telephone call from the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company of Chicago, where the Barker safe deposit box is in the name of Edna Gardner. They have received a garfishment on this box filed by the Municipal Court of Chicago on behalf of the Jacobs and Burns Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. The Woodlawn Company wanted to know what they should do in the matter.

I informed Mr. McKee that we have no interest in this box or its contents at all. I further told him that in the first instance we were interested in it only for its possible value in furnishing information and leads as to the whereabouts of the Barkers, and this interest has been lost now. I further told him that he need not notify the United States Attorney of this action on the part of the Municipal Court, but the Courts should proceed in the usual legal manner on the case.

Respectfully,



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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1935

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 2:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

*Edward J. Bremer*

One Mr. <sup>k</sup>Burton, a local attorney in Washington, telephoned me and informed that he had received a call from an attorney in Detroit by the name of Barnard requesting that he, Burton, attempt to get some information from the Department of Justice relative to the arrest of Cassius McDonald in Miami.

I told him that this situation is all a matter of record; that there is a complaint and indictment filed in the Federal Court in Jacksonville, Florida, and the gentleman in question can correspond with the clerk of the Federal court there and get whatever information is available. He wanted to know if he could get this information here in Washington. I informed him that we do not have copies of the complaint and indictment, and that the same are available only through the clerk of the Federal court at Jacksonville.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1935

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Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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Time - 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

*Edward J. Bremer*

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at Chicago, I asked him if there have been any developments in the above matter.

Mr. Connelley stated that he is informed that a gang of three men, and part of the time six men, has been robbing people and stealing their cars; that one of the persons who had seen the men had stated that he thought it was Karpis. Mr. Connelley places no credence in this identification, but one of the police officers down in Indiana has identified one of the men as being one Christian, who is a local boy there and known to the police; another of the members of this gang has a hair lip, and is not, as such, any of our subjects.

I suggested that this gang might be the men who escaped from the Granite Reformatory in Oklahoma a short time ago. Mr. Connelley stated that he does not recall any of these men who escaped having a hair lip, and further that this Christian who is a member of the gang is known to be a local boy in Indiana.

Mr. Connelley further stated that he is working with [redacted] and he may develop some information of value in the near future.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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

February 2, 1935

Time - 6 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
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- Mr. Keith.....
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- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

*Revised Bremer*

I telephoned Mr. Coulter at the St. Paul Office in regard to the above matter, and inquired if he had received the \$14,000 and the diamonds from Mr. Alt at Jacksonville as yet. Mr. Coulter stated that they were received. I then asked if he had turned them over to the United States Attorney as yet. Mr. Coulter stated that he is somewhat skeptical in this matter, believing that the United States Attorney won't accept the money. He stated that this is not evidence; we have admitted that it is not evidence, and the United States Attorney was somewhat reluctant to issue a subpoena for the money and diamonds in the first place; that, however, he will do everything in his power the first thing Monday morning to get them to take it, and if they do take it, he will get a receipt therefor, and thus clear the Division of the responsibility of it; that, however, if they refuse to accept it, he will then contact me.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Harbo.....
- Mr. Keith.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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EAT:TAM

*Re: Bremer*

Relative to your inquiry as to why the \$14,000 and diamonds recovered from Kate and Fred<sup>D</sup> Barker at Ocala, Florida were transmitted to the St. Paul Division Office, I have talked to Mr. Nathan and to Mr. Connelley about the origin of this idea. Mr. Nathan states that he was in St. Paul and that he does not recall the source of the idea but that he approved it subject to a Division approval. Mr. Connelley states that he does not know the origin of the idea. In view of the fact that I was notified by Mr. Alt that he had discussed the situation with Mr. Nathan in St. Paul and that a subpoena duces tecum was being issued for the money and diamonds, prior to the time that they were actually transported to St. Paul, and I failed to issue any instructions cancelling the arrangements theretofore made, I feel that the fault in this matter is mine.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

*Who issued the subpoena duces tecum?*

*J. E. H.*

*Miss Gandy  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
February 5, 1935.

Mr. Tamm:

Mr. Hoover asks why they were taken to  
St. Paul and who's idea it was. He asked  
to be advised please.

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*News Director  
2-9-35  
Curt*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - Kidnaping

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
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Mr. Coffey	.....
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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

During the week ending March 2, 1935 there have been no developments in connection with the above entitled case.

In view of the impending trial at St. Paul which is scheduled to commence April 4, 1935, it is suggested that Special Agent K. R. McIntire of the Chicago Office be instructed to proceed to St. Paul for the purpose of collaborating with Special Agent John E. Brennan in the preparation of a prosecutive summary report.

This action is suggested in view of the involved character of this case and its manifold ramifications.

Respectfully,

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

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
I. O. #1218, Et Al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated January 29, 1935,  
and to the report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss of this office,  
dated February 6, 1935, you are advised that Mr. E. L. Kahlert,  
of the War Department, has circularized the nine Army Corps  
areas and arsenals and has been informed by such sources that  
no record can be located indicating the theft or loss of a  
.30 Calibre Browning automatic rifle, Model 1918, #211349.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley

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J.A.H.



Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, Et Al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated February 5,  
1935, and to the report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss of  
this office, dated February 21, 1935, you are advised that  
Mr. E. L. Kahlert, of the War Department, after circularizing  
the nine Army Corps areas and arsenals, has been advised  
by the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, that  
their records indicate that a .50 Calibre Browning auto-  
matic rifle, #211774, was received at that arsenal in 1923  
and was last inspected there in 1930. No record could be  
located of the theft or loss of that rifle from that arsenal.

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E. A. H.*

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau  
cc - St. Paul

*Letter to  
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cc - Wash  
St Paul  
Mr. Connelley  
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March 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

The Washington Field Office has ascertained, through the records of the War Department, that the Browning automatic rifle, #211774, which was recovered from the apartment of Russell Gibson, 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was received at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, in 1923 and was last inspected there in 1930. There was no record at the War Department showing that this gun had been reported stolen.

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E. A. H.*

You are instructed to make an immediate inquiry of the officials at the Rock Island Arsenal with a view to developing any information relative to this gun or any other Browning automatic rifle which may have been stolen within recent years. In this connection the Bureau has also recovered a Browning automatic rifle, #211549, at Miami, Florida, which rifle was left with Joe H. Adams by Alvin Karpis. It is possible that this gun may have been among those issued to the Rock Island Arsenal and subsequently stolen.

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& indexed  
3-15-35  
E. A. H.*

In addition to these guns the Bureau has recovered two other Browning automatic rifles from the Barker-Karpis gang and it has not been possible to restore the serial numbers of these weapons.

This investigation should receive immediate and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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E. A. H.*

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March 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1416 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 4, 1935, transmitting an original letter beginning, "Manager Beaumont Lytle Dear Mrs. Will you please go into my Apt", and signed, "G. L. Harper", and accompanying envelope postmarked Saint George, Utah, February 29, 1935, 9 A.M., in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive I.O. #1212; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The latent fingerprints of value were developed on the original envelope and they have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals, but in no instance has an identification been effected:

Wainey Davis, our #400443  
Myrtle Eaton, our #837474  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454590  
Alvin Karpis, our #100219  
Bertha Ingler, our #822121  
Clyde Himerick, our #77961  
Marjorie Keating, our #822111  
Harry Sawyer, our #421222  
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #20700

Charles F. Glasse, our #125725  
William Taylor, our #17950  
John Doyle, our #98402  
Paula Harmon, our #100000  
Harvy Campbell, our #410004  
Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1003 73 Kansas  
City, Kans.  
Joseph L. Moran, our #706777

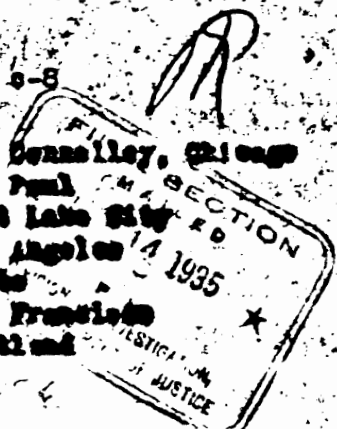
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Mr. Donnelly, Chicago  
St. Paul  
Salt Lake City  
Los Angeles  
Butte  
San Francisco  
Portland

AIR MAIL  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-2376

Specimens: A. Original letter beginning, "Manager Beaumont Apts Dear Mrs. Will you please go into my Apt No 207 and have your porter to pack\*\*\*", and signed "G. L. Harper".  
B. Envelope addressed to "Manager Beaumont Apt's", postmarked Saint George, Utah, Feb 29, 1935, 9 AM.

Examination requested by: Kansas Cit, Bureau Office.

Date received: 3-6-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

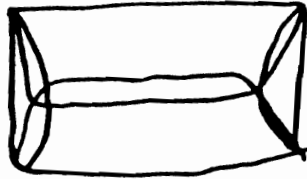
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Examination by: Appel  
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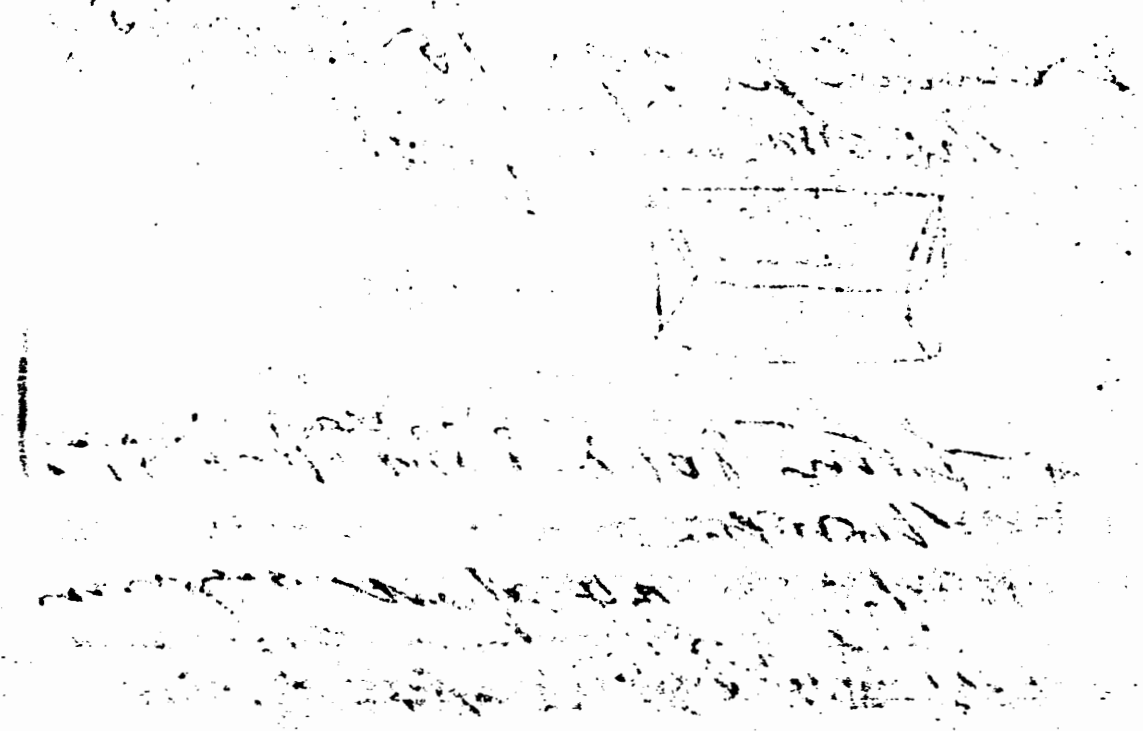
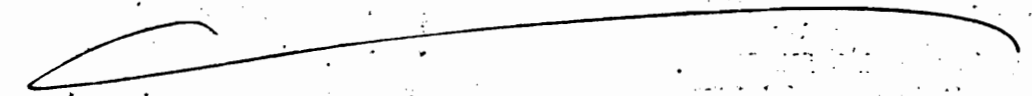


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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 4, 1935.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING

Attached hereto in two cellophane envelopes are a letter and the envelope in which received addressed to the Manager of the Beaumont Apartments, 3028 South Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, the letter having been postmarked at St. George, Utah, February 29, 1935 at 9 A.M. and being forwarded air mail. Typed copies of the letter are attached to each copy of this communication being forwarded to interested field offices. It will be noted that the letter is signed "G. L. Harper" and contains instructions as to holding the effects in Apartment 209 at the above address until called for or sent for by Harper.

The handwriting of the letter appears to be unquestionably that of Volney Davis who occupied Apartment 209 at the Beaumont Apartments immediately prior to his recent apprehension at Kansas City. It is noted that the letter is dated February 17, 1935, indicating that it may have been forwarded to some one for mailing. However, the envelope does not appear to have been folded or handled in such a way as to become soiled. This letter was opened by the Manager of the Beaumont Apartments, Mrs. Schupan, but has not been handled since it was handed to this office, and it is accordingly requested that appropriate examination for fingerprints be made by the Bureau's Laboratory, as well as an appropriate handwriting comparison with that of Volney Davis.

The Salt Lake City Office was advised by telephone on March 4, 1935 concerning this communication, and the suggestion

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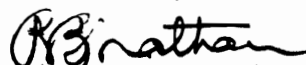
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for appropriate inquiries at St. George, Utah and at Las Vegas, Nevada was made. It is noted that Davis has indicated interest in places where construction work was being performed. In view of the statement in this communication that the writer was going to the Coast it is suggested that offices in that section keep in touch with possible contacts of Davis.

Arrangements have been made with the Manager of the Beaumont Apartments in order that this office may be immediately advised of any further inquiries concerning the clothing in the apartment which Davis occupied. The desirability of having Agents stationed at that apartment house is being considered and will be discussed with the Bureau.

For the information of the offices receiving copies of this letter, it is noted that identification has been made of Davis as one of the participants in the robbery of the First National Bank at Neosho, Missouri on the early morning of March 2, 1935. If this identification is accurate it would seem that he could not have personally posted the letter at St. George, assuming that the postmark on the letter was intended for March 1st.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RBN:os

cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago (Air Mail)  
cc - St. Paul (Air Mail)  
cc - Salt Lake City (Air Mail)  
cc - Los Angeles (Air Mail)  
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cc - Portland (Air Mail)



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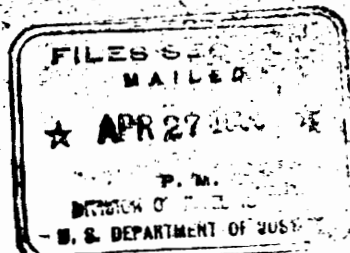
Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O.  
#1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with  
aliases, I. O. #1232; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 3424, in connection with the  
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the  
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

- A. Original letter beginning, "Manager Beaumont Apts. Dear Mrs.  
Will you please go into my Apt. No. 209 and have your porter  
to pack\*\*\*", and signed "G. L. Harper".
- B. Envelope addressed to "Manager Beaumont Apt's", postmarked  
"Saint George, Utah, Feb. 29, 1935, 9 AM."



Enclosure # 312541.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Handwritten initials and signatures: H. B. C. and others.*

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- Mr. Nathan...
- Mr. Tolson...
- Mr. Backus...
- Mr. Baughma
- Chief Clerk..
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey...
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- Mr. Egan.....
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- Mr. Keith....
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- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Smith...
- Mr. Tamm...
- Mr. Tracy..
- Miss Gandy

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FED BUR INVEST CGO 3/4/35 MIDNIGHT  
DIRECTOR

BREKID EFFORTS IN MAIN ROUTINE AS TO LEADS AND ASSEMBLY OF DATA FOR  
INTENSIVE INQUIRY INDIVIDUALS STILL AT LARGE. ENDEAVORING TO PLACE  
INFORMANTS AND DEVELOP NEW INFORMANTS WHO CAN BE USED TO PLACE IN  
SUSPECTED PLACES PARTICULARLY LOUIS CERNOCKYS FOX RIVER GROVE ILLINOIS.  
EXPECT TO PLACE WAITRESS HERE AS CERTAIN ACTIVITIES THERE INDICATE POS-  
SIBLE CONTACTS WITH PERSONS WANTED EITHER OUR SUBJECTS OR OTHERS WANTED  
FOR SOME OFFENSE.

EXPECT COMPLETE INQUIRY AND REPORT ON MATTER ALLEGED LOSS OF RING AND MON  
BY COXXX DOCTOR LOESER TOMORROW.

CONNELLY

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 MAR 5 1935 P.M.  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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REN:MBC

March 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, I. O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM S.  
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239; HARRY  
CRAYNER with aliases, I. O. #1240; MYRTLE  
DEATCH with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

As a matter of expediency, the Bureau desires an Agent of your Office to again take the fingerprints of Wynona Burdette and forward them to the Bureau air mail, special delivery to be used in the preparation of a chart to prove the presence of this individual in the house occupied by subject Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney at Miami, Florida.

This matter should receive immediate and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

7-576-487A
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 6 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

2 YELLOW  
FILES SECTION  
MAILED  
★ Mar 5 1935 ★  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

No. 1

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

*Lm*

March 2, 1935.

Bureau File #7-576-4795  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Mich.

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Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

*1--*, Elwood Yeaker

*1-2-11*

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
MAR 5 1935 A.M.	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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(CC-Bu. Off.,  
Chicago, Ill.  
Bu. Off.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
CC-Bureau)

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*File*

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MAILED  
MAR 2 1935 ★

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

*x*

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

No. 1

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

Bureau File # 7-576-4880

March 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

—, ~~Alayne Hoyt~~

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Chicago, Ill.  
Bu. Off.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
CC-Bureau)

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All America  
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DIRECTOR FEDL BUR OF INVESTIGATION

U S DEPT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST WASHN DC  
BREKID PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION MADE BY ONE WITNESS OF VOLNEY DAVIS AS  
PARTICIPANT ROBBERY FIRST NATIONAL BANK NEOSHO MISSOURI MARCH SECOND  
AND REPORTED SEEN NEAR BANK PRECEDING DAY STOP AGENTS COVERING  
POSSIBLE CONTACTS VICINITY NEOSHO

NATHAM.

*Ry*

*10:50 P  
3/3/35  
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*Recd to Mr. J  
10:50 P  
3/3/35  
Rev*

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 4 1935 P.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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  - Mr. Smith
  - Mr. Tamm
  - Mr. Tracy
  - Miss Gandy
- W. H. ...*

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:PAL

March 5, 1935

AIR MAIL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Pursuant to your telegraphic request under this date, I am enclosing list in duplicate of serial numbers of notes referred to in my letter of December 21, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF HOT MONEY; HABANA, CUBA.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure - 1

cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago.  
St. Paul

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3-7-1935.

TO:  Director  
 Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Tamm  
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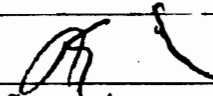
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 Mr. Lowdon  Mr. Berens  
 Mr. Bryan  Mr. Foxworth  
 Mr. Newby  Mr. Weeks  
 Mr. Richmond  
 Mr. Thompson  
 Mr. Chambers

Miss McCarthy

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Correct  
 Re-write  
 Re-date  
 See me  
 Send file

Put copy of this letter and  
enclosure in 62-32646

  
Supervisor.

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Phone Nat. 6400 Br. 14

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Mackay

Radio

This is a full rate Telegram, Cablegram  
Radiogram unless otherwise indicated  
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DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA  
 AVE AT NINTH ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC  
 BREKID BURDETTE AND DELANEY ARRIVED SIX TONIGHT NOW SECURELY CONFINED  
 DUVAL COUNTY JAIL HERE

ALT.

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 MAR 6 - 1935 P.M.  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MAR 7 - 1935

- Mr. Nathan
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- Miss Gandy

*E. G. Bremer*

*E. G. Bremer*

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

# WESTERN UNION

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

March 8, 1935.

*Business*

R. A. ALT  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 412 U. S. COURT HOUSE & P.O. BLDG.  
 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

BREKID ALBERT J. MURRELL ITINERANT HOTEL EMPLOYKE LONGSHOREMAN FORMERLY  
 CHAUFFEUR TO ONE GRAHAM OF DETROIT STOP UNKNOWN AT TWENTY SIX WHITNEY  
 PLACE NO RECORD BUFFALO PD

MAC FARLAND

cc- Bureau  
St. Paul

12:10 p.m.

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 MAR 6 - 1935  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

BID:ME  
7-36

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 2, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 828,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM BLAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 26, 1935, requesting the correct return address of a letter received by Dorothy Karpis at Tulsa, Oklahoma, there being a conflict between the return address given in my telegram of January 16, 1935, and the report of Special Agent B. L. Darron, Oklahoma City, dated February 1, 1935.

Our office copy of the telegram of January 16, 1935, discloses that the return address was transmitted to you as 2728 Burling Avenue and not 278 Burling Avenue, the former numerals being correct, and as set forth in the report of Special Agent B. L. Darron, dated February 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau

7-576-  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 6 - 1935  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE

1/17/35 (2/17/35)  
Pensacola Florida

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

47579  
7-120/N

Dear Sir:- I read the master detective  
and picture of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, age 38-5'  
weight has come to me as a man who is a ca  
tomer of mine. I've been studying this photo s  
Friday 15th the day I received my supply of most  
detection. Wondering where I seen this man  
now this a m Sunday this same man ask  
me to get him the St. Paul & Minneapolis p  
stating he would be in one more week. I  
told him I handled the Chicago news  
& Phila Papers. I took a good look also  
have a witness Mr. Ed Shultz, an ex. Probu  
Ball player who was in store purchasing the  
Sporting news. We discussed all the  
descriptions and here the eyes were blue  
and hair the <sup>hair</sup> at the sides. I go  
no name or address and I'll trail him  
the next time he comes to sta. I do not w  
any publicity on this if he proves to be the  
but could he have a brother. If any dw  
are in Pensacola District please have them g  
in touch with me as I believe he is the m  
in the picture. Why would he ask for St Paul  
& Minneapolis papers and refuse a Chicago p  
that just arrived. I wanted <sup>trust</sup> you are not sure on

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Slate color eyes and that's your man 1935  
ack 2/5/35  
cc - Mr. Connelley - St Paul & Minn  
Jacksonville  
References in Washington  
The Herald or Post  
William O. (Bill) He  
Inspector

Bill Wiley

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

PO Box

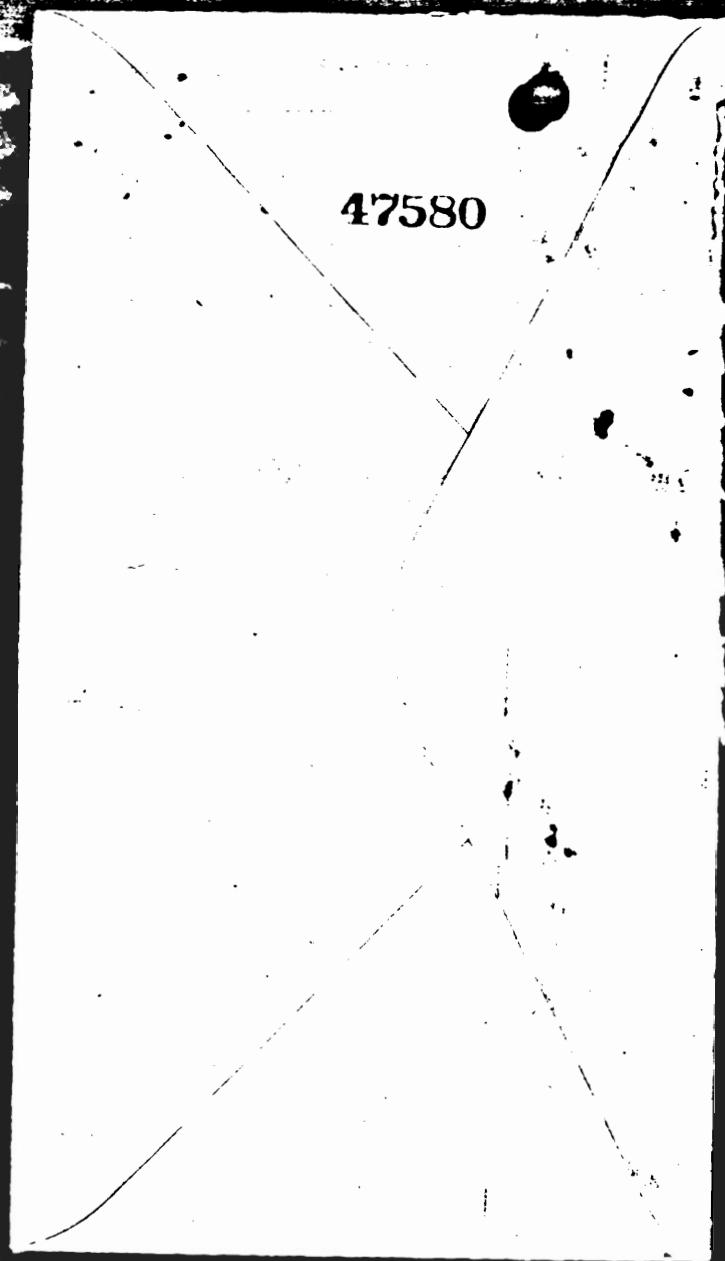
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PENSACOLA FLORIDA



"Director"  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept of Justice  
Washington  
D.C.

"Personal"





1935.

TO: Director  
Mr. Nathan 47578  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tamm  
Unit Two

Unit Four Unit Five  
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Mr. Newby Mr. Weeks  
Mr. Richmond  
Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Chambers

Miss McCarthy

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Correct  
Re-write  
Re-date  
See me  
Send file

*Do we want Mr Joseph  
Maron? Have you a  
description!*

*Berens*

Supervisor.

REN:MAC

47577

7-576-4885

March 8, 1935

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Mr. William C. Riley,  
Manager, Aero News Company,  
Pensacola, Florida.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 17, 1935 wherein you advise that an individual, resembling the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, appearing in the Kester Detective Magazine, has been observed by you in Pensacola, Florida.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter, Mr. E. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, was instructed to assign an Agent to interview you regarding this matter.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I

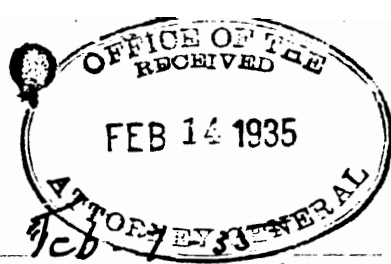
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Mr. Connelley at Chicago (Transmitted one copy of Mr. Riley's letter to Mr. Connelley and one to St. Paul and two to Jacksonville).  
Jacksonville  
St. Paul

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★ 5 1935 ★  
P. M.  
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*File*



Attorney General.

Cummins,

Sir,

If you will give attention to Chicago Ill.

Hunt one lady Mrs. Ann Gordon - ~~recently divorced~~  
-aviator-  
By Lou Gordon in Chi-lll. RECORD

DIV. of INV.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEB 14 1935

(Reason - from the wife - Ann)

Jealous she knew to many men - not such good type -  
she drank boy and how she can never goes out -  
she and girl chum - rent apt - then the crowd comes  
in - 6-8 nice boys - the rent paid - all bills -  
this maybe chatter -

This Karpis you are anxious - all frequent - the apt - he was  
the big shot - very silent - This is strictly confidential -  
Please - maybe valuable - worth while - to know - what she  
doing - she goes - between Long Island - New York - Chi -  
last word she said - (we) are going - to visit my sister in  
law - Texas - or near there - Boston - Mass - is the original  
home - of this dame - You can investigate - I can't - you  
have the power - to question - Good luck - Lets clear -  
up - watch the papers - Etienne -  
7-576-4886  
She will go - as maid - to youngsters - or domestic - to lay low -

AND - THEY GET TOGETHER - AGAIN - CHANGE - APTS -  
I KNOW THEM - IN THE BETTER DAYS - CERTAINLY - DON'T  
APPROVE - OF THIS GOING ON - LOW

YOU - WILL - FIND - IT - HARD - TO QUESTION - ~~THE~~ VERY  
DECIDED - TYPE - STUBBORN - IF LIQUOR - I HOPE YOU CAN  
BREAK THAT SPIRIT - I KNOW - IVE TRIED - TO PREACH -

THANKS - ILL LET YOU HEAR - IF I HEAR - BUT DO  
GET AFTER THIS -

WANTED - TO - TIL YOU - FELT - YOU - WOULD -  
DO THINGS - TIGHT - YOU - ARE - DESCRIVING -

A - FRIEND -

I WILL - BE - LIKE - WILL - ROSEB - ONLY - WHAT - I - SEE - READ - IN -  
THE PAPERS - (SO YOU - HELP ME - PLEASE -

THANKS -

SHE DRAGS-

A-GOOD-FIGURE-

A-GOOD-DRINKER-  
KEEPS-HER-HEAD-

Queen-of-the-every-Party.

Looks-not-UNATTRACTIVE.

HOLLYWOOD-Oh-Oh-

NO-WORK-

INNOCENT-TYPE-

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1935.

EPC:FS

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 28, 1935 regarding an anonymous handprinted communication received by the Attorney General and submitted by Mr. Newby to the Laboratory for examination.

This communication is being attached hereto, photostatic copies of same having been made for the completion of the Laboratory File.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey.

*Handwritten communication forwarded to the Attorney General  
and forwarded  
advised Kingpin*

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*m.s.c.*  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
MAR 6 - 1935 A.M.	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 7-82

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/24-2/20/35	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE (CHANGED) ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Pell, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, Alvin Karpavics, H. E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E. D. Burns, SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J. H. Harvey, "James", A. Hunter, Dock Barber, Claude Barber, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, "Joe", H. J. Harvey, R. Gordon, "Shorty", I.O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, "Dave", G. F. Summers, I.O. 1256; VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cot" Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, G. E. Moore, Jimmie, "Curley" Moore, Everett Davis, "Curley" Hansen, "Curley" Hanson, J. E. Hansen, Ray Green, "Curly", "Whitey", "Whitie", FUGITIVE, I.O. 1257; WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O. Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, R. O. Scott, Bill Thornton, Felix Donald, "Buck" Weaver, Clair Lucas, J. A. Ware, "Heavy", I.O. 1258; HARRY SAWYER, aliases: Frank James, "Duke" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry J. Porche, Harry Sandovich, Harry Sandovich, Jew Harry, "Sea Lion", I.O. 1240; WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, aliases: Bryan Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Owen E. Carter, "Andy" Andrew Allen, By Bolton, Monte Carter; JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E. J. Powell; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: Joseph B. Moran; Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, I.O. 1252; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, aliases: Willie Barr J. B. Bolton, W. J. Ryan, Elmer Howe, Willie Harris, I.O. 1259; OLIVER A. BERG, alias Ollie Berg, "Issy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bannet; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: Will Vidler, E. Vidler, Williams; PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Galaney; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J. J. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin, Mr. Smith; ELMER FARMER; HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, aliases: Harold Allerton Ellerton, Alderton, Harry Allerton; MYRTLE EATON, aliases: Sue Bond, Alice Martin Ruth Martin, Mert, Mrs. J. A. Ware; JESS DOYLE, aliases: Jessie Doyle, E. A. Conley, Stacey; EDNA MURRAY, aliases: "Babbie", Grace R. Doyle, Grace Hanson, "Blondie"; "WHITIE", aliases: Bruno Putis, Brund Austin, Bill Larson; JOHN DOE; RICHARD ROE; WYNONA BURDETT, aliases: Wynona Walcott, Miss Graham, Mrs. Ray Summers; DOLORES DELANEY, aliases: S. A. Green, Louise Graham, L. O. Wood, Mrs. A. E. Graham; MATTHEW GLEason alias Matt Gleason; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			



APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *E. J. Connelley*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted at all known places of hangout for Volney Davis immediately after his escape at Yorkville, Ill. on 2-6-35. 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, used by Davis in making escape, recovered near Wheaton, Ill. on 2-7-35. Davis harbored by Matthew Gleason, Aurora, Ill. on 2-8 and 7-35. Gleason sold diamond ring of Davis to G.A. Barnhart of Aurora, Ill. to provide Davis with funds. Gleason's home in Aurora raided on 2-7-35. Davis not found therein. Gleason taken into custody by Chicago office Agents in Aurora, Ill. on 2-7-35. Submits signed statement admitting that he harbored Davis, knowing the latter as "Whitey" or Curley Hanson. Admits that he knew Whitey or Davis was wanted in St. Paul for Bremerkidnaping. Signed statements secured from members of the Gleason household admitting that Davis remained there Feb. 6 and 7, 1935. Complaint filed against Gleason at Chicago, Ill. on 2-14-35, charging him with harboring Volney Davis. Arraigned same date - pleaded not guilty. Bond fixed at \$3,000., in default of which Gleason remanded to Cook County Jail. Gleason released on bond on 2-15-35. Efforts being made at Homestead Inn and Green Lantern Tavern to locate members of Karpis-Barker gang. Inquiry at Wilrae Hotel, Chicago looking toward location of William Harrison unproductive of results. Continued efforts being made to locate Doc Moran.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 11, 1935 and report of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 11, 1935, and report of Special Agent W. E. Ryan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 19, 1935.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to show the following additional aliases:

Willie Harris for William Harrison  
G. F. Summers for Harry Campbell  
Leroy Morrison for Alvin Karpis.

It is also being changed to carry Volney Davis as a fugitive in view of the non est return made on the bench warrant in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is changed further to carry I.O. 1239 for William Harrison, I.O. 1238 for Harry Sawyer, and I.O. 1238 for William Weaver. The title is being



Further changed to include the name of a new subject, Matthew Gleason, alias Matt Gleason and the character of the case has been changed to show Harboring of Fugitives in view of the anticipated prosecution against Matthew Gleason. The title is also being changed to drop the word fugitive after the name "Whitie", alias Bruno Putis, alias Bruno Austin, alias Bill Larson, since the report of Special Agent W. D. Ryan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 19, 1935, recorded his apprehension and the filing of a detainer against him.

Information having been secured from the Kansas City office to the effect that Jess Doyle had made his escape from Agents of the Kansas City office, the following information was immediately telephoned and telegraphed on February 6, 1935, to the South Bend, Indiana Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department, Grand Rapids, Michigan Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin Police Department and the Chicago, Illinois Police Department:

"Jess Doyle, age 34, height 5' 9", weight 150 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, gray; complexion, dark; wanted by this Bureau; charged kidnaping at St. Paul; driving 1933 black Chevrolet coupe, Missouri 1935 license plates 193-380, motor number 3369920 stop car has black patent leather tire cover of Sullivan Chevrolet Company, Kansas City, Missouri. Endeavor to apprehend and hold for Government. Immediately advise by telephone collect Randolph 6226. Possibly heading East from vicinity of Missouri stop please broadcast information to your department and any radio hook-ups which you reach".

The Chicago Bureau office having been advised, on the evening of February 6, 1935, of the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois, this report is devoted largely to memoranda submitted by the various Agents working on this case concerning their efforts to locate and apprehend Volney Davis.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley:

Miscellaneous activity of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley in connection with this matter is reported as follows:

On the evening of February 3, 1935, at 7:20 P. M., a telephone message was received from Special Agent T. E. Stakem from Yorkville, Illinois, by Agent Chaffetz, that prisoner Volney Davis, who was being transported by himself and Agent W. F. Trainor by plane from Kansas City, Missouri, to Chicago, Illinois, had escaped while they were telephoning the office at Chicago, after having made a forced landing due to the pilot becoming lost.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, telephonic communication was had with Agents J. L. Madala, C. G. Campbell, L. D. Nichols, C. B. Winstead and R. L. Jones, who were at the Bluebird hangar with two cars to meet the Agents expected to arrive from Kansas City at 8:30 P.M. with prisoner Volney Davis, and they were directed to proceed at once to Yorkville, contacting Agents Trainor and Stakem there, and to take such action as possible to cause the apprehension of this party. Agents Campbell and Jones were instructed to stop off at Aurora, Illinois, on the way down to Yorkville and make suitable check of all former contacts of Volney Davis at this place, for the possible apprehension of Davis. Also, a second group of three Agents, J. L. Juskow, F. G. Tillman and G. C. Woltz, were dispatched to Aurora, Illinois, to assist in the check at Aurora. The balance of all available agents in the office who could be reached were assigned to automobiles for the purpose of covering all highways in Northern Illinois, and the City of Chicago, with particular reference to spots known as gangsters' hideouts or meeting places, and this patrol continued during the night. This Agent, together with Agents J. V. Murphy and K. R. McIntire proceeded to Yorkville and contacted Agents Trainor and Stakem, ascertaining the details of the escape. This information has previously been forwarded to the Division in my letter of February 7, 1935. Also, a complete check and investigation of the activities at Yorkville was made by Agents V. W. Peterson and C. B. Winstead, and this has been covered in letter to the Division under date of February 10, 1935.

Further check was made of all highways and contact made with the different Agents who were working in the vicinity of Aurora and Yorkville and arrangements were made to raid various places at Aurora where Volney Davis might be hiding out, which raids were conducted between 5:30 and 6:30 A.M., February 7, 1935, and the following places were checked:

RIVERSIDE HOTEL, Water and Main Streets, operated by Matt Kersch, this being a cheap hotel and gambling house, Matt Kersch being a previous contact of Davis and the party who advised him that the

Government was looking for him when he last called at Aurora, although he, Kersch, had previously agreed to cooperate with us in locating this party.

HOME OF MATT KERSCH, 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois.

KERSCH'S TAVERN, or saloon, Montgomery, Illinois, five miles outside the city of Aurora, which is a saloon and living quarters.

12 SOUTH LASALLE STREET, Aurora, Illinois, operated by Ted Smith, a previous contact of Davis, he knowing Davis under the name of Curley Hanson.

THE REK CAFE and saloon, at New York and Broadway, where Matt Kersch hangs out and where he was engaged in playing pinochle on the night of February 6, 1935, until 7:00 A.M., February 7th.

Nothing was found at any of these places and Ted Smith, whose place was raided did not volunteer any information as to the fact that the party who we apparently were looking for had called at his place about 7:30 P.M. on February 6, 1935 (immediately after his escape), washing his hands and endeavoring to borrow \$10.00, which he refused him. During the above raids we were assisted in the first place by uniformed officers of the Aurora Police Department and Lieutenant Weis. Lieutenant Weis also accompanied us on the various raids indicated.

The activities of the agents as above referred to will be set out hereinafter in this report as individually reported by them. The activities above continued during the day of February 7th, and based upon information from informant G. A. Barnhart, the activities of Matt Gleason were checked and he was kept under observation on the night of February 7th in an effort to detect him in a contact with Volney Davis, as will be reported in more detail by the agents who covered same, Matt Gleason having an appointment to meet Davis on this night and deliver to him \$60.00 which he obtained for the ring of Volney Davis and which he sold to G. A. Barnhart, the latter cooperating with us, Gleason apparently failed to make his contact and returned to his home at 4th and Spring Streets about 11:30 P.M., February 7, 1934, and at this time was taken into custody by myself and Special Agent K. R. McIntire, and thereafter his place was raided, the various inmates thereof being closely interviewed. The details of such interviews will be reflected in the individual reports of agents hereinafter quoted.

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Matt Gleason, having stated in detail his association with Volney Davis on the night of February 6, 1935, and the morning of February 7, 1935, Special Agents J. C. White, E. F. Ehrich and F. G. Tillman have been maintained in the house of Matt Gleason at 4th and Spring Streets, Aurora, for the possible return of Volney Davis to collect the \$60.00 which he expects from Matt Gleason; it having been indicated that Volney Davis would know Gleason was home when his car was sitting out in the rear of the house; the car has been maintained in this position to date, February 15, but Davis has not put in his appearance as yet.

Agents Dickerson, Kenney and McIntire, based upon information furnished by Matt Gleason that contact might be had with Doc Eaton at Burlington, Wisconsin, checked the activities of Eaton at Burlington and the results of their check, which was without results, will be reflected later in this report. A party by the name of Brown, who operates a restaurant at Havana, Illinois, was indicated by Gleason as being a close contact of Corey Bales, associate of Volney Davis in the roadhouse being operated at Glasgow, Montana. This information was furnished to the St. Louis office for suitable check at Havana. It was also indicated that a contact might be made with "Go About" Riley of Des Moines, Iowa, and this information was telephoned to the Omaha office on February 7th, in order that they might check this point. Also, Gleason indicated a party by the name of Hobson at Streator, Illinois, who was a friend of Corey Bales, might be contacted by Volney Davis, and Agents were assigned to check the activities of this party, as well as his associates, at Streator and Aurora, Illinois.

On February 6, 1935, based upon information that Volney Davis had escaped in Ford V-8 sedan, color silver, 1935 Illinois license No. 104-140, this information was given by telephone to the St. Louis, Omaha and Indianapolis offices. However, this car was found abandoned about ten miles east of Wheaton, Illinois, on the corner of Roosevelt Road and York on the morning of February 7, 1935.

The following memorandum covers Special Agent J. L. Madala's activities on the night of February 8, 1935:

Pursuant to the instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agents R. L. Jones, C. G. Campbell, L. D. Nichols, C. B. Winstead and J. L. Madala proceeded to the Municipal airport, arriving there at approximately 5:00 P.M. Mr. Connelley had previously advised these Agents that two Agents of the Kansas City Bureau office were proceeding to Chicago by plane with Volney Davis as their prisoner and suggested that Agents exercise extreme caution in delivering Volney Davis to the Chicago Bureau office, particularly so that the newspapers would get no information in this connection.

At the airport at approximately 6:00 P.M., while Agents were loitering in the office of the Blue Bird Air Service Company, a party whom Agents later learned was a Tribune newspaper reporter, entered the office and made inquiries concerning whether a Government plane had as yet arrived with a Federal prisoner. He apparently did not know the identity of Agents, and it is believed that he presumed that we were connected with the Blue Bird Service in some manner. Agents advised this party that they had no knowledge of any Government plane due to arrive but stated that a plane had made a landing about fifteen minutes previously and that a group of men emerged from the plane and drove away in an automobile. This was merely a ruse to get rid of reporters as it was expected that the Agents from Kansas City would arrive any minute.

Upon receipt of the above information from Agents, the reporter called the City Editor of the Tribune and advised him that he apparently arrived too late at the airport to meet this plane as he had just learned that the plane had arrived at the airport approximately fifteen minutes before his appearance there.

The reporter, after making this call, left the airport, and about ten or fifteen minutes later another party entered the Blue Bird office and advised that he was a photographer of the Tribune and also made inquiries concerning whether a Government plane had as yet arrived from Kansas City with a prisoner. Of course Agents disclaimed any knowledge of this and also told this photographer the same story that Agents had previously told the newspaper reporter. He left immediately thereafter.

At about 7:00 P.M. the writer received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, advising that three Agents should immediately proceed to Yorkville, Illinois, and that two

Agents should proceed in a car to Aurora, Illinois. In this connection Mr. Connelley stated that the plane bearing the two Agents of the Kansas City Bureau office and Volney Davis had made a forced landing near Yorkville, Illinois, and that Volney Davis had made an escape. He issued further instructions to the effect that the writer should dispatch two Agents who were thoroughly familiar with the various contacts previously established at Aurora, Illinois, concerning Volney Davis, and that they should impress upon these contacts the fact that a serious charge would be imposed upon them if they would not co-operate with the Government in apprehending Volney Davis. Accordingly, the writer instructed Agent Campbell, who is familiar with Davis' contacts in Aurora, and Agent Jones to proceed to Aurora, Illinois, and Agents Nichols, Winstead and this Agent proceeded by automobile to Yorkville, Illinois, for the purpose of contacting Special Agents Trainor and Stakem of the Kansas City Bureau office.

Upon arriving in Yorkville and after contacting Agents Trainor and Stakem, the writer communicated with the Chicago Bureau office. Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd instructed all Agents at Yorkville to remain there until Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley arrived, which was done.

At about 10:00 P.M. Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Agents K. R. McIntire and J. V. Murphy arrived in Yorkville, Illinois and there Mr. Connelley talked with Agents Trainor and Stakem concerning the circumstances of Volney Davis' escape, after which the above named Agents proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, where Agents Trainor and Stakem departed for Kansas City via the C. B. & Q. R. R. at 12:28 A.M.

Previously Agent Stakem left in the car with Agents Nichols and Winstead a zipper portfolio which contained a set of handcuffs, a set of leg irons and an official manila envelope, letter size, which was sealed and appropriately labeled. According to Agents Trainor and Stakem, this envelope contained \$1,100.00 which they advised had been taken from the person of Volney Davis at the time he was arrested. The zipper bag containing the above described articles was subsequently turned over to this Agent and same was placed by him in the office safe of the Chicago Bureau office.

After Agents Trainor and Stakem departed for Kansas City, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Agents McIntire, Murphy and the writer proceeded to Chicago, Illinois via automobile.

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At 4:00 A.M. the above named Agents, together with Special Agents Emrich and Abbaticchio left the Chicago Bureau office and proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, and upon arriving there these Agents contacted Special Agents Jones, Campbell, Winstead, Nichols and Woltz at the Aurora Police Department. Shortly thereafter Agents Tillman, Juskow and Williams met Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and his squad of Agents, and beginning at 5:45 A.M. the following places were raided by Agents, who were assisted by Lieutenant Wies of the Aurora Police Department:

Riverside Hotel  
Rex Cafe  
Home of Matt Kirsch  
Ted Smith's Tavern  
Matt Kirsch's Tavern and living quarters on second floor at Montgomery, Illinois.

Previous to the above raids, Agents Jones, Campbell, Winstead, Nichols, Woltz and Murphy conducted a raid of the Royal Pagoda Inn, Joliet, Illinois, which is owned and operated by Francis Curry, a known contact of Volney Davis, with negative results.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent C. G. Campbell.

Agent C. G. Campbell in company with Agents R. L. Jones and J. L. Madala, met Agents C. B. Winstead and L. Nichols at the Blue Bird Hanger, Chicago Municipal Airport at about 4:30 P.M., February 6, 1935, to await the arrival of Agents from the Kansas City Bureau office, who were bringing subject Volney Davis to Chicago by plane.

About 7:30 P.M. Agent Madala received a telephone call that subject Davis had escaped from custody at Yorkville, Illinois after a forced landing. This Agent and Agent R. L. Jones proceeded to Aurora, Illinois immediately, arriving there at 8:30 P.M. and contacted informants who were well acquainted with subject Davis and frequented places where subject was known to have contacts.

Willie Mattison, proprietor of the Aurora Athletic Club, was contacted and stated that he had not seen subject Davis, but would endeavor to locate him and notify the Chicago Bureau office by telephone, which number he keeps in his cash register. Mattison is a reliable contact and knows subject Davis well under the name "Curly" Hanson.

Agents Campbell and Jones then proceeded to Ted's Tavern, owned and operated by Ted Smith, an underworld character, and bought a few drinks, loitering around for some time and engaged Smith in conversation as to the possibility of operating a few slot machines in Aurora. Smith was tending bar and did not act as if he had seen or contacted the subject.

Agents then contacted one "Dailey" at his home, a bar tender and former employee of Smith's, who is now steadily employed at the Aurora Athletic Club Tavern. Dailey is well acquainted with subject Davis and Edna Murray and will notify the Chicago office of any information received by him.

Agents then contacted Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Burkel, 50 South 4th Street, Telephone 2-1754, Aurora, Illinois, owner of the apartment occupied by Volney Davis and Edna Murray last year. During the interview Agents exhibited photographs of other members of this gang and Mr. and Mrs. Burkel immediately identified Jess Doyle as the party having lived in their home at 50 South 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois, during the horse races held in Aurora, Illinois last May. Mrs. Burkel stated that Doyle parked across the street from the house and that his wife or a woman posing as his wife came in and asked for an apartment. Upon being informed that no apartments were available at this time the Doyles decided to take a sleeping room in Burkel's house and paid two weeks rent in advance. At this time they were driving a Buick sedan according to Mr. Burkel. A few days after moving in Mrs. Burkel, while cleaning the room, found a brief case containing two pistols and a quantity of ammunition in the closet of their room. She discussed this with Mr. Burkel and they decided to say nothing about it for a few days. During the two weeks stay Doyle left, taking this brief case with him, and was gone several days. During his absence Mr. Burkel recalled reading of a bank robbery in some small city a few hundred miles away but could not at this time recall the name of the city in which the robbery occurred.

Mr. Burkel stated that Doyle and Davis left hurriedly in company with their wives and that he had not seen Doyle since, but that some time after their departure, Davis returned and stopped to pick up a suit which he had left in the apartment when they left. Burkel stated that Davis was driving a new Ford with Ohio license at this time and that after getting the suit and talking a few minutes Davis drove away and has not been seen nor heard of since by him or Mrs. Burkel.



Burkel is in possession of the telephone number of the Chicago office and has agreed to accommodate Davis if he calls upon him for assistance and to notify the Chicago Bureau office immediately. Burkel is a retired Post Office employee and at present has a job employed in the Post Office at Aurora, Illinois, and appears to be very reliable and co-operative.

Agents Jones and Campbell returned to Ted Smith's Tavern, parking on the street about 1/2 block away and watched Smith close his tavern at approximately 11:30 P.M. and retire to his room above the tavern.

Agents then proceeded to the tourist camp located north of Aurora and next to the Fox Gardens, a night club operated by Matt Kirsch, and frequented by Davis during his stay in Aurora. This club is now closed but due to Davis' knowledge of the tourist camp it was believed he might stay there. No car or parties answering his description were seen. Agents then returned to Aurora and went to the Riverside Hotel and Tavern operated and owned by Matt Kirsch. Buying a few drinks and playing the slot machines while talking to the bar tender, it was learned that Kirsch was at Biff Weber's place, the Rex Cafe, located in the basement on the Northwest corner of New York and Broadway Streets. Agents Juskow and Williams entered the Riverside tavern while Agents Jones and Campbell were there but left soon, no sign of recognition having been exchanged between the Agents.

Agents Campbell and Jones proceeded to the Rex Cafe and there found Kirsch engaged in a card game with three men unknown to Agents. Kirsch was not contacted at this time.

Agents drove to the Aurora Police Headquarters and met Agents Winstead and Nichols. After contacting Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley Agents Jones, Campbell, Woltz, Murphy, Nichols and Winstead drove to Joliet, Illinois and there covered the Royal Bodega Nite Club, located in the Elks Club Building. Only four couples were in this place, none of which resembled the subject or his associates. After a surveillance of one hour Agents Winstead and Campbell contacted and interviewed the manager of this club, Mr. Curry, who stated, after looking at photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, that he could not identify any of the subjects and that they were unknown to him, but that he believed he had seen Volney Davis some time back but could not be positive. Mr. Curry has operated this business for the past two years, and has agreed to co-operate with the Bureau by calling the Chicago office in the event he receives any information concerning subjects.

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All Agents mentioned above returned to Aurora and met Special Agent in Charge Connolly. Agents Campbell and Jones contacted Lieutenant Wies of the Aurora Police Department, who brought several uniformed officers and assisted in conducting raids on the following places, with negative results:

- The Riverside Hotel
- The residence of Matt Kirsch
- Kirsch's Tavern at Montgomery, Ill.
- Rex Cafe
- Ted Smith's Tavern and room.

After these raids Agents Jones, Woltz, Murphy and Campbell again searched the tourist camp at the Fox Gardens and returned to Chicago, Illinois by way of Geneva, Illinois, watching the highways during their return, arriving at the Chicago office at 8:45 A.M., February 7, 1935.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan.

On the evening of February 6, 1935, the writer, accompanied by Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe, T. M. McDade and R. J. Abbaticchio, conducted the following investigation upon instructions from Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd.

The places visited by Agents, which are set out below, are possible contact points for Volney Davis in Chicago and vicinity and Agents were instructed to visit these places and make observations both inside and in the vicinity, with the view of possibly locating Volney Davis or of locating the Ford V-8 automobile bearing 1935 Illinois license 104-140, which was stolen by him at the time of his escape at Yorkville.

Agents proceeded to the Pioneer Tavern located at Grand and Western Avenues, and after making observations in the neighborhood, Special Agents Metcalfe and McDade entered the Tavern and looked over the place.

Agents then proceeded to the Hy-Ho Club, located at Cicero Avenue and 22nd Street in Cicero, Illinois, where similar observations were made.

From the HyeHo Club Agents proceeded West on Roosevelt Road to Mannheim Road and North on Mannheim to Twelfth Street, where observations were made about the Spanish Club, operated by Doc Staccia.

Agents then proceeded West on Twelfth Street to the York Road and then North to Elmhurst, Illinois, where observations were made at Kahn's Tavern, located at the West city limits of Elmhurst on North Avenue.

From Kahn's Agents proceeded to Bensenville, Illinois, where observations were made at Elmer's Tavern, operated by Elmer Farmer and at Bartholamy's residence, located on York Road, following which, Agents cruised in the vicinity of Bensenville and Elmhurst, Illinois in an effort to locate the automobile used by Davis, and made another visit to Kahn's Tavern in Elmhurst.

Agents, at all times, while travelling on the highways, kept a sharp lookout for the automobile used by Davis.

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent E. H. Williams,

On February 6, 1935 Special Agent E. H. Williams, accompanied by Special Agents L. L. Juskow, F. C. Tillman and G. C. Woltz left Chicago, Illinois at 8:45 p.m. for Aurora, Illinois, to contact Matt Kirsch and keep him under surveillance in the event that Volney Davis should attempt to contact him. Agents, traveling in a Division owned automobile, arrived at Aurora, Illinois at 9:30 p.m. and located Matt Kirsch at the tavern operated by one Weber at the corner of New York and Broadway Streets, Aurora, Illinois. At about 5:00 a.m. the following morning the above named Agents assisted in searching the Riverside Hotel, the residence of Matt Kirsch, and Weber's Tavern, both at Aurora, Illinois. This Agent saw Matt Kirsch in Weber's Tavern and kept the place under surveillance until about 5:00 o'clock the following morning, and noted that no persons contacted Kirsch during that time.

It was later learned that Kirsch remained at Weber's Tavern until about 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. at which time Agents detailed to Aurora contacted Kirsch at the Riverside Hotel. At about 7:30 a.m. the above named Agents were ordered to return to Chicago and arrived there at about 8:30.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire.

The following memorandum will indicate the activities of Special Agents K. R. McIntire and J. V. Murphy on the night of February 6, 1935.

Information having been received that VOLNEY DAVIS had escaped from the custody of two Special Agents at Yorkville, Illinois, at approximately seven o'clock, P.M. February 6, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley authorized this Agent and Agent J. V. Murphy to accompany him to Yorkville and vicinity in an effort to locate VOLNEY DAVIS. At approximately eight o'clock P.M. on February 6, 1935, the above mentioned Agents departed from Chicago and proceeded to Yorkville, where Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley interviewed Special Agents Trainor and Stakem, relative to the escape of Volney Davis.

Upon our arrival at Yorkville, Mr. Connelley also interviewed Special Agents Madala, Nichols and Winstead, giving them instructions as to what they should do the remainder of the night in order to locate Volney Davis. Mr. Connelley and Agents Murphy, McIntire and Madala then proceeded to Chicago, and arrangements were made whereby numerous agents from the Chicago Division office would conduct raids in the several places in Aurora, Illinois believed to be frequented by Volney Davis. Accordingly, at about four o'clock A.M. on the morning of February 7, 1935, Agents Murphy and McIntire and Mr. Connelley proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, where we were joined by numerous other Agents, and the first raid was made at the Riverside Hotel, owned by MAT KERSCH. This place was thoroughly searched by the Agents, the writer remaining outside in order to prevent the escape of anyone from the inside. After this place was raided Mr. Connelley instructed this agent to remain in the place in the expectation that Mat Kersch would arrive, and in the fear that he, having information as to the location of Volney Davis, might use the telephone in order to frustrate the efforts of Agents. Accordingly, Agent remained at the Riverside Hotel until all of the known places of habitat of Volney Davis in Aurora and vicinity had been raided by the Chicago office Agents without result. Upon instructions of Mr. Connelley this agent then joined the other agents and returned to the Chicago Division office.

The following memorandum sets forth information obtained by Special Agents K. R. McIntire, W. C. Ryan and J. L. Madala on February 7, 1935, the latter being the reporting Agent.

At 9:45 AM February 7, 1935, Sheriff William A. Maier, Kendall County, at Yorkville, Illinois, communicated with the writer by long distance telephone, and advised that he had just received a telephonic report from the Sheriff's office at Wheaton, Illinois, to the effect that the sheriff at that point had recovered a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Illinois license plates number 104140, which car had been stolen by a Federal prisoner after he made his escape from the two Government Agents at Yorkville, Illinois on the night of February 6, 1935.

Sheriff Maier further stated that this car was found at approximately 10 miles east of Wheaton, Illinois on Roosevelt Road; that the ignition was locked, but the keys missing. At this time the sheriff also advised that he had recovered a blue overcoat approximately a half a block from the Nading Hotel, Yorkville, Illinois, where the above prisoner had made his escape, and that the coat is now in his possession. He believed that this garment might have some connection with this matter.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information, the writer communicated with Deputy Sheriff Hoffman of the Sheriff's office at Wheaton, Illinois concerning the above, and he confirmed the information relative to the recovery of the Ford sedan in which Volney Davis had effected his escape.

Special Agents K. R. McIntire, W. C. Ryan and the writer proceeded to Wheaton, Illinois, and there contacted Sheriff Arthur Bennett. The sheriff accompanied Agents to the point where the Ford car had been abandoned, and it was noted that same had been left on the east side of York Road, approximately 150 feet south of U. S. Highway No. 30, which is Roosevelt Road. An examination of the tire tracks disclosed that the car had been driven to this point from the north.

It was noted that there are three barbeque stands and one private home located in close proximity of the point where the car was abandoned, and in this connection Agents and the sheriff interviewed Mrs. E. J. Snyder, who owns the barbeque stand located on the northeast corner of the intersection of York Road and U.S. Highway No. 30. Mrs. Snyder advised that she first saw the silver Gray Ford parked on the road in back of her stand at 7 o'clock in the morning, at which time she opened her store; that she observed no unusual activity around the car, and at first believed that the car had been parked there temporarily while the driver was visiting

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someone nearby. Mrs. Snyder further stated that at about 8:15 AM Deputy Sheriff A. H. Pigg, who lives 1/2 mile south on York Road, advised her that this car had been stolen at Yorkville, Illinois, the day previous, and that he had made arrangements to have it towed into a garage.

Agents and Sheriff Bennett also interviewed Mrs. E. R. Redmon, who owns the private home located about 50 feet northwest of the point where the Ford was abandoned. Mrs. Redmon stated that they retired at 10 o'clock the night before, and prior to that time, they had noted no unusual activity of any sort near their home. She further stated that no one made any inquiry at their place, nor had she heard of anything in this respect. Mrs. Redmon stated that her husband, who is employed in Chicago, Illinois, arose at 6 AM the morning of February 7, 1935, and upon looking out of the window he observed this Ford parked on the east side of York Road. She stated that he had casually mentioned this at the breakfast table.

While Agents interviewed Mrs. Snyder, a man who resides at Elmhurst, Illinois, advised Agents that he had just heard that the girl who lives with the woman who owns the barbeque stand on the southeast corner of the intersection at U. S. Highway 30 and York Road, saw the Ford automobile at about 11:30 PM the night previous, which would be February 6, 1935. Accordingly Agents proceeded to the above designated barbeque stand, and there interviewed Miss Elsie Hahn, who advised that she temporarily was living with Mrs. Boken at this place. Concerning her observations of the above automobile, Miss Hahn stated that as she was returning home from Elmhurst, Illinois at about 11 PM the night previous, she saw the silver gray Ford parked off York Road. She further stated that there appeared to be no unusual activity about this car, nor did she observe anyone seated within.

Sheriff Bennett advised Agents that the car was towed to Miller's Garage at Lombard, Illinois, at 9 AM on this date. Agents proceeded to the above garage, and there made a thorough examination of the Ford in question. It was noted that same bore 1935 Illinois license number 104140, and had motor number 920009. It is further noted that the steering wheel and handle of the left front door were splashed with blood stains. There was also observed 3 medium sized blood blotches on the rubber carpet which covered the front floor board. The blood on this carpet was dry at this time.

Agents further noted that the mileage on the speedometer read 15066. Located on the choke throttle there was a greasing label indicating that the car had been greased at 14,945 miles. From the above, it can be seen that the car had not been driven over 121 miles from the time it had been greased. The car appeared to be in good running condition, and it was observed that the gas tank was about 1/3 full. The ignition was locked, but the keys were missing.

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At the sheriff's office in Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff Bennett communicated with the police departments at Elmhurst, Hinsdale, and Hillside, Illinois, concerning whether they had received a report that a car had been stolen within the past 12 hours. It was learned that no such theft report had been received during this period.

The writer communicated with Special Agent in Charge, D. M. Ladd, by telephone, and advised him of the foregoing facts, and upon his authorization, Agents authorized Sheriff Bennett to release the car to its owner.

Agents then proceeded to Yorkville, Illinois and contacted Sheriff William A. Maier concerning the finding of the blue overcoat which he had previously informed the writer about. The sheriff turned this overcoat over to Agents, and upon examination it was observed that all identifying labels were torn from the coat. A search was also made, but no papers of any kind were found, except two manufacturers' tags, which were loose in the various pockets of the coat, and same are being retained in the Chicago office. Sheriff Maier advised that the coat was found by R. E. Regan, who was employed with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company at Yorkville, Illinois, at about 7:30 A.M. on the morning of February 7, 1935; that Mr. Regan found this coat on the ground behind the telephone company garage, which is situated about a half a block west of the Nading Hotel, where the prisoner escaped. For your information, this garage is located on the same side of the street in a direct line with the hotel about 200 feet west of the latter building.

This coat was brought to the Chicago Bureau office, where it is being retained and will be suitably marked as an exhibit.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent J. L. Madala.

At about 3:00 P.M. February 7, 1935, an individual who stated that his name was G. A. Barnhardt called the Chicago Bureau office by telephone and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that he had some valuable information in his possession concerning the prisoner who escaped from the custody of the two Federal Agents at Yorkville, Illinois the day previous. He would give no details over the telephone, suggesting that he should be first contacted by telephone at his home and that he would select at that time a designated point where an Agent could interview him.

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When the writer telephoned the Chicago Bureau office at about this time, on another official matter, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley apprised Agent of the foregoing and instructed the writer and Special Agents K. R. McIntire and W. C. Ryan to immediately proceed to Aurora, Illinois and there arrange to interview Mr. Barnhardt as suggested.

Agent called Mr. Barnhardt, whose telephone number is Aurora 8302, at his home, and he suggested that Agents meet him at the Bishop Hotel in about ten minutes.

At the designated time and place Mr. Barnhardt was interviewed, and he advised that he is connected with a racing form publishing company in Aurora, Illinois; that about six months ago he purchased a diamond ring at a bargain from one Matt Gleason, a gambler and book maker in Aurora; that at about 1:45 P.M. on the afternoon of February 7, 1935, Mr. Gleason called on him at his home and stated that he had another diamond ring which he desired to sell to him. In this connection he stated that he wanted \$60.00 for this ring and advised that same was given to him through a third party; that the owner of this ring was the prisoner who escaped from the custody of two Federal Agents at Yorkville, Illinois the day previous. Gleason further informed Mr. Barnhardt that the prisoner is wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case and that he now is absolutely broke and needs some money; that the Government had taken from him at the time he was arrested \$1,100.00 but had let him keep the diamond ring which he now wants to sell. Matt Gleason further informed Mr. Barnhardt that his friend had great difficulty in getting the ring off of his finger in view of the fact that his fingers and hands had been considerably cut at the time he jumped through the window when he made his escape.

Mr. Barnhardt advised Agents that he did not give Gleason any definite answer as to whether he wanted to buy the ring and according to him, Gleason suggested that if he did not think the ring was worth \$60.00 he should take it to a jeweler and have it appraised and that he would contact him at 3:30 P.M. and get his answer. Mr. Barnhardt advised that when Gleason left he was undecided as to what to do, and after considerable thought, he arrived at the conclusion that the best thing to do was to notify the proper authorities so that he could be in the "clear" in this matter. Accordingly, he called the Chicago Bureau office.

Mr. Barnhardt further stated that five minutes after the writer had called him at his home, Mr. Gleason called him on the telephone and inquired whether he had as yet come to any decision as to whether he was going to buy the ring. At this time Barnhardt



told him that he had not had any time as yet to have the ring appraised but that he would do so the next day. According to Barnhardt, Gleason stated at this time that it was very imperative that he sell the ring immediately as his friend was anxious to get the money and get out of town, as things were somewhat "hot" in Aurora, Illinois. Mr. Barnhardt stated that he did not give Gleason any definite answer as to what he was going to do, and in this connection Gleason stated that if he wanted to buy the ring, he should have it appraised immediately, after which he should meet him at the club room which is located on the second floor of Birkhoff's Tavern on South Broadway Street. He advised that Matt Gleason informed him that he resides at 104 North Fourth Street, Aurora, Illinois.

At the time Agents interviewed Mr. Barnhardt, he inquired as to what he should do, stating that if the Government desired, he would purchase the ring from Gleason, but that he wanted absolute assurance that he would get into no difficulty with the Government on account of this.

At this time the writer telephoned the Chicago Bureau office and advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley of the foregoing. Mr. Connelley suggested that Mr. Barnhardt should make efforts to stall off Matt Gleason until about 9:00 or 9:30 P.M. in order to give him a chance to proceed to Aurora, Illinois with other Agents for the purpose of making plans for the apprehension of Volney Davis. A description of the diamond ring in question which was in the possession of Mr. Barnhardt at the time he was interviewed by Agents was furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley with a view that he might check the description of this ring with the Kansas City Bureau office.

At this time Mr. Barnhardt suggested that he would immediately proceed to Elgin, Illinois and visit his parents; that in this connection he would instruct his wife to inform Matt Gleason that when he called him by telephone, he decided to purchase the ring and that he proceeded to Elgin, Illinois for the purpose of getting the money; that she should further inform Gleason that he would meet him at Bowman's Delicatessen Store on South Broadway at 9:30 P.M., at which time he would give him the \$60.00 for the ring. In explanation of the above, Mr. Barnhardt stated that he is positive that if he failed to meet Gleason at the designated point at 9:30 P.M., Gleason would communicate with him by telephone shortly thereafter. The above set out plan was based on this presumption. Also at this time Mr. Barnhardt went to a jeweler nearby and had the diamond ring appraised, and when he returned, he advised Agents that the jeweler had told him that the amount of \$60.00 was a good bargain for this ring.

When Mr. Barnhardt departed, Agents informed him that they could be reached at the Aurora Hotel, and that he should contact Agents at that place at 9:00 P.M., when he would be given final instructions as to what to do.

At approximately 6:45 P.M. the writer received a telephone call from Mr. Barnhardt from Elgin, Illinois, advising that Matt Gleason had not as yet called his home; that he was very much concerned about this and asked Agent his suggestion as to what to do. The writer informed him that he could call the Birkhoff Tavern, and try to get in touch with Matt Gleason there, and if he were successful in this respect, he should inform Gleason that he was at Elgin, Illinois with his brother; that he decided to purchase the ring and that his reason for going to Elgin was to get the purchase price; further, that he would meet him at Bowman's Delicatessen Store at 9:30 P.M., when he would give him the money. Mr. Barnhardt stated that he would do this and call Agent back regardless of whether he got in touch with Gleason or not.

About ten minutes later Mr. Barnhardt telephoned Agent and at this time he advised that he successfully contacted Gleason at Birkhoff's Tavern, and it was all set that he would meet him at 9:30 P.M. at Bowman's Delicatessen Store on South Broadway. Barnhardt stated that Gleason at first wanted to meet him at Birkhoff's Tavern but that he, Barnhardt, had insisted that the meeting place be at Bowman's Delicatessen Store, to which Gleason finally agreed.

At about this time Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley arrived at the Aurora Hotel with Special Agents Emrich, Kenney, Martin, White, Dickerson and Greaney, in two automobiles.

At 9:00 P.M. Mr. Barnhardt contacted Agent on the street in front of the Aurora Hotel, and at this time he was introduced to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. Barnhardt reiterated to Mr. Connelley the information he previously had furnished to Agents, whereupon he was instructed to go to Bowman's Delicatessen Store at 9:30 P.M., give Gleason the ring and then proceed to his home until further word from the writer was received.

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent K. E. McIntire and this Agent entered Bowman's Delicatessen Store at about 9:25 P.M. and there observed a man who answered the description of Matt Gleason as furnished by Mr. Barnhardt. Shortly thereafter Barnhardt entered this store and Agents observed him talk with Gleason and turn over to him a roll of money. Mr. Barnhardt remained in the store for only a short time and departed. Shortly thereafter Agents left the tavern and maintained a surveillance of same from the street for about fifteen minutes.

It was then deemed advisable that Agent should again enter the tavern for the purpose of observing anyone who might contact Matt Gleason inside. The writer remained in this tavern for approximately one hour but nothing unusual was observed. However, Agent on one occasion saw Matt Gleason count a roll of money which he took from his pocket, and from what could be seen, it appeared that he had about \$50.00 to \$60.00. Agent could see that he had a \$20.00 bill, a \$10.00 bill and numerous \$5.00 bills. At this point it will be stated that Agent had previously asked Mr. Barnhardt in what denominations the \$60.00 was which he was going to give to Gleason, and he advised that in this amount there was a \$20.00 bill, a \$10.00 bill, five \$5.00 bills and five \$1.00 bills.

At about 11:15 P.M. Matt Gleason left Bowman's Tavern and Agent observed him step into a 1929 or 1930 model Graham Paige coupe which bore #934 Illinois license tags, number unknown. Gleason was observed to drive west on South Broadway and immediately after he started his car, this Agent entered a Buick sedan in which were located Agents Martin and Emrich. Shortly thereafter Agent McIntire entered the Buick as per previous instructions, after which this car followed the Ford sedan which contained Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley and Agents J. C. White and W. C. Ryan. Due to the slippery condition of the streets, Agents in the Buick car were unable to successfully follow Matt Gleason in his Graham Paige coupe.

Shortly after losing sight of the above mentioned Paige automobile, the writer and Special Agent K. R. McIntire left the Buick automobile and proceeded on foot in an endeavor to locate Gleason's car, as it was believed that he could not proceed very far with same due to the icy condition of the streets. After walking down various streets near his home, the writer finally observed Gleason drive his car into the driveway located in the rear of his home at 102 North Fourth Street, Aurora, Illinois. Shortly thereafter Agent observed Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Agent McIntire proceed with Matt Gleason across the street on Spring Street, after which the writer was instructed to guide Matt Gleason to one of our cars and guard him while other Agents raided his home.

This raid was made and approximately thirty minutes later, Agent entered the house and together with Special Agent K. R. McIntire and Mr. Connelley, interviewed Evalyn Westphal, one of the occupants in this house.

Miss Westphal advised that she is 17 years of age but would not admit that she is married, although it was noted that she was wearing a wedding band. She stated that she has known Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gleason since April, 1934, having met them through Herman Addleman, who is also living there at the present time. She further stated that

she has been acquainted with Herman Addleman for some time and that he was a boy friend of one of her girl friends. Evelyn advised that because of her close friendship with Herman Addleman and the Gleasons, Mrs. Gleason asked her to live with them during the time she was looking for employment in Aurora, Illinois. She advised that she had been residing at this address for two months and that she does not pay any room or board but that she will pay as soon as she finds some employment.

Miss Westphal was closely interviewed concerning what activities took place at this residence during the past two days. She was not at all responsive to the questions which were put to her by Agents and would not tell the truth in many respects. When Agents first inquired what visitors, if any, she observed there on the nights of February 6 and 7, 1935, she at first denied knowledge of any visitors there during that period. However, she later admitted that a man whom she described as about 25 years of age, 5'8" tall, sandy colored, bushy hair, was in the house at 10:30 P.M. on the night of February 6, 1935. She stated that at this time she came downstairs from her bedroom and ate her dinner; that while she was eating, the above described man walked into the kitchen and asked her for two aspirins. She advised that this man was a total stranger to her and was unable to state or would not state when he came into the house. She stated in this connection that she went to bed at about 5:00 P.M. that day as she was not feeling very well, and that she slept until 10:30 P.M., at which time she came down to eat her dinner. She positively stated that this man was not in the house at 5:00 P.M. when she went to her bedroom upstairs.

Agents had considerable difficulty interviewing Miss Westphal, as she would repeatedly tell lies and be very evasive in questions put to her concerning the activities about the place during the period in question. However, she later admitted that this same man whom she had given the aspirins to the night previous was in the house on the morning of February 7, 1935, at about 11:00 o'clock. In this connection she stated that she came down at that time and observed him sitting in the dining room, reading a newspaper. She did not engage in any conversation with him at this time. She further stated that this man remained in the house all day and was there for dinner at about 5:30 P.M. That she and the housekeeper proceeded to wash the dishes after dinner, and when they finished she inquired about this man but learned that he had departed shortly after eating his meal. Miss Westphal at first denied knowing the color of his suit but later admitted that same was dark brown. She stated she did not observe either of his hands bandaged or cut, but advised that this could have been possible without her noticing it.

Miss Westphal further stated that she observed Matt Gleason talk with this individual at various times during the morning of February 7, 1935; that Gleason left the house at about noon on this date and she did not see him again since that time. She continued that this individual, whom she described as the man with the bushy hair, remained in the dining room practically all of the day and frequently listened to the radio. She engaged in very little conversation with him. She emphatically denied that she knows the identity of this man and also denied overhearing anything which indicated that he had escaped from the Federal Government.

Miss Westphal was shown a photograph of subject Volney Davis. She advised that the man whom she referred to above resembled the photograph somewhat but she would not make any positive identification.

She advised that she can be reached at any time through her mother, Mrs. Frank Westphal, who resides on Rural Route 2, Naperville, Illinois.

It is observed that the Miss Westphal mentioned in the above noted memorandum of Special Agent Madala is identical with Mrs. John Sampson, who is mentioned in a signed statement seen later in this report, which statement was secured by Special Agent E. R. McIntire.

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent J. H. Kenney.

Agents J. B. Dickerson, C. E. Greaney and J. H. Kenney proceeded to Aurora, Illinois on February 7, 1935, on information with regard to Volney Davis.

Following instructions from Special Agent in Charge Connelley Agents Dickerson, Greaney and the writer in a Hudson automobile in company with two other Bureau cars occupied by other Bureau Agents, followed an automobile driven by Matt Gleason from a saloon on Broadway Street in the City of Aurora to his home located at 102 North 4th Street, where a raid was conducted.

Agent Greaney covered the front entrance of this house on the east side of the street with a machine gun. Agent Dickerson covered the rear entrance on the west side with a shotgun. Agent Kenney covered the south side of the street with his revolver where entrance was made by Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Agents W. C. Ryan and J. C. White.

After a complete search of the house had been made Agents Dickerson and Greaney returned to the Bureau automobile to guard Matt Gleason who had been taken into custody.

The writer went into the Gleason home and interviewed one of the occupants. The party interviewed stated that her name was Coleen Hayden, and she said that she was the wife of Herman Rockers and that she had separated from him in March, 1934. She advised that she was 28 years old, and that there were no children by her marriage to Rockers; that she had been living at the Gleason home since about the middle of November, 1934, and was paying \$1.50 a week room rent; that she was employed part time as a maid for Mrs. Alice Ward, 640 Fox Street, and Mrs. Mort, 14 Rose Street, Aurora, Illinois and that she had known Mr. and Mrs. Gleason for about the last nine years.

Coleen Hayden stated that at present she was in a bad way financially and that it was due to her friendship with the Gleasons that she was living and boarding at their home; that Mrs. Gleason did not live in Aurora any longer, but had been living in Chicago, Illinois since the summer of 1934; that she helped to get the meals and take care of the house in general; that she was well known around Aurora and had worked for a number of years as a telephone operator; that during the summer of 1934, from April until September, she had worked with an advertising concern travelling through Wisconsin and Michigan, canvassing and soliciting advertising; that she had been married to her husband in 1931, and that it was generally understood around Aurora that they were divorced but she stated in fact that they were merely separated and that no divorce proceedings had ever taken place. She stated that the occupants of this house were herself, Matt Gleason, a boy by the name of Herman, a relative of Gleason, and a girl named Evelyn Westphal, and an old man, Henry Keasling, who had been with the Gleason family ever since she had known them.

When questioned as to whether she had seen any strange men around the Gleason home on February 6th or 7th, she denied that she had seen anyone. Coleen stated that on February 6, 1935, she had been home nearly all of the day and that at supper she helped prepare the evening meal and do the dishes and stayed downstairs all evening and went to bed at about 12 o'clock; that during that time she did not see a person answering the description of Volney Davis in the house; that on the evening of February 6, 1935 Matt Gleason left the house between 7 and 8 P.M. and did not return until some time after midnight.

Agent advised Coleen that it was a violation on her part to conceal the whereabouts of a man who is under indictment and wanted by the Federal Government, and that she was liable to a jail sentence for refusing to divulge such information. Coleen again denied that a strange man had been in the house on February 5, or 7, 1935, and stated that if any such person had been present she would have seen him.

At about 2 A.M. Agents Dickerson, Greaney and Kenney returned to Chicago in their respective Bureau automobiles.

It is to be noted that the Coleen Hayden referred to in the above memorandum of J. H. Kenney is identical with Mrs. Coleen Rockers mentioned hereinafter in a signed statement secured from her by Special Agent K. R. McIntire.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe.

Matthew Gleason, Aurora, Illinois, who was brought to the Chicago office for interview on the morning of February 8, 1935, was interviewed by Special Agents L. D. Nichols, T. M. McDade and J. J. Metcalfe, at which time he admitted that a man known to him as Whitey Hanson, and also known to him as Curley, came to his house on the night of February 6, 1935, and told him that he was on the "lam", having just escaped from officers of the law.

As investigation has already disclosed, Gleason was the man to whom Volney Davis came on that night after escaping from the custody of two Special Agents and attempted to secure some money from Gleason for the purpose of continuing his flight. Being unable to obtain any funds from Gleason he asked the latter to try to get some money for him on a diamond ring which he was wearing, and this ring was taken by Gleason to a man named Barnhardt, from whom he obtained \$60.00 in exchange for the ring. Barnhardt throughout the entire activities communicated and co-operated with the Chicago Bureau office in an effort to effect the apprehension of Volney Davis.

Gleason was interviewed along these lines and admitted that this man whom he knew only as Whitey Hanson, came to his house about 9 o'clock at night wearing a dark brown suit, brown hat, white muffler and no overcoat. Gleason insisted that he did not see any automobile in the possession of this man at the time of this visit, or on the following morning when this man again called at his house.

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At the time of the first visit Gleason claims he gave him the sum of \$5.00 and after exchanging a few words in regard to Whitey's escape from the law, it was arranged that Whitey should again call on Gleason on the following morning.

Gleason stated that Whitey came to his house the following morning at about 9 o'clock, and at that time displayed a diamond ring which he gave to Gleason and asked him to get what money he could for him as a loan on the ring, indicating that he was anxious to get the ring back some time in the future. On the occasion of both of these visits one of Whitey's hands was wrapped in a handkerchief and Whitey explained to Gleason that he had cut his hand.

Gleason claimed through the interview that at the time Whitey called at his house he did not know that Whitey had escaped from Federal officers, or why he was wanted; also that Whitey did not name any specific sum of money as having been taken from his person at the time of his arrest. Gleason insisted that he did not know all the circumstances surrounding the escape of Whitey until he read an article in the Chicago Daily News about noon of February 7, 1935, and although this article referred to a man named Doyle, he immediately drew the conclusion that this must be the same individual as the Whitey who came to his house the previous night. The statements of Gleason were not, of course, true because he had already told Barnhardt, the man to whom he gave the ring, all the details of the arrest and escape of Whitey as he had learned these details from Whitey, including the fact that the sum of \$1,100.00 was taken from Whitey's person at the time of his arrest. This fact, i.e., the exact sum of money, was something which was known only to the Fugitive and Bureau Agents, and consequently Barnhardt could not have come into possession of this information without having talked to somebody who had talked to the fugitive himself.

Gleason was anything but responsive to the questions which were put to him, and volunteered no information whatever. It was apparent throughout the interview that he had not disclosed all of the information in his possession.

Gleason was interrogated particularly as to the possible present whereabouts of this man whom he called Whitey, and he finally admitted that Whitey had told him he intended to go direct to Des Moines, Iowa to the "farm". Gleason also stated that during this conversation quite a bit was said about "Go About" Riley, and from all the things which were said, Gleason drew the conclusion that Whitey intended to go to a farm near Des Moines, which was owned by "Go About" Riley.



Gleason said that he did not know of any way to contact or communicate with Whitey except by speaking to several of his Gleason's, friends in Aurora, casually mentioning to them that he thought Whitey ought to communicate with him, stating that he thought this would result in Whitey's eventually getting in touch with him.

He insisted that he had not seen Whitey prior to the night of February 6, 1935, since the summer of 1934. He said he has known Whitey for some years, having met him originally through one Corey Bales, a gambler who presently has a gambling joint in Montana, and with whom he, Gleason, was formerly associated in the gambling and bootlegging rackets. He also insisted that he did not know what Whitey was wanted for, or why the Government was interested in causing his apprehension. He further stated that he had not seen Corey Bales or any close associate or friend of either Bales or Whitey since the summer of 1934. He said that the only feminine associate of Whitey's known to him was a girl called "Blondie", but he had not seen her since the summer of 1934.

With further reference to the visits paid to Gleason's house by Whitey, Gleason stated that on the morning of February 7, 1935, Whitey spent about thirty minutes at his house drinking coffee with him and discussing things in general. At the end of this visit it was arranged that Whitey should telephone Gleason at the Burkhoff Tavern in Aurora at about 5:30 that afternoon, at which time Gleason would let him know how much money, if any, he was able to raise on the diamond ring.

At the appointed time Gleason was at the Burkhoff Tavern when he was advised by one of the other persons there that a long distance telephone call awaited him, and on going to the telephone he found that Whitey was calling him. He told Whitey that all he could get on the ring was \$50.00, but that he had not received any money yet, and did not expect to obtain it until about 9:30 that evening. He said that he would be at Bowman's Delicatessen that night at approximately 9:30 o'clock, and that Whitey should meet him there for the purpose of receiving the money. As a matter of fact Gleason had already arranged to obtain \$60.00 on the ring and had intended keeping \$10.00 for himself. Gleason stated that he was at the delicatessen at the appointed time, but that Whitey did not make his appearance. Gleason also stated that he attempted to call back the telephone operator immediately after Whitey had called him on long distance in an effort to determine the source of the long distance call, but that he was unable to find out from which

point the call had been placed.

Gleason insisted that he did not know where Whitey had spent the night of February 6, 1935, following his escape from the law and after his visit at Gleason's home, but he said he thought it was very possible that Whitey may have made some arrangements for a place to stay that night through one Mat Kirsch in Aurora, who operates a hotel and a tavern in that town, and who formerly operated the Fox Gardens on the outskirts of Aurora, which place was closed some time ago due to lack of business. He said that although Whitey did not tell him the next morning at what place he had spent the night, he did mention the name of Mat Kirsch, and indicated that he had tried to see Kirsch for the purpose of obtaining some money, and that Kirsch, learning of Whitey's efforts to find him, had endeavored to avoid him. Gleason said that he, himself, and Kirsch are not on friendly terms at the present time.

Gleason was interviewed in regard to the possibility of his attempting to make contact with Whitey for the purpose of effecting the latter's apprehension, and he stated that he was very willing to do this, and that he believed that if he were released and allowed to go home he could, in the course of several days, effect a contact with Whitey which would bring Whitey to a designated meeting place where Whitey might be apprehended. He also stated that if he, Gleason, were seen in Aurora either at his usual haunts or at his home in the company of a strange individual, this would be nothing unusual, and would arouse no suspicion as he meets numerous strangers from day to day in the course of his activities. This is set forth with the view in mind that if it should be considered advisable to have Gleason at any time attempt to make contact with Whitey, it would be very possible to place an Agent in the constant company of Gleason so as to make certain of his co-operation and prevent the wrong kind of a contact being made which might interfere with the progress of the investigation.

The following signed statement was secured from Matthew Gleason by Special Agent W. C. Ryan:

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
February 8, 1935.

I, Matthew Gleason, make the following voluntary statement to W. C. Ryan, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no promises or threats having been made to me and well knowing that anything I say may be used against me.

I am 49 years of age, being born at Grand Ridge, Illinois on March 24, 1886. I have for the past eight or nine years been engaged in the business of operating betting books on horse races in Aurora, Illinois. I have been presently residing at 102 North Fourth Street, Aurora, Illinois, with my wife Freida, where for the past year we have been taking in roomers to cover expenses. I have no children. For the past month or so I have been operating the poker and whist games at Berghoff Tavern, 65 South Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

During the month of May, 1934 I was operating a horse racing book in partnership with Lothar Brodt and Walter Mensior at 8 North Broadway in Aurora. Corey Bales operated the gambling games at this place and also had an interest in the place. Around the first part of May 1934, Violet Gregg, who is Corey Bales' woman friend came to my place at 8 North Broadway, with a man and a woman, whom I became acquainted with as "Whitey" or "Curley" Hansen and his wife, "Blondie" or "Rabbitt." "Whitey" and "Blondie" appeared to be old friends of Corey Bales and Bales told me that "Whitey's" business was that of "stick man" in crap games. I have been exhibited a photograph of Volney Davis and I state that this individual is identical with "Whitey" Hansen. I have also been shown a photograph of Edna Murray and state that she is the same person as the woman known to me as "Blondie." Bales did not indicate to me that "Whitey" or "Blondie" were wanted for any crime nor did I hear from anyone else that they were wanted.

"Whitey" and "Blondie" were frequent visitors at my place for about a month during May and June 1934. About the last of May 1934, Bales moved his gambling operations to the Fox Gardens in Aurora and after that the visits of "Whitey" and "Blondie" to my place became less frequent.

I saw very little of "Blondie" and "Whitey" during July and August 1934 but I learned that during this time they spent considerable time at the Fox Gardens, operated by Matt Kersch, and at Ted's Tavern, 10 South LaSalle St., in Aurora, operated by Ted Smith. I think that "Blondie" and "Whitey" left Aurora in August 1934.

After "Whitey" and "Blondie" left Aurora in August 1934, I did not see them or hear from them until the night of February 6, 1935. At about 8:00 P.M. on the night of February 6, 1935, "Whitey" came to the back door of my home at 102 North Fourth St. Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson, Herman Edelman and Mrs. Coleen Rockers, all roomers at my house, were eating dinner with me in the kitchen at the time. John Sampson answered the door and "Whitey" asked to see me. "Whitey" was wearing a dark brown suit, a snap brim brown felt hat and a white muffler but did not have on an overcoat. I led "Whitey" into the living room of the quarters occupied by me. "Whitey" was highly excited when he came in and his left hand was bandaged with a handkerchief. When "Whitey" and I entered my living room, "Whitey" asked me if I had any "dough" and said "I just got away from the law." I told him I was broke but I would try to get him some. "Whitey" said the "law" had taken all of his "dough", and that he didn't have a thing. "Whitey" said "I've got to keep moving". "Whitey" wanted to know whether I was going to be home for awhile and I told him that I had to go out and meet a fellow. I gave "Whitey" five dollars and told him it was all I had. He took the five dollars and said that he was going to try to make a meet with Matt Kersch or Ted Smith to get some money and that he would be back. I told him that when he returned he should come in by the front door and that if he saw my car in the yard, he would know that I was home. "Whitey" then left the house through the front door and apparently drove off in a car, as I heard the car door slam but I did not see the car. This was about 8:30 P.M.

A few minutes after "Whitey" left I went out to see Teddy Wieland, who operates a tavern at High and Mountain Streets but I did not see him. I wanted to see Wieland about buying a cash register. I remained at Wieland's until about 11:15 P.M. and then returned home.

Shortly after I had gotten home, "Whitey" came to the front door and I let him into the house. No one saw "Whitey" enter this time and we went into my living room. "Whitey" said that he had not been able to connect with Matt Kersch but that he had seen Ted Smith and Smith had told him he was broke and wanted to give him fifty cents. "Whitey" said he was going to see Smith again. "Whitey" was

anxious to see the newspapers and I gave him the Chicago Herald-Examiner and the Chicago Tribune to read and told him that the Aurora papers were also on the stand in the room. "Whitey" asked me if he could stay at my place for awhile and I told him that I didn't have much room but that he was welcome to stay if he wanted to; that I was going to work at Berghoff Tavern and would not be back until early morning. Shortly after midnight I went to work and left "Whitey" in my living room reading the papers. Up to this time "Whitey" had not told me any of the details of his escape from the "law."

I returned home from Berghoff Tavern at about 5:00 A.M. the following morning, February 7, 1935 and I found "Whitey" laying awake on the davenport in my living room. "Whitey" got up and we went back in the kitchen and talked. At this time "Whitey" told me that he had escaped from the custody of two "G" men (which I knew meant Federal Officers) on the previous evening by slugging one of the men, while the other was in a telephone booth, and by diving through a window. He said that he threw off his overcoat because it was too heavy to run with and ran across some yards for several blocks and stole a car that had the keys and everything in it and drove straight to Aurora. "Whitey" said that upon arriving at Aurora he went to Ted Smith's place and washed and that Ted Smith gave him fifty cents. "Whitey" said that the only place he put himself was on his hand, in diving through the window.

At about 6:30 A.M. I told "Whitey" I was going to bed to get a little sleep and "Whitey" went out saying that he would be back later. "Whitey" came back at about 9:30 A.M. and I let him in through the kitchen door. I noticed that his hand was bandaged neatly in a linen bandage but he did not mention to me where he had it dressed. I fixed "Whitey" some toast and coffee and he sat in the kitchen and ate it. At this time, "Whitey" handed me a diamond ring, which he asked me to sell for him. This ring was a solitaire diamond in a white gold setting. He said that the ring was worth \$125.00 to \$150.00 and said that he would like to get anything over \$50.00 for it. I told him I might be able to sell it for him. "Whitey" remained for about one half hour at this time and when he left I told him that I might not be able to see the fellow to whom I expected to sell the ring for a little while and that he should call me at the Berghoff Tavern later in the afternoon.

After "Whitey" left I took the ring and went to Marshall's Cigar Store on Main Street to see if I could locate G. A. Barnhart to

whom I had previously sold a diamond ring which I had taken as security for a gambling debt. Not finding Barnhart at Marshall's, I drove to his home at 172 Gladstone Avenue in Aurora and offered him the ring for \$60.00. Barnhart said that he would get the ring appraised by a jeweler and would let me know if he would take it. I told Barnhart where I had gotten the ring. After leaving the ring with Barnhart, I went downtown and upon purchasing a Chicago Daily News, I read the story of the escape of a prisoner from Federal Officers at Yorkville, Illinois, on the evening of February 6, 1935. I knew at once from the story "Whitey" had told me that he was the party who made this escape. I went back to Barnhart and showed him the newspaper story and told him to get the ring appraised as soon as possible. He promised to meet me at Berghoff Tavern at 5:30 P.M. Around the time set for us to meet, Barnhart phoned me at the tavern and told me that he would not be able to meet me until 9:30 P.M. and that he would meet me then at Bowman's Delicatessen, 31 North Broadway, in Aurora.

Shortly after Barnhart had called me, "Whitey" phoned me at Berghoff Tavern and I told him to meet me at Bowman's at 9:30 P.M. and I would give him the money I was getting for the ring.

At 9:30 P.M. I met Barnhart in Bowman's Store and he gave me \$60.00 for "Whitey's" ring. I waited for "Whitey" at Bowman's until about 11:00 P.M. and then started for home to leave word there that in case anyone was looking for me they should come to Berghoff Tavern. I did not know where "Whitey" was at this time, nor did I know where to look for him.

Upon arriving home at about 11:30 P.M. I was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

I have read the above statement consisting of ten and a fraction pages and I sign it as being a true and voluntary statement.

(Signed) MATTHEW GIBSON

Witnesses:

(Signed) W. C. RYAN, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

(Signed) C. G. CAMPBELL, Special Agent,  
Div. of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent  
W. C. Ryan:

In addition to the signed statement obtained by the writer from Matthew Gleason, Gleason advised that a LOTHAR BRODT and WALTER MENSOR, who were in partnership with him at the gambling establishment at 8 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, at the time that he first became acquainted with Volney Davis, are at present located in the Home Bank Building, Elmhurst, Illinois. He stated that Brodt and Mensior very seldom come to Aurora and were not acquainted with Davis but that one JOHN MURRAY, who represents their interests at Aurora, was possibly acquainted with Volney Davis from seeing him at the gambling establishment but that he did not think that Davis knew Murray well enough to seek a hideout through him. Gleason stated that Murray is at present working in Wilmette, Illinois for Brodt and Mensior.

Gleason further advised that he is confident that Davis would seek refuge with someone who is particularly friendly with COREY BALES and that it was possible that Davis might have gone to a GERALD BROWN'S restaurant in Havana, Illinois or to one HOBSON, also a friend of Bales, in Streator, Illinois.

With reference to TED SMITH, Gleason stated that he did not think that Ted Smith would hide Davis out in Aurora, but that if he did aid Davis he would send him to friends of his in Peoria, Illinois. Gleason could not state who these friends might be, but advised that Ted Smith has numerous connections in Peoria.

With regard to his wife, Freida Gleason, he advised that she divides her time between living at Aurora and living at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mattis, in Chicago, Illinois. He stated John Mattis is business agent for the Janitors Union in Chicago. Gleason stated that his wife has been in Chicago for the past several weeks and was not at home at the time of Davis' visit.

Gleason was questioned concerning any car or gun which Davis may have obtained after his escape but he stated that he, himself, did not give Davis a gun and that he did not think that Davis had one. As to an automobile, Gleason said that Davis had an automobile only at the time of his first visit to his home but that on the other two times he came he was without a car and that if he has one at present he has no idea where he obtained it.

Gleason stated that if he were free to go to Aurora that he thought he might be able to locate Davis through contacts there. When questioned concerning these contacts Gleason advised that they were individuals who spent considerable time at Kersch's Place and at Ted Smith's. When asked concerning the identity of the individuals he might use to obtain information about Davis, Gleason mentioned only one Bobbie Bowler, who he states is a hanger-on around Kersch's Place and who might be able to get some information for him through Kersch.

The following additional information was secured from Matthew Gleason by Special Agent C. G. Campbell, and is quoted as follows:

Further interview with Matt Gleason resulted in the following information:

Gleason stated that on the morning of February 7, 1935 Subject Davis told him that Matt Kersch should help him due to the fact that he (Davis) had financed Kersch and Bales in opening the Fox Gardens, Aurora, Illinois; that he (Davis) had made the necessary gas and electric meter deposits. Davis further told Gleason that he now had a large interest in the gambling resort located at Glasgow, Montana, and operated by Bales; that he had sent a man and a woman to take care of his interests in this gambling house but that Bales had forced them to leave and that now he had sent a relative of his to Bales for this purpose, and that he believed Bales was double-crossing him in regard to sharing the proceeds of this business.

Davis mentioned going to Des Moines, Iowa and it was Gleason's opinion that he would contact one "Go-About Riley", former slot machine operator, just outside of Des Moines, but could not name the place. Gleason stated that Riley controlled gambling interests in Des Moines but had lost out when the present State's Attorney was elected.

Gleason stated that Bales and Kersch and Ted Smith had numerous friends in and around Peoria, Illinois, none of whom he could name, that Davis might see, but that he believed Corey Bales at Glasgow would be the best place to cover. Gleason also named one Loyd Hobson, bookmaker at Streator, Illinois, previously mentioned in the files, as a friend and likely contact for Davis.

Gleason stated that he saw a blonde girl on the street in Aurora, Illinois a few days back who has resided at the Main Hotel, Main Street and LaSalle Street, Aurora, Illinois, and who was frequently visited by Davis during his former stay in Aurora. This hotel is owned



and operated by Mabel Wright who had sold the place soon after Davis' stay in Aurora last year and moved to Peoria, Illinois, but that the parties who purchased the hotel could not pay for it and that Mabel Wright was again operating a sporting house there, and it was his (Gleason's) opinion that this blonde-headed girl friend of Davis' is back in this hotel. Gleason could not recall her name."

The following additional information was secured from Gleason by Special Agent K. R. McIntire on February 14, 1935:

Gleason advised that on February 7, 1935, after he had been told by Whitey of the latter's escape at Yorkville, he (Gleason) purchased a Chicago Daily News for February 7, 1935, and read the complete account of the escape of a party believed to be DOYLE from Agents at Yorkville. He stated that having talked to Whitey and knowing the circumstances he understood the paper was mistaken as to the identity of the party who escaped, and he understood thoroughly that the paper had reference to Whitey rather than Doyle. He advised that he noted that Doyle was under indictment in St. Paul as one of the Bremer kidnapers, and he specifically stated to this Agent that he knew that the paper intended that that information should pertain to Whitey rather than to Doyle. He admitted that with knowledge of the indictment outstanding against Whitey he made renewed efforts to sell the diamond ring to G. A. Barnhart, in order to assist Whitey. The only excuse he could give for his conduct was that he was somewhat "cozey" as a result of drinking liquor and that he was anxious to get Whitey off his hands as soon as possible. He said that he realized this was no defense, and scarcely more than a poor explanation of his conduct.

In view of the fact that Gleason advised Agent McIntire that he read in the Chicago Daily News of February 7, 1935 of the escape of a federal prisoner at Yorkville, Illinois on February 6, 1935, all issues for the Chicago Daily News for February 7th were secured and Gleason pointed out to Agent McIntire the paper which he read containing the news item. This article distinctly states that Jess Doyle was under indictment in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

From personal observation and interview, Special Agent C. C. Campbell secured the following personal description of MATTHEW GLEASON:

Name:	MATTHEW GLEASON
Age:	48 years.
Height:	5 ft. 10 inches.
Weight:	247 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Black, turning gray, combed slick back
Scars:	Cut scar outer right eye V shaped scar middle of forehead. The middle joint in each little finger is stiff.
Fingerprints:	Fingerprinted at Chicago Division office on February 12, 1935.

It is observed that on February 12, 1935 fingerprints of Matthew Gleason were forwarded to the Bureau with the request that the Chicago Bureau Office be furnished with a criminal record of said individual.

The following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan:

"On February 7, 1935, following the raid on the home of Matthew Gleason, 102 North 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois, the writer interviewed Roy Shores, one of the occupants of the house at the time of the raid.

Shores stated that he has been a roomer at the Gleason home since January 1, 1935; that he is at present unemployed and has not worked for the last three years. He stated that his occupation is that of laborer in grading roads and in other construction work and that he has also worked at gambling. He advised that he came to Aurora from Kansas City, Missouri around the first part of the present year in the hopes that he would find work in some gambling establishment since he had heard at Kansas City that gambling was going very well in Aurora. He advised that no one in Kansas City, Missouri referred him to Matthew Gleason but that he happened to meet Gleason in one of the gambling establishments in Aurora and through this meeting arranged to live at Gleason's home.

When questioned concerning the visit of any stranger to the Gleason home on the evening of February 6, 1935, Shores stated that he was not at home for the greater part of the day but that when he left home on the morning of February 6th, some stranger was with Matthew Gleason and that he thought that this party was interested in the slot machine business. He stated that he did not see anyone at the Gleason home on the evening of February 6, 1935 nor on the following morning.

He failed to identify a photograph of Volney Davis as anyone whom he had seen at any time.

Shores advised that he has been arrested on numerous occasions for drunkenness and disorderly conduct at Kansas City, Missouri, Joplin, Missouri and Ogden, Utah.

He is described as follows:

Age	48 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Residence	Kansas City, Missouri
Relatives - Brother:	Lee Shores, 4013 Bales Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri."

It is considered advisable that Roy Shores, who has now gone to Kansas City, Missouri, 4015 Bales Avenue, be reinterviewed along the lines seen in the signed statements of Mrs. Coleen Rockers and others contained herein. Note that Shores, no doubt, opened the door for Davis, contrary to the statement of Mat Gleason.

In connection with the signed statement of Matthew Gleason it was deemed advisable to secure signed statements from the occupants of the Gleason home at 102 North 4th Street who observed Volney Davis in the Gleason home on February 5th and 7th. Accordingly, the following signed statement was secured from Mrs. Coleen Rockers:

102 N. 4th St.  
Aurora, Illinois  
February 11, 1935.

I, Mrs. Coleen Rockers, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. B. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, without threats or promises of any kind.

On the night of February 5, 1935 between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M. I was eating evening dinner in the kitchen of the home of Matthew Gleason. There were also the following persons eating dinner with me at the kitchen table - Matthew Gleason, Mrs. John Sampson, (known to us as Evelyn) and Mr. John Sampson. I believe Roy Shores was also standing in the kitchen at this time. We had been eating about 15 or 20 minutes when I heard a rap on the kitchen door. As well as I recall Roy Shores answered the rap on the door. When he opened the door I heard a man on the outside ask "Is Mat here?" or "I'd like to see Mat." Roy Shores said that Mat was here, and opened the door for the stranger to come in. When this stranger entered he said, "Hello, Mat," and Mat said, "Hello, Whitey," and registered surprise at seeing Whitey. Then Whitey said, "Can I see you, Mat?" Then Mat got up from the table and took Whitey into the front room. When Whitey entered the house I noticed that his left hand was bandaged and he was holding this hand up to his face as if to shield his face.

At this time I believe Whitey was wearing a dark blue or black overcoat having a black plush collar. He also had a brown suit and a dark snap brim hat. The overcoat did not look new.

About 10 minutes after Mat took Whitey into a front room, Mat returned to the kitchen to finish his evening dinner. When he had finished eating he poured a cup of coffee and took it to

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Whitey in the front room. I know he took this cup of coffee to Whitey because I later picked up the empty cup from the place where Whitey had been sitting. I don't recall Mat taking any food to Whitey.

After I had finished cleaning up the kitchen I went into the front room of the house which is located on the south-eastern corner of the building. At this time I noticed Whitey sitting in the N.E. corner of the front room located on the northeastern corner of the house. This is the same man who had come into the kitchen earlier in the evening. A little later I came back out in the kitchen and played solitaire on the kitchen table. At approximately 10:00 or 10:30 P.M. on the same night Whitey came out to the kitchen and asked for a couple of aspirin, saying, "Has anybody here got a couple of aspirin? - I want to see if I can stop coughing." I did notice that he coughed an awful lot. Mrs. John Sampson was in the kitchen and she went into the bathroom and got him the aspirin.

I remained downstairs until 12:00 midnight or 12:30 A.M. when I went to my room upstairs and retired. I believe Whitey remained in the N.E. front room all night, for he said nothing about leaving, and all the time I remained downstairs he was in the N.E. front room with the door closed.

I arose on February 7, 1935 at about 8:00 A.M. to get Herman Edlmann's breakfast. Herman left the house at about 8:45 A.M. Then I went upstairs and when I came down I found Whitey in the kitchen. It appeared that he had been drinking coffee. As soon as I came in Whitey got up and left. When I first came down I didn't notice any dirty dishes as though one had been eating, but I think Mat had fixed some toast, eggs and coffee for himself and Whitey while I was upstairs after Herman had left. I say this because Mat was in the kitchen with Whitey when I walked in on them. Mat remained in the kitchen for a time, but Whitey went into the front room through the bathroom and through Mat's room. No one else was with me at this time.

I didn't see Whitey during the day of February 7, 1935, until evening. I didn't see him leave the house. We had evening dinner on February 7, 1935 at about 5:30 P.M. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson, myself, Henry Keesling, and Whitey. Whitey sat next to Mrs. Sampson. We finished eating at about 6:00 P.M. I cleaned up the kitchen and then I was going to make up Mat's bed

and found Whitey lying on it. He said he just wanted to lie down for a while so I went out, and I never saw him after that. When Whitey was lying on the bed I noticed small bandages on the fingers of his left hand.

Mat remained around the house until about noon on February 7, 1935, then went downtown and got some groceries, came home, and asked me when I would have dinner. I told him "around 5:00". He said he would be home for dinner but he didn't come home.

The last time I saw Whitey on Mat's bed was about 7:30 or 8:00 P.M. on the night of February 7, 1935.

Mr. McIntire has shown me a photograph of Volney Davis which I positively identify as the Whitey who visited Mat Gleason on February 6 and 7, 1935.

The foregoing statement consisting of seven handwritten pages has been read to me in its entirety by K. R. McIntire, and it contains the truth.

(Signed) MRS. COLEEN ROCKERS.

Witnesses:

(Signed) K. R. McINTIRE, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

(Signed) J. C. WHITE, Special Agent, Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

It will be observed in the signed statement of Mrs. J. Sampson that she, Mrs. Sampson, did not sit at the dinner table on the evening of February 6, 1935 as has been indicated in the signed statement of Matthew Gleason and also in the signed statement of Mrs. Coleen Rockers.

After the statement was secured from Mrs. Rockers, she advised that she was mistaken about Mrs. Sampson being at the dinner table at that time and stated definitely that Mrs. Sampson was in her bedroom when Volney Davis came to the Gleason home on February 6, 1935.

Mrs. Rockers advised that she is 28 years of age; that she is now separated from her former husband, Herman Rockers; that she and her

husband have lived in Aurora, Illinois since 1926, and that they have known the Gleasons for six or seven years; that they lived with Gleason at 67 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, when she, Mrs. Rockers, was first married approximately four years ago. She remained with the Gleasons at that time for about one and one-half years, then moved away, and returned to the Gleason home on November 11, 1934. She stated she has one brother, Stanley Boyden, at 6614 McCook Street, Hammond, Indiana.

She advised that Matthew Gleason has been in the saloon business ever since she has known him, and that he has also been in the "bookie" business; that the bookie at 8 North Broadway, in which Matthew Gleason formerly had an interest, is now owned by one Juddy Webber and one Schmidt. She stated that Gleason sold alcohol during the prohibition days and that he has recently been dealing cards above a tavern known as Berghoff's Tavern on South Broadway in Aurora, Illinois. Mrs. Rockers denied ever having seen Whitey, alias "Curly" Hansen, alias Volney Davis, at any time other than on February 6th and 7th, 1935, at the Gleason home.

The following signed statement was secured by Special Agent K. R. McIntire from Mrs. J. Sampson:

February 12, 1935  
102 N. 4th St.,  
Aurora, Illinois.

I, Mrs. J. Sampson, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the night of February 5, 1935 I was ill in my room at the home of Matthew Gleason, 102 N. 4th St., Aurora, Ill. I remained in my room from about 4:00 P.M. to about 10:00 P.M. on the night of February 6, 1935. At about 10:00 P.M. I came down to the kitchen to prepare myself some dinner. Mrs. Coleen Rockers was in the kitchen playing solitaire. During this time a stranger came into the kitchen and said "Has anyone got any aspirin - I want to get rid of this cough." I had noticed that he coughed quite a bit. Mrs. Rockers said she didn't have any aspirin, so I said, "I guess there are some in the cupboard", so I got up and got this stranger a couple of aspirin and handed them to him. He immediately left the kitchen. He was wearing a brown suit, He had a bushy head of blond hair. I didn't see this man during the remainder of the evening.

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The next time I saw him was at about 5:30 P.M. on February 7, 1935. This was at the dinner table in the kitchen of Mat Gleason's home. Those at the table were myself, my husband, Mr. John Sampson, Henry Keesling, Mrs. Coleen Rockers and the strange man to whom I had given the aspirin on the preceding evening. He sat next to me at the table. After we had eaten this stranger went into the front part of the house, and I never saw him after that.

I have been shown the photograph of Volney Davis by Mr. McIntire and I recognize it as identical to the man referred to herein as the stranger.

The foregoing statement consisting of three pages, handwritten, has been read to me by Mr. McIntire and it is true and correct.

(Signed) MRS. JOHN SAMPSON

Witnesses:

(Signed) K. R. McINTIRE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

(Signed) J. C. WHITE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

As noted hereinbefore, Mrs. J. Sampson is also known by the name of Evelyn Sampson or Evelyn Westphal. She is 17 years of age. Her mother is Mrs. Frank Westphal at Naperville, Illinois, Route 2. She advised that she became acquainted with John Sampson, age 43, who has been living with Matthew Gleason for some time, and that she married him on October 6, 1934 at Aurora, Illinois, and that she and her husband came to live with Matthew Gleason on October 17, 1934. Her husband is unemployed but she and her husband both stated that he has an independent income as a result of investments in Detroit, Michigan.

The paragraphic information which is being set out after each signed statement is being reported in order to show the close association between persons living at the Gleason home and Matthew Gleason. It is believed that the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois should be advised of this close association in order to determine the reliability of these persons as witnesses for the Government.



It should be noted that Mrs. J. Sampson, alias Evelyn Westphal, alias Evelyn Sampson, will perhaps be the poorest witness of any person submitting a signed statement who resided in the Gleason home at the time Volney Davis made his appearance. She undoubtedly recognizes the photograph of Volney Davis as being identical with the Whitey who visited Gleason's home on February 6, 1935, but she at all times denied such knowledge, and it is believed that she signed her statement more because she desired to avoid further questioning than through a desire to tell the truth.

The following signed statement was secured from John Sampson, the husband of Evelyn Westphal, alias Evelyn Sampson:

102 N. 4th St.  
Aurora, Illinois  
February 12, 1935.

I, John Sampson, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the night of February 6, 1935 the following persons were eating evening dinner at the kitchen table of Matthew Gleason, 102 N. 4th St., Aurora, Ill., at about 7:45 P.M. - myself, Mrs. Coleen Rockers, Mat Gleason and a Jew named Ben, who buys and sells cash registers and scales. Roy Shores was also in the kitchen doing some drinking. While we were eating we heard a rap on the door and Roy Shores opened the door. Someone said something from the outside and then came into the kitchen. At this point the stranger entering said "Hello, Mat", and Mat said "Hello, Whitey." Then Whitey said "Can I see you a minute, Mat?" Mat got up and took Whitey in one of the front rooms. I continued to eat and didn't look up to see who had come in. In a few minutes Mat returned to the kitchen and finished his meal. Then Mat took a sup of coffee in to Whitey in the front room. After I had finished eating I went into the front room and saw Mat and Whitey conversing in the other front room located on the N.E. corner of the house. Whitey was then wearing a brown suit.

At about 8:30 P.M. on the night of February 6, 1935 I left home by way of the back door and did not return until around 10:30 P.M. or 11:00 P.M. that night. I had been downtown. The only cars I saw around the house was the car of Mat Gleason and an old

car belonging to the Jew cash register man. Just after I got home I went to the basement to fix the furnace, and as I was coming up the stairs I heard some conversation about aspirin. I didn't hear a man asking for aspirin, but I did hear Mrs. Coleen Rockers say "No, there isn't any aspirin." Then I heard my wife say, "Yes, there is some in the bathroom." I didn't get up in time to see her hand anyone any aspirin. Whitey had a bad cough and I heard him cough several times. I retired on the night of February 5, 1935 at about midnight.

I arose on the morning of February 7, 1935 at about 10:00 or 10:30 A.M. When I came into the kitchen Roy Shores was already here - so was Mrs. Coleen Rockers. Then Mrs. Rockers left and Shores and I sat alone drinking coffee. A few moments later Whitey came into the kitchen and said "All I ever have for breakfast is just a cup of coffee." I got up and left while Shores and Whitey remained in the kitchen. I returned to the kitchen about 10 minutes later, and Whitey was gone. Shores was sitting in the kitchen alone. I did not see Mat Gleason at any time during breakfast. At noon on February 7, 1935 I saw Mat Gleason at home. Then he went downtown. The next time I saw "Whitey" was at dinnertime at about 5:30 P.M. on February 7, 1935. The following persons were present at the dinner table - myself, Mrs. John Sampson, who is my wife, Mrs. Coleen Rockers and Whitey. Mat Gleason didn't come home to dinner. Shortly after dinner I saw someone lying on Mat Gleason's bed, but I couldn't see his face. However, I am confident it was Whitey.

I went downtown between 7:30 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. on February 7, 1935. I stopped in at Bowman's saloon and several other places. I saw Mat Gleason at the Berghoff Bar on Broadway but I did not see him at Bowman's Saloon. I didn't see Mat hanging around with Whitey on the night of February 7, 1935.

I started home at about 11:00 P.M. on February 7, 1935, and I noticed quite a bit of excitement in front of Gleason's home at 102 N. 4th St., where I am living. I didn't want to get into trouble, so I remained away from home until about 2:30 A.M., February 8, 1935.

Mr. McIntire has shown me a photograph of Volney Davis, who is identical with Whitey, and whom I identify as Whitey.

The foregoing statement, consisting of five handwritten pages, has been read to me in its entirety and it is true and correct.

(Signed) JOHN SAMPSON

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Witnesses:

(Signed) K. R. MONTGOMERY, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

(Signed) J. C. WHITE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

John Sampson admitted to Agent that he dealt heavily in alcohol during prohibition days and by this means became acquainted with Matthew Gleason, who purchased some of his alcohol. Sampson started living at Gleason's home in May, 1933 and has been living with Gleason substantially all the time ever since. Sampson advised that he is acquainted with Corey Bales, prominently mentioned in this case; that Matthew Gleason brought Corey Bales to Detroit, Michigan in September, 1931, where Bales, Sampson and Mat Gleason operated a gambling game during the American Legion convention in Detroit. He advised that Corey Bales and Violet Gregg formerly operated a joint known as "The Derby" in Montgomery, Illinois. Sampson advised that Gleason and Corey Bales were once interested in a "bookie" in Aurora; that Corey Bales came to Gleason's house frequently, and that he, Sampson, is well acquainted with Bales and Violet Gregg. Sampson advised that he has met Jack Gregg, otherwise known as Ermon Gregg, the son of Violet Gregg. Sampson advised that he noted in the Aurora Beacon, a newspaper, some time ago that Corey Bales is now located in some town in Montana, having been set up there by a gambler who formerly frequented Aurora.

Sampson was questioned as to why he was not home on the night of February 7, 1935 when the raid was conducted. He advised that he had spent the evening in downtown Aurora at various beer joints, and that he started home about 11:00 or 11:30 P.M. that night; that he noticed considerable commotion and numerous cars in the vicinity of the Gleason home and that he feared something was wrong and went to 57 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, where Gleason formerly had a colored "bookie". He stated that the Lawrence Saloon is located below the place where he stayed, 57 North Broadway, and that a carpenter by the name of "Herman", last name unknown, lives there. He declared that he had a key to this place and that he did not awaken Herman while he remained there. He stated that he went home about 2:30 A.M. on the early morning of February 8, 1935, and learned that the place had been raided by federal agents. He denied having any contact with Volney Davis on the night of February 7th, and no admission could be secured from him to the effect that he had "tipped off" Volney Davis as to a raid being conducted by federal agents at the Gleason home.

The following signed statement was secured from Henry  
Keesling:

102 N. 4th St.  
Aurora, Illinois  
February 12, 1935.

I do make this free and voluntary statement to K. M.  
McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept.  
of Justice.

I am living at the home of Matthew Gleason, 102 N. 4th  
St., Aurora, Ill. I am working at a "bookie" at 8 North Broad-  
way, Aurora, Ill. as a porter. On the night of Feb. 6, 1935 I  
came home for supper at about 4:00 or 5:00 P.M. I ate at about  
5:00 P.M. and went back to work at about 8:00 P.M. I returned  
home at about 10:00 P.M. but did not see any strangers in the  
house. I didn't see Mat Gleason at any time on February 6, 1935.  
When I came home I fixed the furnace and went right to bed. On  
the morning of Feb. 7, 1935 I got up at about 6:00 A.M., went to  
work, and came home for breakfast and dinner at about 11:00 A.M.  
When I came home I didn't see any strangers in the house, nor did  
I see Mat Gleason. After dinner I went back to work at 2:00 P.M.  
or 3:00 P.M., and then returned home for supper at about 5:00 P.M.  
Feb. 7th. We ate supper around 5:00 P.M. Those seated at the  
kitchen table were myself, John Sampson, Mrs. John Sampson (known  
to me as Evelyn), Mrs. Coleen Rockers and a stranger. This stranger  
was wearing a brown suit, and came to the kitchen from the front  
room of the house located on the N.E. corner of the house. This  
stranger said nothing during the course of the meal. I think I  
have seen this stranger in various gambling places in Aurora a  
couple of years ago. Mr. McIntire has shown me a photograph of  
Volney Davis, who is identical with the stranger.

After supper I left for work at about 8:00 P.M. on Feb. 7th  
and returned home at about 10:30 P.M. that night. I never saw  
the stranger after I left the supper table. When I got home I  
fixed the furnace fire and went to bed. I never saw any car used  
by this stranger.

The above statement, consisting of three handwritten pages,  
has been read to me in its entirety and it is true and correct.

(Signed) X

The above X is my signature.  
Henry Keesling.

Witnesses:

(Signed) K. R. McINTIRE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.  
J. C. WHITE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

Henry Keesling advised Agent McIntire that he is 68 years of age; that he has lived with Matthew Gleason for the past seven years; that he was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States about forty-five years ago. He is now employed as a porter at 8 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, which place is a "bookie". It appears that he will be a willing witness for the Government as to his part in having seen "Whitey", or Volney Davis, at the dinner table at the Gleason home on the night of February 7, 1935.

The following signed statement was secured by Special Agent K. R. McIntire from Herman Edlmann:

"102 N. 4th St.,  
Aurora, Illinois,  
February 12, 1935.

I, Herman Edlmann, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the night of February 6, 1935 I came home from work between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. I work at a "bookie" at 8 North Broadway, Aurora, Ill. Mrs. Coleen Rockers prepared my supper. I saw no one in the kitchen except Mrs. Rockers and Mrs. John Sampson, nor did I see any strangers in the house. I left home, which is the home of Mat Gleason, 102 N. 4th St., Aurora, Ill., at about 8:15 P.M. on the same evening and went back to work at the bookie at 8 N. Broadway. I saw Mat Gleason at no time on the night of February 6, 1935. I returned home from work at about 10:00 P.M. or 10:30 P.M. on Feb. 6th, and played solitaire by myself in the kitchen. I saw no strangers in the house on the night of Feb. 6, 1935. I retired at about 11:00 P.M. that night.

On the morning of February 7, 1935 I arose at about 7:30 A.M. Mrs. Rockers prepared my breakfast, and I ate alone in the kitchen.

Mrs. Rockers was the only one I saw in the house on the morning of Feb. 7th, before I went to work. I departed for work at about 8:00 A.M. on Feb. 7th, and returned home at about 11:45 A.M. for noon lunch. I saw no strangers in the house at this time. At about 12:25 P.M., Feb. 7th, I returned to my work and I didn't come home until between 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. that evening. I ate my evening meal alone, with Mrs. Rockers serving me. I did not see Mat Gleason or any stranger in the house. I went back to the "bookie" between 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on Feb. 7th, and did not return home until about 10:00 P.M. that night. I have been shown a photograph of Volney Davis, but I do not recognize it as being identical with or resembling any person I have ever seen.

The above statement, consisting of three pages, has been read to me in its entirety and it is true and correct.

(Signed) HERMAN EDMANN

Witness:  
 (Signed) K. R. McINTIRE,  
 Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
 U. S. Dept. of Justice.

It appears from questioning the various persons at the Gleason residence that Herman Edmann was not at the Gleason home at any time during which Volney Davis was there and, therefore, no information of value can be expected from him. It should be noted that Edmann is a cousin of Mrs. Freida Gleason. Edmann is now working at a "bookie" located at 8 North Broadway, which is operated by George Juddy Webber and Frank Schmidt.

On February 14, 1935, Special Agent K. R. McIntire at the direction of Special Agent in Charge Connelley, conferred with Assistant United States Attorney A. W. Bosworth with regard to the filing of a complaint against MATTHEW GLEASON, charging him with harboring Volney Davis. Mr. Bosworth advised that a complaint should be filed against Gleason, charging him with harboring, and accordingly on said date this Agent filed a complaint against MATTHEW GLEASON, before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, at Chicago, Illinois, charging that MATTHEW GLEASON of Aurora, Illinois, on or about February 6 and 7, 1935, at Aurora, Illinois, in the eastern division and northern district of Illinois, unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly and feloniously, did harbor and conceal a certain person to wit: one Volney Davis with aliases, for whose arrest warrants and processes had theretofore been duly issued, and were then and there in full force and effect and unexecuted, in the United States District Court for the district of Minnesota, after notice and knowledge had been obtained by said defendant of the fact that the aforesaid warrants and processes had been issued for the arrest of the said Volney Davis with aliases in violation of Section 246, title 18, U.S. Code.

At three o'clock P.M. on February 14, 1935, Matthew Gleason was arraigned before Commissioner Walker, at which time he was represented by an attorney, one Emil Schlan, address 1520 Westminister Building, 210 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, phone State 7950. Through his attorney Gleason entered a plea of not guilty in the expectation of waiving a final hearing which has now been set for 2 o'clock P.M. on February 21, 1935. At this time bond was fixed at \$3000.00, and in default of same Gleason was remanded to the Cook County Jail to await final hearing. Conversations had been held between Mr. Gleason, Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Special Agent McIntire, at which time Matthew Gleason advised that if his bond were made low enough for him to make same he would be very willing to go back to Aurora and contact his friends in an effort to locate Volney Davis. He expressed confidence to Special Agent K. R. McIntire that he would be able to turn up some information of value for this Division. In view of these circumstances it was felt that a \$3000.00 bond would be satisfactory.

On February 19, 1935 a certified copy of the indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 in the above-entitled matter was received by this office from the St. Paul Office, and on the same day a certified copy of the bench warrant, together with a non est return was received, the same being immediately transmitted to the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, for his assistance in the prosecution of Matthew Gleason.

Assistant United States Attorney Bosworth has now advised Agent McIntire that the preliminary hearing for Matthew Gleason has been continued until March 7, 1935.

Information having been secured from MATTHEW GLEASON by Special Agent W. C. Ryan that Volney Davis associated with a blonde woman believed to be a prostitute in Aurora, Illinois, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. C. White, A. A. Muzzey and E. R. McIntire, the latter being the reporting Agent:

Enquiry at the Main Hotel, 120 Main Street, Aurora, Illinois disclosed that this place was nothing more than a house of prostitution, and that three girls were employed there, namely PATRICIA EVANS, RUTH WALLACE and KATHERINE COSTELLO.

Patricia Evans advised that she is 21 years of age; that she came to the Main Hotel on January 28th, and that she stayed at said hotel until July 1, 1934. Prior to this time she had prostituted herself at 111 1/2 State Street, Peoria, Illinois; that she returned to the Main Hotel in Aurora on January 21, 1935. Upon being shown photographs of members of the Karpis Barker gang she identified the photograph of Volney Davis as being identical with a man known to her as CURLEY. She advised that Curley was in Aurora during the races, which would be during the month of May, 1934; that he was brought to the Main Hotel to see her by COREY BALES. She said that Curley came to the Main Hotel perhaps three times in all, but that she had seen him at other times in gambling places and beer joints in Aurora. She specifically stated that she had seen Curley in the Riverside Hotel and the Fox Gardens both of which are owned by Mat Kersch. She believed that the last time she saw Curley was during the latter part of June, 1934. At this time she believed Curley was driving a maroon colored Buick Sedan. She also stated that Curley purchased a new car while he was in Aurora, though she did not know the type of car. She advised that she never would have known the identity of either Corey Bales or Curley Hanson had she not been advised of their identity by Mat Kersch who appeared to be well acquainted with them. She advised that she read in the papers about the escape of Curley but she did not recognize the news items as referring to a man identical with Curley. She stated that Mat Kersch told her that the man who escaped from Yorkville was identical with the man who had visited her at the Main Hotel on several occasions. She alleged that she had not seen Curley since his escape and stated that she has no fondness for him, and upon being advised that the Division would be willing to pay her for information leading to his location she advised that she would be very willing to furnish information, and that she would telephone the Chicago Division office in the event she learned same.

The other girls noted herein were interviewed but none of them was acquainted with Curley, and no information of value having been secured from them no further comment will be made. The mistress was also interviewed but she had no information to offer and alleged she did not know Curley.



On the night of February 12, 1935, the reporting agent, was Special Agent K. R. McIntire, together with Special Agents A. A. Murray, D. P. Sullivan and J. C. White, interviewed TED SMITH, a tavern keeper at Aurora, Illinois. Previous reports in the file indicate that VOLNEY DAVIS frequently visited Ted Smith's tavern and that the latter was well acquainted with Davis and his immediate associates. It was observed that Ted Smith was not interviewed on any previous occasion.

On February 12, 1935, TED SMITH advised Agent that he became acquainted with VOLNEY DAVIS under the name of CURLEY HANSON, and EMMA MURRAY under the name of GRACE or RABBITS. He believes that Rabbitts was the first to come to his place and that she came accompanied by COREY BALES, who has been a gangster and racketeer in Aurora for the past several years. Ted Smith believed that Rabbitts first came to his place of business about February, 1934; that thereafter she was a frequent visitor at his tavern, in company with Corey Bales and VIOLET GREGG, who is the woman of Corey Bales. Soon thereafter she was accompanied also by Curley Hanson. Ted Smith believes that within a couple of weeks after Rabbitts made her first appearance, two parties, named BILL and MERT came to his tavern. He identified Bill as being identical with WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, and identified Mert as being identical with MYRTLE EATON. Ted Smith advised that Rabbitts was a very heavy drinker, and that she spent most of the money as between herself and Curley Hanson. He also understood that she was an entertainer because of the fact that she wanted to sing on occasions, and that he was told by Vi Gregg that Rabbitts was an entertainer. He further advised that he did not permit them to sing in his place of business and that they left, going to a place known as the Hill, located in Montgomery on the outskirts of Aurora, Illinois. He advised that Rabbitts came into his place of business practically every day during the time she stayed in Aurora; that Rabbitts and Curley Hanson were very quiet patrons, never causing any disturbance. He stated he became particularly well acquainted with them in view of the fact that they lived on Fox Street, just around the corner from his, Ted Smith's, home, which was located at 50 South 4th Street at that time. He also stated that he and Curley Hanson kept their cars in the same garage. He advised that on numerous occasions Curley and Rabbitts would come to his place of business about closing time and that they would take a case of beer up to either his, Smith's, home, or to the rooms occupied by Curley and Rabbitts, and would drink beer. He further stated that Curley's usual place of hangout was 3 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, which is a bookie and gambling joint, at that time operated by Corey Bales and Mat Gleason; that Vi Gregg and Rabbitts usually hung around a tavern and gambling joint known as George Hank's. Ted Smith advised that he never did know the source from which Curley and Rabbitts got their money, but he believed that she was the type of woman who ran a house of prostitution, and that Curley was her man. He reiterated on several occasions that they never seemed to have a great deal of money and that practically all of the money spent at his place of business was spent by Rabbitts.

He advised that perhaps one of Curley's closest friends in Aurora would be FRANK ROWE, who dealt cards at a North Broadway "bookie".

Efforts were made by Agents to learn the location of Frank Rowe. Agent Muzzey ascertained that he is known to the clerks at the Aurora Hotel, and one of the clerks advised Agent Muzzey that Frank Rowe is located at the Calena Apartments, 317-319 Calena Building, Aurora, Ill. He advised that a friend of Curley would be LOUIE LIBSON, who is now living at the Aurora Hotel. Inquiries made by the reporting agent and associated agents disclosed that Libson is now, and has for the past year or more, been living at the Aurora Hotel with his wife who is a buyer in one of the principal department stores in Aurora. Further inquiry at the hotel disclosed that Libson has not had any members of the Karpis-Barker gang in his hotel rooms. He further advised that the Fox Gardens on the outskirts of Aurora, Illinois, owned by Mat Kersch, were opened approximately April 1, 1934, and that Curley and Rabbits spent much of their time out there. He also advised that a fellow named CHARLIE GUBBINS whose name has previously appeared in the file, was well known to Curley Hanson; that Gubbins deals cards at the Club Royale, located on New York Street in Aurora, Illinois.

Ted Smith advised that he used to go horse back riding with Rabbits and Myrtle Eaton. He further stated that during the time that Myrtle Eaton was in Aurora she and Bill Weaver drove a new looking 1933 model Chevrolet coupe, black or dark blue in color, with Iowa license plates. Smith believes that Curley Hanson lived in Aurora for approximately three or four months after February of 1934. He stated that the horse racing season opened on about May 11, 1934, and continued for twenty two days, and that he believed that Curley Hanson was there during the horse racing season. He stated that he believed that Bill Weaver is a salesman because he gave him that understanding, and he also observed that Weaver was usually gone away from town on practically every weekend.

Ted Smith denied any knowledge of the fact that Curley Hanson was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping or as a violator of his parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He stated that some time after Rabbits and Curley Hanson had left Aurora he heard from some unknown source, a comment to the effect that Curley Hanson was "hot" because he was passing "hot" money. Ted Smith denied that he knew it was Bremer ransom money and advised he thought it was counterfeit money.

In connection with FRANK ROWE, Ted Smith advised that Rowe was formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, and that he knows practically all of the gang that comes from Des Moines. In connection with the Mill, in Montgomery, Illinois, Smith advised that it is a popular belief that this place is owned by Mat Kersch, but that in fact the title is in the name of GENE PHILIPS, and that Philips is a very close friend of Mat Kersch.

Smith advised that he has known LLOYD HOBSON of Streator, Illinois for perhaps ten or fifteen years; that they handled liquor together during prohibition days. He believes that Hobson is well acquainted with certain members of the gang associating with Curley Hanson, but he does not know which of the members Hobson is best acquainted with. Ted Smith advised that he has known Co-About Reilly alias Waters, a known gangster of Des Moines, Iowa for several years; that during prohibition days Co-About Reilly operated a saloon in Aurora, Illinois. He advised that Reilly is a very tough character. No further information could be secured from him with regard to the location of Curley Hanson or any of the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

With regard to the escape of Curley Hanson, Ted Smith advised that on the night of February 6, 1935, Curley Hanson came to his place of business at about eight or eight-fifteen P.M.; that he seemed somewhat excited and coughed constantly as though he had been running hard or as though he had a bad cold, and made several trips to the back of the bar for a drink of water. These trips were regarded as suspicious by Ted Smith in view of the fact that Curley had never ventured behind the bar on any of his previous visits to Ted Smith's tavern. He also advised that Curley went back into the mens' room and washed, and then walked back into a private room of Ted Smith where he saw an overcoat; that he asked Ted Smith for the overcoat, which Ted denied him. In explanation of his conduct Curley advised Ted Smith that he had just had an automobile accident at Naperville, Illinois and had had his car towed to the garage. Smith observed the end of the ring finger of the left hand of Curley to be cut and bleeding somewhat. Curley stated that this finger was cut in the accident. Curley advised Smith that he was out of money and first asked for ten dollars. Smith pleaded his own poverty and Curley then asked for five dollars and then two dollars, and then said "Oh well, you can give me at least fifty cents". Smith advised that he did give Curley fifty cents for his breakfast. Curley then surprised Smith by asking him if he had an old gun which he could loan Curley. Smith denied that he had a gun, though he did have one, which he showed to Agents. Smith observed that Curley was acting in a peculiar manner and asked him what was the matter, and offered him a drink. Curley declined the drink saying that he had just come off from a drunk, and did not want any more liquor. No further information of value could be secured from Smith. At this time however, Smith advised that he would be very glad to cooperate with the Chicago Division office in any way, and stated that in the event he secured any information as to the location of Curley he would immediately call the Chicago Division office. Accordingly our address was furnished him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. A. Muzzey and K. R. McIntire, the latter being the reporting Agent:

Previous reports in this file disclosed that VI GREGG, the partner of COREY BALES, who is located at Glasgow, Montana, has a son who was believed to be living in Aurora, Illinois. In view of the escape of Volney Davis it was believed advisable to secure all possible information concerning Vi Gregg's son in the belief that he might be harboring Davis.

Inquiries at the Post Office disclosed that one ERMON GREGG once lived at 202 High Street, Aurora, which residence was also occupied by VIOLET GREGG. This party is identical with the son of Violet Gregg. No forwarding address was available but it was ascertained through [redacted]

[redacted] that the Gregg boy has been on relief for some time. Inquiries at the relief agencies in Aurora disclosed that Ermon Gregg is married to Helen V. Edmondson, and that Gregg is now twenty years of age. Parties familiar with Gregg at the relief agency described him as being age 20, height about five feet ten inches, build thin, appearance anemic; hair medium brown. His present address is 415 Titworth Court, Aurora, Illinois. He formerly lived at 406 South Broadway. He has been married since about January 1, 1934, and his mother-in-law is Mrs. Wallace Crisman. His mother is reported to be Violet Gregg, 202 High Street, Aurora, Illinois and his father, F.E. Gregg lives at Earlville, Illinois. He is reported to have a brother Wayne Gregg, Mendota, Illinois.

The records of the relief agencies disclose that at one time Ermon Gregg reported that his mother had left 202 High Street for Davenport; that she had returned, and that on January 12, 1934, Violet Gregg had left for Des Moines, and the files also disclose that she later left for Montana. The attendant at the relief agency advised Agents that Ermon Gregg is somewhat of a prize fighter and used the alias JACK GREGG in his prize fighting activities. She further stated that Jack Gregg and his wife are now living in a three room house with Gregg's wife, mother, and her three young children, which would mean that six people are living in a three room cottage. In view of these circumstances of course it would not be likely that they would be harboring Volney Davis. However, Agents McIntire and Muzzey toured the neighborhood in which the Gregg home is located and had an opportunity to observe the Gregg home, and at this time it was considered impossible for them to be harboring any person. Gregg has lived in this home since August 1934. The files of the relief agency disclosed that Jack Gregg and his wife and mother-in-law and her three children had lived at 303 South Broadway, and also 406 South Broadway and at 168 South LaSalle Street, Aurora, Ill.; that at 406 South Broadway and 168 South LaSalle Street it is stated that Mrs. Crisman kept house for William Kelsey, who is employed by the C. B. and Q. Railway, but who is no longer living in Aurora, Illinois.

The information as to Ermon Gregg was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Connelley by telephone and he requested Agent McIntire to interview G. A. BARNHART, who had advised us of Gleason's complicity with Davis requesting that Barnhart be asked to make contact through Gregg to ascertain whether or not the latter was harboring Volney Davis.

Accordingly Agents McIntire and Muzney interviewed Barnhart who stated that he was not familiar with Gregg, but he advised he would make every effort to become acquainted with him and secure such information as was possible. At a later time Barnhart had an opportunity to see Gregg at a distance and advised that he did know Ermon Gregg, and that he would make sincere efforts to secure valuable information for this office.

In view of the tightening of investigation at Glasgow, Montana, Mr. Connelley advised Agents against any inquiry which would put Ermon Gregg on notice of Agents' activity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey on February 14, 1935 at Aurora, Illinois.

Reference is made to a letter addressed to the Chicago Bureau office, dated February 11, 1935, by Mr. W. B. Nieman, Postal carrier on R.F.D. No. 1, Aurora, Illinois, who had previously been contacted by Agents of the Chicago office, and in which letter Mr. Nieman stated that he had some information for the Chicago office.

Mr. Nieman upon interview, stated that the reason he had sent the letter to the Chicago office was that he had been mistaken in a Post Office Box number which he had given Agents previously and that Box 229 was being used by Mrs. P. P. Mathews and not by another party whose name he had given Agents. Mr. Nieman further informed Agent that Mrs. Mathews' home warranted investigation inasmuch as he has noted in the past much suspicious activity about the place. He further stated that Mrs. Mathews was not true to her husband and that she was running around with one Hobson, who operates a bookie in Streator, Illinois.

Mr. Nieman further advised that when Mr. Mathews is away from home on business trips which he frequently makes, many visitors come to the Mathews home.

Mr. Nieman was shown photographs of Volney Davis, Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, but he was unable to identify any of them as being people he had seen visit the Mathews home. He assured Agent that in the future he would be on the lookout for any people answering to the descriptions of the above mentioned photographs.

Agent was also informed that a great deal of Mrs. Mathews' mail is postmarked from Des Moines, Iowa and that Lloyd Hobson originally came from Des Moines, Iowa and he has heard that Hobson and Mrs. Mathews have made frequent trips to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Nieman further advised that he was rather well acquainted with the hoodlum element in the City of Aurora and that he will make efforts to determine the whereabouts of Volney Davis if Volney Davis should be in Aurora, and will notify the Chicago office of any valuable information along this line.

Gerald Barnhart, 157 Gladstone Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, telephone Aurora 8304, confidential informant, was contacted pursuant to instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, for the purpose of determining whether he could secure any information from

Ermon "Jackie" Gregg, son of Violet Gregg, relative to the whereabouts of Volney Davis. Previously Jackie Gregg had been pointed out to the Agent and in turn the Agent had pointed out Jackie Gregg to Barnhart and Mr. Barnhart advised Agent that he had met Jackie Gregg at various gambling places in Aurora but had never known his name and knew nothing about him except that he frequents various gambling places.

Mr. Barnhart stated that he would lend every effort towards effecting a confidential relationship between himself and Gregg with the hope of gaining some information from Jackie regarding Volney Davis. He stated that he thought Jackie was rather a pleasant individual and that it would possibly take him a little time to gain the confidence of Jackie but that he thought this could be done and should he obtain any information of value he would immediately convey same to the Chicago Bureau office, as well as any other information which he might secure through his contact in Aurora.

[redacted] advised Agent that Frank Roe, a dealer in the gambling place located at 8 North Broadway, and a possible connection of Myrtle Eaton, Bill Weaver, Volney Davis and [redacted] Murray, because of the fact that he has been associated with Matthew Gleason, Corey Bales, does not know any of the subjects for the reason that when they resided in Aurora he, Frank Roe, was not in Aurora but was operating a crap game somewhere in Michigan with one Dick Connors and Frank Roe has told her that he has heard of the above mentioned subjects but that he did not know any of them and [redacted] is of a firm conviction that Frank Roe could not possibly have any connection with any of the above mentioned subjects.

The following memorandum is submitted jointly by Special Agents L. D. Nichols, G. C. Woltz and J. J. Metcalfe.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, the above Agents, in accordance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, proceeded to Streator, Illinois for the purpose of conducting an investigation with reference to one Lloyd Hobson, who was said to be a book maker and to be acquainted with Doc Eaton and his wife and other persons known to Volney Davis.

The Agents first went to Aurora, Illinois where an interview was had with [redacted] who is employed [redacted] and who originally furnished this office with the name of Hobson and the fact that he ran a "bookie" in Aurora. [redacted] at this time, was unable to furnish any additional information, saying that all [redacted] knew about this man Hobson was that he ran a bookie in Streator, Illinois some few months ago and that he was accustomed to visit a widow in Aurora by the name of Jackie, last name and address unknown. [redacted] said that [redacted] did not know if he still had his "bookie" in Streator or not.

It was learned from [redacted] that Hobson is a man about 37 years old, about 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighing about 250 pounds, has black hair and dark eyes and a fair complexion. [redacted] advised also that he drives a black Ford V-8 coach.

At Streator, Illinois inquiries were made of various persons in town as to the whereabouts of any "bookie" that might be in existence there, and through these people, and also a clerk at the post office, it was learned that there are only two bookies in operation in Streator, one of these being in the basement of the Plumb Hotel and the other on the second floor of the building which adjoins the Post Office, the address of which is 114 North Monroe Street. By visiting these two places it was determined that Hobson was operating the "bookie" at 114 North Monroe Street, which is above Ray Reynold's tavern, he being identified by the description which had been obtained from [redacted] as also from the fact that a customer at the bookie in the Plumb Hotel stated that Hobson was not at that place but that he ran the other place.

Inquiry was made at the Post Office, where it was learned from the clerk on duty and subsequently from Postmaster E. J. Donohue, that Lloyd Hobson was known to frequent the bookie at 114 North Monroe Street but that his residence address in Streator was unknown. They said that he at one time lived at the Plumb Hotel but that he did not reside there at the present time.



During the time that the investigation was being conducted at the Post Office a letter arrived addressed to Lloyd A. Hobson, 114 North Monroe Street, care of Ray Reynolds' tavern, Streator, Illinois. This letter was mailed at Aurora, Illinois on February 9, 1935 at 1:00 PM and the return address which appeared thereon was North Lake Street, Route 1, Box 229, Aurora, Illinois.

Thereafter numerous discreet inquiries were made by the several Agents in an effort to determine the place of residence in Streator of Lloyd Hobson, but it appeared that his exact address was not known to the available residents of Streator. These inquiries, however, did obtain the information that he was supposed to reside somewhere on LaSalle Street, which later proved incorrect.

During Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening, the Agents decided to keep Hobson under surveillance and during this time it was noted that a Ford V-8 coach, black in color, was parked directly in front of Reynolds' tavern, bearing 1934 Iowa license plates number 57-4070, which it was later determined were issued to Lloyd A. Hobson, Jefferson, Iowa. It was noted that Hobson, at no time, left the bookie except to go down stairs to the tavern for an occasional drink. He apparently owned and operated the bookie because during the time that the horse racing and betting was in progress he announced the results of all the races and after the racing was over for the day he took charge of the dice game which was in progress in another corner of that room. The horse race betting and the dice game were the only forms of gambling engaged in at this bookie. This bookie is a very public place and is known to practically everyone in town and during the time that the horse races were in progress there were present 25 or 30 people, whereas at the close of the races only a very few people, possibly 7 or 8, remain to participate in or observe the dice game. The people who frequent this bookie are residents of Streator and are all known to each other so that the presence of a stranger is immediately noticed.

At approximately 2:00 AM of Sunday, February 10, 1935, Hobson was observed leaving the tavern and the Agents followed him after he left that vicinity in his car. From this tavern Hobson proceeded to a place just outside the corporate limits of Streator on Bloomington Street on U. S. Highway No. 23, which is the main highway to Aurora, Illinois. This place to which Hobson went is known as Tate's Tavern and is situated on the West side of U. S. Highway No. 23 just North of the city limits.

The nature of Tate's Tavern was not known at this time and it was observed that it consisted of a one story residence or bungalow with a shack in the rear and a small parking lot adjoining. Subsequently in daylight, it was observed that there was a sign over this shack in the rear of the dwelling which said "Tate's Tavern, Fried Chicken".

After Hobson went to this place, the Agents parked their car a short ways up the road and on a side road and remained there until approximately 4:00 AM when all the lights went out in the house, and there being no other lights on at that time it was believed that all persons in the house had retired. What probably happened was that the people went back into the shack which does not have any windows looking out towards the road from which a light might be observed. After waiting approximately 45 minutes the Agents returned to Streator and early that same morning again visited the vicinity of Tate's Tavern, but at that time it was noted that Hobson's car was not there.

On Sunday morning, February 10, 1935 the Agents communicated with Mr. E. J. Connelley by telephone and furnished him with all of the foregoing information and at this time received instructions from Mr. Connelley to proceed to Aurora and check the address which was given as the return address on the letter received by the Streator, Illinois Post Office for Hobson on the previous afternoon.

Accordingly, that day the Agents went to Aurora, Illinois where it was learned through the mail carrier, Bill Nieman, who delivers mail to Box 229, that this box belongs to the second residence West of North Lake Street on Sullivan Road and that the families living in this house were named J. J. Porch and his wife, Alyce E. Porch and Thomas Travinsino and Aillene Alice Travinsino. One, or both of these families, according to the mail carrier, are believed to be supported by the County Relief Commission. No other persons were known to reside at this house and the name of Hobson was not familiar to the carrier.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that this information as furnished by the carrier was incorrect and that in fact Box 229 belonged to the first house West of Lake Street on Sullivan Road, which is in the name of P. E. Mathews. Upon completing this inquiry and also visiting the neighborhood of Sullivan Road and North Lake Street, the Agents again communicated with Mr. Connelley and were instructed by him to continue with their investigation at Streator, Illinois for the purpose of determining the street address of Hobson and to communicate with him again at 7:00 PM that day.

The Agents returned to Streator, Illinois at approximately 5:00 PM and after making further discreet inquiries, which failed to obtain the residence address of Hobson, called Mr. Connelley and were instructed by him to renew their surveillance of Hobson and determine that night the exact place or places to which he might go during the entire night.

Accordingly the surveillance was renewed and as a result Hobson was observed leaving the premises at 114 North Monroe Street and driving his car to 202 East Bridge Street, where he parked his car there, entered the building and the lights went on on the second floor. After a short while the lights were turned out and no other activity was observed at that house that night. On the following day this address was checked through the mail carrier and it was learned that this address is occupied by a family named Branz, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Branz and a small boy about 15 months old. The carrier said that he did not know of anyone else living there but stated that it was perfectly possible for someone else to occupy the upstairs of this building without his becoming aware of that fact. He stated that the only mail which he delivered to this house was addressed to the Branz family and he further advised that this house is owned by Frank Shoemaker, who formerly occupied the first floor while the Branz family rented the upstairs, but that some months ago the Shoemaker family moved out and the Branz family continued to rent the first floor of this house.

The City Directory showed that Walter Branz is employed as a service man and it was learned from the mail carrier that Branz is a service man in the stove department of Montgomery Ward & Company in Streator. The mail carrier said that the Branz family had lived in this building for some time and that while he did not know exactly how long Branz had been employed by Montgomery Ward & Company, he was certain that it was for at least more than a year.

Thereafter Walter Branz was located through his place of employment and it was learned from him that he has been employed by this company for a period of six years and that he and his wife have resided at 202 East Bridge Street for the past 3 1/2 years. He stated that the only other occupant of this building is Lloyd Hobson, who together with his wife rented the second floor. Branz said that he, himself, used the garage adjoining this house and that Hobson always kept his car outside. Branz did not know the name of Hobson's wife and said that she had not been there for over a week, having left town and gone to Aurora where he thought she had a home. He said that Hobson had been living at this address for only three weeks and that he did not know where Hobson had lived previously or where he had come from unless possibly it was Aurora.

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Branz was accompanied to his house, at which place interview was had with Mrs. Branz, who was unable to furnish any additional information except that the name of Hobson's wife is Jasinta. Both Mr. and Mrs. Branz stated that the Hobson's had never had a visitor at this house and that they had received no mail, telegrams or other communications at that place and that they had made no telephone calls or received any over the Branz telephone.

This telephone is now listed in the name of Walter Branz but still appears in the telephone directory under the name of Frank Shoemaker, and a check at the office of the telephone company verified the statement of Branz and his wife that no long distance calls had been made over the telephone and that no collect calls were received. (Only collect incoming calls are recorded by the local telephone company).

During the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Branz the Identification Order photograph of Volney Davis was displayed to them but neither one could identify it as being the likeness of any person they had seen at any time. They said that they believed that the person resembling this picture would be easy to recognize and accordingly promised to communicate with the Chicago office immediately in the event such a person should be seen at any time or place by them. They were accordingly furnished with the address and telephone number of the Chicago office and the names of Mr. Connelley and Mr. McIntire.

The surveillance on Hobson was continued throughout that day and the information with reference to his place of residence and of the interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Branz was communicated to Mr. Connelley. Subsequently the Agents again called Mr. Connelley and were advised by him that he was sending Special Agent D. P. Sullivan to Streator, Illinois to meet the other Agents and furnish them with instructions as to further investigation. That evening at about 10:00 PM Agent Sullivan arrived in Streator and was furnished with all of the information which had been obtained at Streator and Aurora. Agent Sullivan then communicated with Mr. Connelley and was instructed by the latter to conduct an investigation on the following day for the purpose of determining what kind of a place Tate's Tavern was. Accordingly no further investigation was conducted that night except that Agents Woltz and Meehan continued the surveillance on Hobson that night and after following him to his home and observing that the lights went out and that all activities at 2020 East Bridge Street in Streator had ceased, proceeded to Tate's Tavern and entered this place for the purpose of observing the appearance of the establishment on the inside.

Agents Woltz and Metcalfe parked their car in the regular parking lot at the rear of the dwelling and entered the door to the shack, observing that this is a small lunch room and tavern similar to the average barbecue place on the public highways. There are a number of booths in this place with a victrola machine to the left of the entrance and a small lunch counter and bar at the other end. From this tavern is a small hall and stairs leading directly into the dwelling and in the dwelling there are tables for people who desire to have dinner. A portly man of about 50 years of age and a stout woman were observed to be the proprietors and were undoubtedly Mr. and Mrs. Tate. There were also three girls who waited on the customers and it was later learned that these girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tate, two of the daughters being Mrs. Tate's daughters by former marriage. The few customers who were present in the place at this time or who came in there after appeared to be people who lived in and around Streator, Illinois and who were very friendly and acquainted with everyone in the tavern. There were only 5 or 6 customers there at any time and these were mostly young men. Apparently there were no strangers there except the Agents themselves and it would appear that the presence of any stranger would be immediately noticed. Agents Woltz and Metcalfe remained at this place until approximately 3:00 AM.

On the following day while Agents Woltz and Metcalfe continued to observe Hobson and the vicinity of his bookie and Reynold's tavern, Agents Sullivan and Nichols conducted further investigation with reference to Tate's tavern, the result of which will be submitted in a separate memorandum by those Agents.

On the afternoon of the same day at about 2:30 while Agent Woltz was in the "bookie joint" observing Hobson's activities, the Agent heard an unknown man ask another unknown person to call Hobson, Hobson at this time being downstairs in the tavern being interviewed by Agent Nichols and Sullivan. Agent Woltz followed the man down the stairs at which time he heard him tell Hobson that he was wanted on the telephone. The conversation could not be heard by Agent Woltz due to the fact that the telephone was situated in a private office and Agent Woltz did not have entrance thereto and could not remain at the door to this office without making himself extremely conspicuous and arousing suspicion. Agent Woltz proceeded to the telephone company to trace the call and he ascertained that the long distance call was an incoming call from Aurora, Illinois and that the telephone was listed in the name of P. E. Mathews, North Lake Street and that the telephone number was Aurora 2-1254 and that the call was made to telephone number, in Streator, number 2516, which is listed in the name of Ray Reynolds Tavern, over which the "bookie joint" run by Hobson is located.

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That afternoon Agents Metcalfe, Sullivan, Nichols and Woltz proceeded to Aurora, Illinois in accordance with the instructions of Mr. Connelley and proceeded to determine the exact address and location of the telephone in Aurora from which the call was made and to locate and interview Jackie Mathews, the wife of P. E. Mathews who was the party that made the call as ascertained during the interview with Hobson by Agents Nichols and Sullivan.

Upon arriving at this address, which was determined to be the first house West of Lake Street on Sullivan Road and the same one from which the letter was mailed which arrived in Streator, Illinois on February 9, 1935, the Agents met Agents McIntire and Muzzey and at that time it was decided that Agents Woltz and Metcalfe should remain in the vicinity of this address for the purpose of keeping the house under surveillance while the other Agents went into Aurora for the purpose of making arrangements for Mrs. Mathews to go into Aurora to be interviewed. Agents Woltz and Metcalfe accordingly kept this place under surveillance until Mrs. Mathews was observed leaving the house and going to the nearest street car stop on Lake Street from which point the Agents proceeded into Aurora in accordance with the instructions they had received and in the meantime Agent Sullivan was on his way out to the vicinity of the Mathews home for the purpose of getting Mrs. Mathews and taking her to the hotel where she was interviewed. She was interviewed at the Aurora Hotel by Special Agents Nichols, Muzzey and Sullivan.

At approximately 11:00 PM Agent Sullivan instructed Agents Nichols, Woltz and Metcalfe to return to Chicago. The investigation conducted by Agents Nichols and Sullivan, including the interview with Mrs. Mathews, will be set forth in a separate memorandum.

Lloyd A. Hobson, Streator, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents L. D. Nichols and Special Agent J. P. Sullivan.

Hobson stated that he was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1897 and has lived most of his life in that city. He attended school as a child with Myrtle Eaton and met Corey Bales about ten years ago and is one of Bales' closest friends. He has been engaged in bootlegging and in the gambling business in Des Moines, Iowa, and has run liquor from Des Moines, Iowa to St. Paul, Minnesota. About ten years ago he was engaged in the liquor business with Harry Sawyer, but has not seen him for a year. He states that Sawyer is now on the run; that he had heard that Sawyer's wife had been arrested by the Government and had talked. He does not know whether she is with Harry Sawyer.

Hobson stated that he was engaged in the liquor business at Omaha, Nebraska at one time; that in the past two years he ran liquor from Burlington, Wisconsin to Des Moines, Iowa. He stated that he was connected in this business with "Doc" Eaton, ex-husband of Myrtle Eaton, but that he was well acquainted with "Doc". He stated he had heard that Myrtle Eaton was now traveling with a fellow named "Bill"; that he does not know Bill, nor did he know that his last name is Weaver.

Hobson stated that, inasmuch as he has spent most of his life in Des Moines, he knows nearly everyone there about his own age, and has met or heard of nearly every person who has gone wrong. He stated that he is one of "Go-About Riley's" best friends.

During the winter of 1933-1934, Hobson stated that he was in and out of Aurora; that he occasionally worked in gambling places in Aurora; that Corey Bales was unemployed during this time and had no money; that he spoke of a "Curley" Hansen, who used to take Corey out and bring him drinks and apparently footed the bills when "Curley" was out with Bales and Violet Gregg. He stated that he never met "Curley" or his wife, "Rabbits"; that he has not heard from "Curley" or heard anyone speak of him since Bales left for Montana. Hobson stated that when Bales left Aurora he had only a few dollars; that he later heard that Bales had a gambling place in Glasgow, Montana which someone had financed. Hobson would not state but indicated that he had heard that "Curley" Hansen was the party providing the money.

Hobson stated that he has not heard from Bales since he arrived in Montana; that he has written Bales several letters but had not heard from Bales because, as he had heard, the Government was holding up Bales' mail.

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Hobson stated that "Curley", while at Aurora, was acquainted with Anne Olson and Violet Gregg, who were employed as waitresses at the Aurora Hotel, Aurora, Illinois. Hobson at that time was staying at the Aurora Hotel. He stated that from Bales' conversation he understood that "Curley" frequently visited Matt Karsch's place and Ted Smith's tavern while he was in Aurora.

Hobson stated he heartily disliked Karsch and described him as being the worst gossip in Aurora; that anything told to Karsch would quickly be public knowledge.

He stated that he came to Streator, Illinois in November, 1934 and opened up his present gambling business. He indicated that he had connections with the sheriff's office and the local police department, stating that he had spent some little money before the last elections.

Hobson was questioned about Jacinta. He stated that Jacinta was identical with "Jackie" Mathews; that he had been acquainted with and living with her off and on for a few years; that she was married to a reputable man at Aurora, Illinois who was not acquainted with or in any way connected with the persons mentioned above; that "Jackie" was legitimate and knew Myrtle and "Doc" and others only by meeting them through him; that she was not friendly with any of them. He stated he felt certain that she had never met "Curley" Hansen or "Rabbits". He furnished to Agents Jackie Mathews' telephone number and stated that he would arrange to have Jackie meet Agents at any time for interview or Agents could call her and meet her away from her home in order to avoid embarrassing her with her husband.

While Agents were conversing with Hobson he received a telephone call. A check was made at the local telephone company, and it was learned that the call came from Aurora 2-1254, listed to P. E. Mathews, N. Lake St., Aurora, Illinois. This was the telephone number of "Jackie" Mathew as provided by Hobson.

Hobson stated that inasmuch as he had never met "Curley" Hansen there was no possibility that Hansen would visit him; that he would not promise to notify the Chicago Bureau Office if he obtained any information regarding Hansen's whereabouts, but on the other hand, would not aid him in any way.

Hobson is 37 years of age, 6'1" in height, 230 pounds, and has black hair, dark brown eyes, medium dark complexion and is of large build.



Mrs. Jacinta Mathews, Route #1, Box 229, Aurora, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents A. A. Massey and D. P. Sullivan at the Aurora Hotel.

Mrs. Mathews stated that she met her present husband at Eugene, Oregon five years ago; that she married him and came east with her grown son and daughter by another marriage; that her husband, Paul E. Mathews, is a mechanical inspector with the American Railway Association and as such holds a responsible position; that he is away from home very often because of necessary travel in his work.

She stated she met Lloyd A. Hobson about three years ago and during her husband's absences has lived with Hobson as man and wife; that through Hobson she became acquainted with Corey Bales and Violet Gregg; that Violet visited her home with Bales, but that she disliked Bales and put up with him only because he was a friend of Hobson.

In the spring of 1934 Violet Gregg and Bales frequently spoke of "Curley" Hansen and his wife. From conversation with Violet Mrs. Mathews learned that Hansen frequently took Bales and Violet out, bought drinks and foods and paid all the bills. Mrs. Mathews stated that she questioned Violet as to the source of Hansen's money and was told "Curley" had just come into an inheritance.

One evening early in the summer of 1934 Violet Gregg, Corey Bales, "Curley" Hansen and his wife came to her house, told her they had just had a wreck and called on the telephone for a towing truck. They stayed about three-quarters of an hour and when the truck arrived left. Mrs. Mathews stated that Hansen was poorly dressed and had the appearance of a farmer; that he nervously paced up and down the floor while at her home; that a day or so later she told Violet Gregg that she was suspicious of Hansen; that she felt certain he had not received an inheritance and voiced her belief that Hansen was a counterfeiter; that she did not want Violet ever to bring him to her house again. She stated a quarrel resulted and she saw Violet a few times thereafter until she left with Bales for Montana; that she has heard from Violet only once since and that was a Christmas card, containing no message; that she has not seen Hansen before or since that time and has no idea where he may be presently located; that to her knowledge Hobson never met "Curley" Hansen. She first learned of Hansen's identity from the newspapers since his escape at Yorkville.

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Mrs. Mathews stated that last summer she took a trip with Hobson to Burlington, Wisconsin, staying with Ray Bowen, a friend of "Doc" Eaton. While there she overheard in conversation between Eaton, Hobson and Bowen, that Myrtle Eaton, former wife of "Doc", was traveling with a man they referred to only as "The Big Jew". She does not know the identity of this man. She had heard that Myrtle was a "booster" or shoplifter and was traveling from city to city. She stated she had never met Myrtle and did not know where she was presently located. She never met Bill Weaver and heard of him only by the name of "Bill", and has no information regarding his whereabouts, associates or history.

She likewise made a trip to Des Moines, Iowa during the summer of 1934 with Hobson. They stayed with Nina Snider, paramour of "Go About" Riley, alias Waters. At Des Moines she met Mose Cohen and his woman, Hazel.

Mrs. Mathews stated that she has no idea where "Curley" Hansen is presently located. She is anxious to keep her relationship with Hobson away from her husband. She stated that if she obtains any information regarding the whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton, Bill Weaver, "Curley" Hansen or "Rabbits", whether from acquaintances or from Hobson, she will immediately telephone the Chicago Bureau Office.

The only Grace Mrs. Mathews is acquainted with is Grace Chappell. She did not hear of Mrs. Hansen by the name of Grace. She stated she visited the Fox Gardens, operated by Matt Kersch, with Hobson, but that to her recollection she did not see "Curley" Hansen, his wife, Myrtle Eaton or Bill Weaver there. She stated it was possible that they may have been in the place while she was there but did not know they were present.

She stated she was introduced to Ann, last name unknown, and her friend, "Gyp" Swyer, and understood both are in Montana with Violet and Corey Sales.

She stated that a blonde girl, tall and not young, whose name she cannot recall, informed her she had been on a party with "Curley" Hansen, Violet and Corey. This girl stated the party was rather poor and indicated she would not go out with them again. Mrs. Mathews did not know the blonde girl's residence, occupation or friends.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey on February 15, 1935, in Aurora, Illinois, who was accompanied by Special Agents L. D. Nichols, G. D. Wolts and C. E. McRae.

On the afternoon of February 15, 1935, Donald Kerr, Illinois State Highway patrolman, residing at 419 Main Street, Aurora, Illinois, telephone Aurora 2-3316, telephonically informed the Chicago Division office that an informant of his had overheard rumors to the effect that Volney Davis had been seen in Aurora, Illinois, on the morning of February 15, 1935. Upon interview at his home, Mr. Kerr informed Agents that C. F. Simmons, Secretary to the Clerk of the Appellate Court in Joliet, Illinois, and who resides at 418 Jackson Street, Aurora, Illinois, had told him that he, Simmons, was in Ben's Smoke Shop, 206 Fox Street, Aurora, about 8:00 A.M., February 15, 1935, and that he had been told by John Benjamin, the proprietor of this smoke shop that a man employed by the Aurora Transfer Company on LaSalle Street had told Benjamin that he had seen Volney Davis on LaSalle Street, about 5:00 A.M. the morning of February 15th. Mr. Simmons had given this information to Mr. Kerr, who in turn telephoned the Chicago Division office.

Mr. Simmons was interviewed at the home of Mr. Kerr and could give no information in addition to that given by Mr. Kerr. Neither Mr. Simmons nor Mr. Kerr has ever known Volney Davis under his correct name or under the name of J. E. (Curley) Hansen. Both the gentlemen assured Agents of their fullest cooperation and stated that should they receive any information of value concerning Volney Davis in the future, they will immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office.

Mr. John Benjamin, proprietor of the Smoke Shop located at 206 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois, upon interview stated that a Mr. Fred Darr, a platform loader for Richmond and Markels, Aurora Transfer Company, located on LaSalle Street, Aurora, Illinois, came into his place of business on the morning of February 15th and told him that at 4:30 that morning he had seen a man resembling Volney Davis drive up in a grey Ford automobile on LaSalle Street, park it on the west side of the street, get out of the car and walk over to Ted Smith's tavern located on LaSalle Street, look into the tavern and then get back into the automobile, drive south on LaSalle Street to Benton Street, and then west on Benton. Mr. Benjamin stated that he does not know Volney Davis, nor had he ever seen him to the best of his recollection, and that the above information was solely that which he had received from Mr. Darr. In view of the fact quite a few people congregate in Mr. Benjamin's place of business, Mr. Benjamin was requested by Agents to be on the lookout for any information regarding Volney Davis, which he promised he would do, and would in turn notify the Chicago Bureau office of any information he might gain.

Mr. Fred Darr, 79 Plans Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, who is employed as a platform loader at the Aurora Transfer Company, was interviewed at the transfer company, and stated that at 4:00 A.M. on February 15, 1935, while he was working at the Transfer Company on LaSalle Street, he noticed a new 1935 Ford V-8 automobile drive up on LaSalle Street, directly across from the transfer company and about one hundred feet north of Ted Smith's tavern, located on LaSalle Street, and that a man resembling Volney Davis got out of this automobile, walked north on LaSalle Street to Ted Smith's tavern, looked into the tavern and finding it closed walked back to an automobile and drove south on LaSalle Street to Benton, and then proceeded west on Benton Street. Mr. Darr stated that he had seen photographs of Volney Davis in the newspapers and that this man closely resembled Volney Davis. However, he was not positive of this, inasmuch it was very dark and the closest this man was to him was about twenty feet. Mr. Darr stated that this man, whom he thinks may have been Volney Davis, was wearing a light tan top coat, a felt hat, color unknown to him, and that he had seen a mustache on this man's face. Agents asked Mr. Darr if he had noticed whether or not this man's left hand was bandaged, and he stated that he had not for the reason that this man had his hands in his coat pockets all of the time he observed him. Mr. Darr was shown various photographs and he stated while identifying the photograph of Volney Davis as the man he had seen and stated that the photograph of Volney Davis was the one which he had seen in the newspapers. He further stated that he was in no way positive that this man was Volney Davis, but that from the newspaper photograph and description of Volney Davis, certain similarities were observed by him. Mr. Darr was asked whether he had noted the license plates on this Ford automobile, and he stated he had not for the reason that they were completely covered with mud, but that the car itself did not have any mud on it at all. Mr. Darr further stated that this Ford automobile was light tan in color, which is contrary to the gray color he had told Mr. Benjamin. Mr. Darr was asked whether he had ever seen Volney Davis and he stated that he had never to his knowledge seen Volney Davis. Inasmuch as the Aurora Transfer Company is located on the same side of LaSalle Street as Ted Smith's tavern, and because of the fact that Mr. Darr is usually employed at nights, he was requested by Agents to make an attempt to observe Ted Smith's tavern in the hope that Volney Davis may return to that place and should he observe anything he has promised to notify the Chicago Bureau office.

On the afternoon of February 15, 1935, Mr. Fred R. Dalton, Postmaster, Aurora, Illinois, telephoned the Chicago Bureau office, stating that he had some information and requesting that an Agent immediately communicate with him relative to his information. Mr. Dalton, upon interview, stated that one Robert Valentine, who operates a barber shop at New York Street and Union Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, had called him about noon that day and told him that he had heard that Volney Davis was still in Aurora,

Illinois, but that Mr. Valentine had not elaborated on his information and Mr. Dalton stated that any information Agents might wish would have to be procured from Mr. Valentine, he merely having called the Chicago Bureau office to inform the office that Valentine had some information.

Mr. Valentine was interviewed in his barber shop located at 54 North Union Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, and he stated that a stranger had been in his barber shop on the morning of February 15, 1935, and had told him that an engineer for the "Q" Railroad told him that he had been out to a tavern located on New York Street on the east side of town, and that Matt Gleason had come into this tavern with a stranger and Matt Gleason had told him, the engineer, that this stranger was Volney Davis, and that he, Volney Davis, had escaped from Federal authorities. Mr. Valentine further stated that this customer of his told him that the engineer had said that Volney Davis was still in Aurora, Illinois, and was posing as a cashregister salesman. Mr. Valentine does not know the name of his customer and stated that he would attempt to secure his name for Agents and forward same to the Chicago Bureau office, and that this customer, whose name he will attempt to secure, would undoubtedly inform Agents as to the identity of the engineer who had been in this tavern on New York Street, and to whom Matt Gleason had told that the stranger with him was Volney Davis. Mr. Valentine has never seen Volney Davis and aside from the information related above, had no additional information for Agents. He assured Agents of his heartiest cooperation should he acquire any valuable information regarding Volney Davis and will notify the Chicago Bureau office.

Since the typing of this section of this report the correct spelling of the name Kerr has been found to be Curran.

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent J. H. Kenney:

"On February 8, 1935, Special Agents K. R. McIntire, J. B. Dickerson and J. H. Kenney proceeded to Burlington, Wisconsin to maintain surveillance of "Doc" Hubbard, alias "Doc" Eaton, who had been named as a possible contact of Volney Davis, escaped Federal prisoner.

At Burlington, Wisconsin, Agents contacted E. J. Cook, a young attorney who has on previous occasions been found to be a reliable party by Agents of the Chicago Office. He advised that Eaton presently resides at 346 Jefferson Street and is known in Burlington by the name of G. D. Hubbard. Mr. Cook advised that his cousin, Doris Pfanztler, was a maid in Eaton's home.

Agent McIntire, in the presence of Mr. Cook, interviewed Miss Pfanztler concerning Eaton. She was very hostile and advised that she had no information concerning Eaton, and that if she did have, she would not divulge it. Mr. Cook later contacted his cousin alone, and she would give him no information saying that she was afraid she would lose her job.

Agents attempted to locate a house near Eaton's where they might stay and watch the activity in the neighborhood, but they were unable to locate such a place.

Agent McIntire returned to Chicago on February 9, 1935.

Agents Dickerson and Kenney made the round of the taverns and saloons in Burlington and surrounding vicinity, wherein "Doc" Eaton might stop, and on these occasions saw no one answering to the description of Subject Davis.

Agents went into the saloon of Russell "Red" O'Neil, 371 Chestnut Street, Burlington, who is a brother-in-law and close friend of Eaton. Agent Dickerson became intimate with O'Neil and was introduced by him to Chief of Police Grossman, who was in the saloon drinking. A local officer had just been shot in a holdup and O'Neil stated that "Doc" Hubbard said: "Hard up as he was he would be glad to donate \$25.00 to purchase a machine gun to equip the local squad car."

Agents again on February 10, 1935 contacted "Red" O'Neil and stayed in a saloon for several hours, but were unable to locate "Doc" Eaton.

A 1934 Oldsmobile sedan, bearing Wisconsin license tags 19-726 for the year 1935, was seen parked in front of Eaton's home. This was found to be issued to C. D. Hubbard, s/o Badger Hotel, Burlington, Wisconsin, and has motor number L35051. This car was not seen again until Monday, February 12, 1935.

Agents learned through Mr. Cook that Eaton left Burlington on Saturday morning, February 9, 1935, for Iowa and did not return again until late Sunday night or Monday morning.

Agent Dickerson was in O'Neil's saloon on Monday, February 11, 1935, when Eaton came in there, where he was for the first time definitely identified by these Agents.

Agents contacted Ray Kerkman, mechanic at the Ford Garage and neighbor of Hubbard, who advised that Mrs. Hubbard had informed Mrs. Kerkman that Hubbard left Saturday morning for Iowa. Mr. Kerkman advised that he had noticed no unusual activity, nor had he seen any strange people in the Hubbard home recently.

The writer contacted E. J. Boyle, City Attorney at Burlington, Wisconsin, but was unable to obtain any additional information concerning Eaton other than that he was engaged in the alcohol racket.

Eaton was seen by Agents in Burlington on the evening of February 11, 1935, and his car was parked in front of his home all that night. On Tuesday, February 12, Eaton was seen in Burlington most of the day, and that night he was seen in the Badger Hotel in company with Mrs. Hermanson, Mrs. Hogan and Frank Walker. He was in the Badger Hotel until about 1:30 A.M.

On February 13, 1935 Eaton was seen in and around Burlington.

Agent Dickerson contacted Chief of Police Grossman and for the first time revealed his identity. There was a notation on Chief of Police Grossman's desk to check the license number on the Division Buick which Agents were driving. The notation was made by Night Officer Alby, and stated further that this request had been made by

"Doc" Hubbard, and that he would pay any expense involved. Agents, in company with Police Officer Alby, then went down to Hubbard's home and requested him to come to Police Headquarters with them. Hubbard returned to Police Headquarters with Agents where he was questioned for several hours.

Hubbard was questioned in detail concerning his whereabouts for the last two weeks. He stated that about January 28, 1935, he left for Des Moines, Iowa, and was accompanied by his nephew, Jesse Eaton. He stated that he arrived in Des Moines on the evening of January 29, 1935, and that he registered at the Savery Hotel, as C. D. Evans, and that he thought that his room number was 1114, and that the rate he paid was \$3.00 per day. He stated that he stayed in Des Moines until the following Saturday, which was February 2, and left for Burlington, arriving there about 9 o'clock that night; that on this trip he drove a green Chevrolet Coach which he stored at Kenney's Garage at Des Moines. The license at that time on this car was issued to Mrs. Hubbard. Hubbard stated that he stayed at home at Burlington Sunday, February 3, and on Monday, February 4, he left for Des Moines, Iowa, again in the Chevrolet Coach and registered at the Savery Hotel sometime Wednesday, February 6, and got back to Burlington, Wisconsin, that evening. He stated that on Thursday, February 7, he went to Janesville, Wisconsin, to buy a truck and was accompanied on this trip by Bryan Roberts, Chevrolet dealer at Burlington; that they were unable to get a truck at Janesville and went from there to Chicago, Illinois and bought a truck from a dealer there by the name of McMann, who operates a place on South Western Avenue, and that they returned that evening to Burlington. Hubbard stated he stayed at Burlington on Friday, February 8, and left Burlington on Saturday, February 9, about noon for Des Moines, Iowa, and registered that evening at the Savery Hotel as C. D. Evans; that on Sunday, February 10, he received a telephone call from his wife about noon, advising that Police Officer Schenning of Burlington had died and requested that he return for the funeral. Hubbard stated that he left Des Moines late Sunday night and arrived at Burlington Monday morning, February 11, about 8:30 A.M. He was seen in Burlington, Wisconsin by Agents on February 12th and 13th.

Agents exhibited to Hubbard a picture and Identification Order on Volney Davis and he stated that he never knew anyone by that name or answering to that description. All of the known aliases of Davis were read to Hubbard, and he stated that they were unfamiliar to him. He stated, however, that last summer a man drove through Burlington and left a note stating that he would like to see him and



that it was signed "Curley", and that it was possible that this might have been Subject Davis; that he, to his knowledge, had never seen or met Davis.

Agents advised Hubbard that it was entirely possible that Subject Davis would appear at Burlington and contact him. Agents advised him that Davis was a fugitive from justice and was under indictment for kidnaping in the Bremer case, and that harboring charges would be prosecuted to the fullest extent against Hubbard in the event that he should in any way help Davis. Hubbard advised that he had no desire to help Davis but that he did not want to be "put in the middle", and stated that he would cooperate as far as possible in the apprehension of Davis in the event that he should come to Burlington.

Agents left Hubbard the telephone number of the Chicago Office and advised him that he could call "Collect" to give any information that he might receive concerning Davis.

Hubbard stated that he had never been married to Myrtle Eaton but that he thought a great deal of her, and that at the present time he did not know her whereabouts. He stated that in the event he should be able to contact her he would use all his influence to try and have her give herself up to the Federal Government as he did not want to see her harmed, and thought that would be the best way out. Hubbard admitted quite freely that he was involved in the alcohol racket, and that it was the purpose of his trips to Iowa to bring alcohol to that state.

He stated that he was an intimate acquaintance of Dewey Berlovitch who is a contact of hoodlums at Des Moines, Iowa. Hubbard stated that he is well known at Des Moines and that each time he arrives in town he immediately calls Night Chief of Detectives Brophy and advises him where he can be reached. Hubbard stated that he had seen Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker about three years ago in St. Paul, and that at that time they used to frequent Harry Sawyer's saloon there. Hubbard stated that he had never met any of these men and that all other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were unknown to him.

When questioned concerning his contacts at Aurora, Illinois, he stated that he was acquainted with Dory Bales, Nat Kersch, and the Gleason brothers. He stated that the Gleason that he knew best was Nat Gleason who is a short fat man and was a "bookie" in Aurora, Illinois.

When questioned concerning Mrs. Hermanson, Mrs. Hogan and Frank Walker, he stated that he had become acquainted with Mrs. Hogan when he had been in St. Paul in 1932 and that he thought she was presently residing at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He stated that Frank Walker was unknown to him, and that he had merely accompanied Mrs. Hogan. He advised that he also met Mrs. Hermanson for the first time and understood that she was the wife of Hobart Hermanson, who runs the Lake Como Hotel near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

This Agent happens to be acquainted with Frank Walker and the latter is a local politician of little repute and presently spends most of his time drinking. As far as this Agent knows he has no gangster connections other than being an intimate friend of Hobart Hermanson.

Hubbard denied that he had made any effort to trace the Government Buick which Agents were driving. He stated that he became aware of Agents' identity by looking at the gun rack in the rear of the car while it was parked in the Chevrolet Garage at night at Burlington, Wisconsin.

The following description of Hubbard was obtained through personal observation and questioning:

Name	CLARENCE DOCK KATON, alias "Doc" Hubbard, alias C. D. Evans
Age	59 years
Height	5'11"
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Black, turning gray
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Bootlegger

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Information having been secured from Byron Bolton to the effect that the Homestead Inn, 9650 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is a hangout for William Harrison and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed the mail carrier who covers that establishment. The photographs of all parties prominently mentioned in this case were displayed, and he immediately recognized the photograph of William Harrison as having hung around the Homestead Inn. He advised Agent Sullivan that he believed that mail had come to the Homestead Inn during the summer of 1934 addressed to a party by the name of Gordon and another party by the name of Ryan. It is to be remembered that Mrs. Kate Barker used the name Gordon and that Ryan is an alias for Harrison.

Special Agent Sullivan learned that there is an establishment which handles sandies apples located across the street from the Homestead Inn, which is called The White House and is operated by one McNamara. Agent Sullivan ascertained that this place is undoubtedly legitimate and it is the only place where a surveillance could be maintained of the Homestead Inn.

Agent Sullivan also contacted one Carl Hoff, who operates a Shell Filling Station at 9550 South Western Avenue. The photographs were displayed to him. He failed to recognize any but advised that he would maintain a close watch on the Homestead Inn for anything of interest to this office.

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent C. G. Campbell:

"Special Agent McIntire received a phone call from Carl Hoff, proprietor of Shell Filling Station, 9550 South Western Avenue, in regard to Subject Willie Harrison.

This agent interviewed Mr. Hoff and was advised that a Lincoln Sedan, about a 1929 model, passed his place of business about 1:30 A.M., February 2, 1935, and that this car was occupied by five or six men. He stated that the driver of this car sounded the horn and he waved back. It was his opinion that Willie Harrison might have been in this car. Hoff stated that he was almost sure that this car was owned by Joe Flannery, proprietor of the Homestead Inn, 9650 Western Avenue, at which place the postman on this route is reported to have seen Subject Harrison. The writer proceeded to the Homestead Inn, 9650 South Western, and spent some time in this place, buying a few drinks and observing the patrons, none of which resembled subjects wanted by the Division.

Due to the day of the week, Saturday, the postman made only one delivery, that being in the morning, and Agent was unable to contact him.

Informant Hoff was requested to call if any information of value was obtained by him.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated January 23, 1935, Page 3 of which shows that a long distance telephone call was made on December 6, 1934 from a party called Willie, calling from Chicago telephone number Longbeach 1310, said call being directed to Dave Weinstein, St. Paul, Minnesota, the latter being a known contact for Harry Sawyer.

In the belief that the call was made by William Harrison it was ascertained that Longbeach 1310 is the telephone number of the Wilras Hotel, located at 4546 North Racine Avenue. It is observed that this is the vicinity which was frequented by Russell Gibson and William Harrison immediately prior to the death of Russell Gibson on January 8, 1935. Discreet inquiry was made by Special Agent F. S. Gillman to ascertain whether parties in charge of the Wilras Hotel were reliable so that inquiries could be made of them, but it was ascertained that no reliability could be placed in these persons and for that reason it was decided that the only way to cover this hotel was to place an agent therein for surveillance purposes. Accordingly, on January 31, 1935, the Bureau was requested by teletype to authorize the renting of a room at said hotel, and on the same date a teletype message from the Bureau did give authority to rent a room at the Wilras Hotel.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe submitted the following memorandum with regard to his surveillance at the Wilras Hotel:

"With reference to the last paragraph on Page 3 of the report of Special Agent F. S. Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota January 23, 1935, regarding a telephone call made from Longbeach 1310 at Chicago, Illinois to Dave Weinstein at St. Paul, Minnesota on December 6, 1934 by one "Willie", this Chicago telephone number was found to be listed as the name of the Wilras Hotel, 4546 North Racine Avenue, and in accordance with instructions received from Special Agent K. R. McIntire, the writer took up residence at the Wilras Hotel for the purpose of observing the guests at this hotel and conducting discreet investigation in that vicinity in an effort to determine if anyone of interest to this investigation was presently in that neighborhood, and particularly whether Willie Harrison was there, as it was thought that he might be identical with the "Willie" who made the telephone call.

Accordingly, the writer took up residence at this hotel from January 31, 1935 to February 9, 1935, and divided his time between staying in the lobby of the hotel and visiting the immediate vicinity, particularly the taverns on Wilson Avenue, which street crosses Racine Avenue at the 4600 block.

All persons and places were carefully observed but nothing of interest to this investigation was determined by the writer.

In an effort to determine the identity of "Willie" the writer arranged to have Special Agent J. W. Murphy telephone the writer at the Wilrae Hotel during the absence of the writer and ask for him under the name of "Duffey", the writer having registered as James Steward but also having told the management there that he might receive a call under the name of "Duffey". Agent Murphy left the message that "Willie" had called and would be up to see him there in a day or so. When the writer received this message at the hotel he pretended ignorance of the identity of "Willie" and asked the manager, Mr. Kaplan, if he knew of any "Willie" or if he had ever had anyone by that name stay at the hotel, but Mr. Kaplan stated that the name was not in any way familiar to him.

On the same day that this telephone call was made by Agent Murphy, the writer also arranged to have the Chicago Office telephone operator call the Wilrae Hotel and leave a message for Mr. Steward to call the long distance operator at Hammond, Indiana. This was done in an effort to associate the name "Willie" and the telephone bill made by Agent Murphy with the town of Hammond and in this way possibly remind the manager at the hotel of an individual named "Willie" from Hammond. However, this was unproductive of results.

No other information was obtained and after observing the personnel and management of the hotel it was decided not to make any open inquiry at that place regarding the identity of the "Willie" who made the long distance call to St. Paul in December.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents W. D. Ryan and A. A. Mussey on January 25, 1935.

It is to be noted from a review of the file that the parents of Alvin Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, have most recently been residing at an apartment at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that Karpis also has a sister residing in the same apartment building, whose mail address is 2840 North Francisco Avenue. It is also noted that from time to time mail covers have been received on all mail received at these addresses. It was deemed advisable that a further check be made of the relatives of Alvin Karpis in Chicago in order to ascertain definitely, if possible, whether Karpis has been visiting them or communicating with them at any time recently.

An inspection of the mail boxes at 2842 North Francisco Avenue and 2840 North Francisco Avenue by Agents disclosed that the parents and the sister of Alvin Karpis are still residing at these addresses.

It was noted that there are three different ways from which the apartment of John Karpavicz can be entered. In addition to the front door entrance to the apartment, entrance may also be had through an areaway which runs from the front sidewalk to a rear alley. It was also observed that the apartment house in which the Karpavicz family resides is the only apartment building located on the block between Diversey Boulevard and George Street, and that in order to conduct any surveillance with the hope of covering this apartment it would be necessary to obtain access to one of the private homes in this block. The only residence which appeared to be desirable for this purpose was ascertained to be the house adjacent to the apartment building on the north, which is 2846 North Francisco Avenue.

Inquiry was therefore made at the Logan Square Postal Station, which station covers the district in which the Karpavicz residence is located. James J. Hurley, superintendent of the station, advised that his office has for some time, even in the absence of mail covers, been carefully scrutinizing the mail addressed to the Karpavicz family, as well as Mrs. Newbold; that it was his recollection that a number of letters were being received at the Karpavicz home from the state of Oklahoma. He advised that the carrier who delivers mail at the Karpavicz home is E. H. Sell, Carrier #4723.

Mr. Sell was therefore interviewed, and he advised that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavics occupy the front basement apartment at 2842 North Francisco Avenue and reside there alone; that he has not noticed any suspicious cars or any strangers visiting at the place at any time. He advised that to his recollection the Karpavics family received a number of letters from the state of Kansas; that he did not recall that they received any mail from Oklahoma. He further stated that Mrs. Emily Newbold is still residing at 2840 North Francisco Avenue, but that he very rarely sees her and that most of the mail addressed to the Newbold family is local mail.

Mr. Sell was questioned concerning reliable persons to interview at the Karpavics apartment building or in the neighborhood and was particularly questioned concerning the occupants of 2846 North Francisco Avenue, and he advised that he did not know very many of the people in the apartment building; that he was not acquainted with them personally but that he thought that a family by the name of Barnes, residing on the second floor at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, might possibly be reliable, although he could furnish no information as to the occupation or family history of Barnes. He stated that the address from 2836 to 2842 North Francisco Avenue, which is a U-shaped apartment building and appears to be all one building, is in fact two separate apartment buildings; that the addresses 2836 to 2838 comprise one building, and the addresses 2840 to 2842 another; that the janitor for the 2836 to 2838 addresses is a Mr. Orlando, who occupies the front section of the basement apartments at 2836 North Francisco. Mr. Sell could furnish no information as to Orlando's reliability, or whether he was friendly with Karpis or not.

With reference to the address of 2846 North Francisco Avenue, Mr. Sell advised that this house is occupied by Paul Koehler and family; that Koehler has lived at this address for about three or four years and has a son living at 2917 North Francisco Avenue. He stated that he knew nothing of Koehler's occupation, but that he felt that of all the people in the neighborhood he would pick Koehler as a possibly reliable person.

Mr. Sell stated that he would keep a sharp lookout at the Karpavics residence, as he has been doing in the past, and would report any unusual occurrences to the Chicago Division Office.

In an effort to learn something of the occupation of Paul Koehler, in order that a check might be made of his reliability, Agent made a telephone call to the Koehler residence under pretext, and ascertained that Mr. Koehler is in business for himself in the building

construction line. It appearing, therefore, that Mr. Koehler was more than likely a reliable citizen, inquiry was made at the Koehler residence, 2846 North Francisco Avenue, for information concerning the Karpavicz family. At the time of Agent's visit to the Koehler home, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koehler, Paul Koehler, Jr. and Elmer Koehler, the son who resides at 2917 Francisco Avenue, were present. Mr. and Mrs. Koehler advised that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz moved into the apartment building next to them approximately three years ago; that Karpavicz, who is the janitor of two or three other apartment buildings, in addition to being janitor at 2842 North Francisco, resides in the front basement apartment, which has windows facing only on the Francisco Avenue side. They advised that they were entirely familiar with the fact that Alvin Karpis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz, was wanted by the Federal Government, and that for this reason they have been paying particular attention to see whether or not Alvin Karpis has been visiting his parents. They advised that when the Karpavicz family first moved next-door to them for two or three months thereafter Alvin Karpis was a frequent visitor at his parents' home; that he at that time was driving a 1927 model Buick four-door Sedan, green in color; that he appeared to be very attentive to his mother, and was constantly bringing her flowers; that when he visited them he ordinarily parked his car in front of the areaway and entered the apartment through the side entrance, which is immediately opposite the Koehler home; that for this reason they would know Alvin Karpis immediately if they saw him. They further advised that about three months after the Karpavicz family first moved into the neighborhood, Alvin Karpis suddenly disappeared and they have not seen him since that time, which would be over two and one-half years ago; that at the time Karpis left he left with his parents the Buick Sedan which he had been driving; that this sedan is at present in a garage located in the rear of 2839 Richmond Street, which is directly in back of the apartment building; further, that with the exception of a trip that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz took to Kansas about two years ago, this car has not been removed from the garage in which it is located.

Mrs. Koehler stated that she observes both Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz frequently as they leave and enter the apartment; that they use the side entrance through the areaway almost exclusively; that since the disappearance of her son Mrs. Karpavicz appears to have aged considerably; that her son's actions have apparently affected her mind as she constantly shakes her head as she walks and mumbles to herself quite a bit; that she also paces the floor late at night in sleeplessness. She further stated that Mrs. Karpavicz does not speak English very well; that the only per-



son with whom she converses to any extent in the neighborhood is a Mrs. David Brown, who occupies apartment 1B at 2842 North Francisco; that Mrs. Brown speaks the same language as does Mrs. Karpavicz and that they are, from all appearances, very friendly, for which reason she does not think that Mrs. Brown would give any information concerning the Karpavicz family.

Mrs. Koehler also stated that her daughter, Mrs. Leona Lewis, occupies apartment 1A at 2842 North Francisco, which apartment is directly over that occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz; that her daughter was in a position to see whether or not Mrs. Karpavicz has any visitors coming by the front entrance of the apartment, and that she can also hear the conversations in the Karpavicz apartment faintly through the floor, and could tell whether anyone was visiting them. Mrs. Koehler said that she and her daughter have discussed Alvin Karpis on numerous occasions and have made it a point to watch out for him visiting his parents but that they are sure that he has not been back to see them since he left approximately two and one-half years ago; that if he did visit them she was sure that either she or her daughter would know it. Mrs. Koehler said that she did not think that Alvin Karpis would take a chance on visiting his parents, as the parents are apparently convinced that they are being watched, inasmuch as Mrs. Karpavicz remarked to one of the people in the neighborhood on a recent occasion as follows: "I do do nothin'. I know they watch."

Mrs. Koehler stated that her son, Paul, Jr., who is twenty years of age, is presently unemployed, and that he spends the entire day and most of the night at home; that Paul, Jr. has also made it a practice to watch out for any visit that Alvin Karpis might make to his parents. In connection with this Paul Koehler, Jr. advised Agents that he first learned that Alvin Karpis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz, was wanted about a year and a half ago; that a friend of his had seen a wanted notice for Karpis in the post office and had called his attention to it; that since that time he has made it his business to pay particular attention to the Karpavicz family in order to ascertain if Alvin Karpis, whom he knows by sight, was making any visits to them. He stated that he is at home practically all the time and is convinced in his own mind that Karpis has not been visiting his parents. He advised that Mr. Karpavicz has a green Ford Model A Coupe, which he parks directly in front of the arway at all times that he is at home. He advised that he and his family have been so much alert to watch out for a visit by Karpis that he has noticed that in the evening when they are eating dinner, whenever the sound of

anyone is heard in the apartment, areaway his mother immediately turns her head and looks out of the window to ascertain who it is; that their dining room window overlooks the side entrance to the Karpavics apartment, and that they can easily distinguish anyone entering the Karpavics apartment from their dinner table.

Mrs. Koehler and Paul Koehler, Jr. advised that Mrs. Newbold, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavics, occupies an apartment at 2340 North Francisco; that their apartment is on the first floor of the building and is situated at the northwest corner with windows facing on the alley and on the areaway; that they also have a direct view to the side entrance to this apartment, and are sure that Karpis has not visited his sister through that entrance; that as a matter of fact the sister's husband, Mr. Phillip Newbold, who is employed by some railway company, has no use whatsoever for Alvin Karpis; that they have ascertained this through general neighborhood talk, and that they are certain that if Karpis visited his sister, Mr. Newbold would endeavor to put him out of the house.

While Agents were interviewing the Koehler family, Mr. Edward L. Lewis, the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Koehler, who occupies Apartment 1A at 2342 North Francisco, entered the Koehler home. He also was interviewed by Agent, and he advised that since learning that Alvin Karpis was wanted by the federal Government he and his wife have watched the Karpavics apartment very closely at the times they have been at home; that it is possible for them to hear sounds in the Karpavics apartment in their apartment, and that they have been so much on the alert for a visit of Alvin Karpis that at times when he has heard someone talking in the Karpavics apartment below he has gotten up during the night in order to overhear any conversation which might be had and to endeavor to ascertain if anyone was visiting the Karpavics family. He stated that he and his wife were convinced that Alvin Karpis has not been to see his parents since they have been in the apartment, which is about two years. He further stated that it is their opinion that if Alvin Karpis is seeing his parents he must be meeting them at some other point; that Mrs. Karpavics has been taking a trip during the holiday seasons, and that approximately three or four days prior to Agents' interview, Mrs. Karpavics had been away for about three days. Mr. Lewis also advised that he had understood that Mr. Newbold was particularly unfriendly with Alvin Karpis and would take no steps to conceal him in his apartment or would even allow him to visit there.

The members of the Koehler family, as well as Mr. Lewis, advised that they would have no hesitation in advising the Chicago Division Office in the event Karpis appeared at his parents' home, and in view of this attitude Agents asked Mr. and Mrs. Koehler whether they would agree to have one or two agents remain in their home in order to conduct a surveillance of the Karpavicz apartment, but Mr. and Mrs. Koehler advised that they would not care to have any agents stationed at their home. They stated, however, that they would intensify their watch on the Karpavicz apartment and immediately notify the Chicago Division Office of any unusual occurrences or of a visit of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Lewis also stated that he would discuss the matter with his wife, and that both he and his wife would watch the Karpavicz apartment from their point of view, and that they also would advise the Chicago Division Office in the event of Karpis' appearance. Paul Koehler, Jr., stated that inasmuch as he is presently unemployed he would spend practically all of his time in watching the Karpavicz apartment for the appearance of Alvin Karpis.

In order to further cover the residence of the parents and sister of Alvin Karpis, a letter was directed to the postmaster at Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 1935, requesting a thirty-day mail cover on both Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and Mrs. Emily Newbold.

A further review of the file discloses that another sister of Alvin Karpis, a Mrs. Clara Venute, was in March of 1934 residing at 1835 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was deemed advisable that a further check be made on Mrs. Venute to determine, if possible, whether Alvin Karpis was visiting her.

At the Wicker Park Substation of the Chicago Post Office Department, 1223 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois, it was ascertained from Superintendent Y. Kwasigroch that on June 19, 1934 Mrs. Clara Venute had moved from 1835 West Grand Avenue to 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois; that this address is delivered by carrier 161, Will Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was then interviewed by Agents, and he advised that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venute have been residing in the second floor front flat of 525 North Wood Street for approximately eight months; that there are two entrances to the building at 525 North Wood Street, which is a frame structure, and that the entrance to the Venute flat is the door to the south. He advised that it is his impression that Robert

Venute is presently employed by the Civil Works Administration, inasmuch as he receives Government checks from this source; further, that to his knowledge the Venutes received very little mail, most of which is local; also, that Mr. and Mrs. Venute reside in the flat alone, and to his knowledge have not at any time had any strange persons living with them. He stated that the rear flat on the second floor at 525 North Wood Street is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Toland; that Mrs. Toland is the daughter of the people who occupy the first floor flat and who rent the building.

It was noted from an observation of the premises at 525 North Wood Street that it is a two-story frame building with two entrances in the front and a rear entrance from the alley at the rear. It was also observed that the first floor of the building to the north is unoccupied, and that the building to the south is a two-story frame building and in the event any observation was desired of the Venute residence it would be the most likely place to observe from. The neighborhood as a whole consists of dilapidated frame buildings, and gives a general appearance of being very poor.

Mr. Rogers was questioned concerning the occupants of the residence at 521 North Wood Street, which is the next building south of 525 North Wood Street, and he advised that the upstairs flat is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Hanchey, and that Mr. Hanchey is presently on relief; that the downstairs section is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Slamborsky, Mr. Slamborsky being the landlord of the building; that they are Polish people. When questioned as to the advisability of contacting the occupants of 521 North Wood Street or any other persons in the neighborhood Mr. Rogers stated that the neighborhood as a whole was what is considered a very rough neighborhood; that most of the people are Polish and are inclined to keep their mouths shut; that due to the tough character of the neighborhood he did not think it was advisable to make any inquiries, inasmuch as the people, through fear, would not answer any questions or give any information.

It is being noted that Mr. and Mrs. Venute had formerly resided at 1835 West Grand Avenue, and it was thought that possibly the occupants of 1835 West Grand Avenue might be reliable people who might be contacted for information concerning Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venute. With this in mind Agents contacted A. L. Lifka, postal carrier #5, who delivers mail at this address. Mr. Lifka stated that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venute, who formerly occupied the second floor at 1835 West Grand Avenue, moved from there approximately eight months ago; that he knew very little

about Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venute except that Robert Venute was a young Italian fellow, and that his wife's name was Clara. With reference to the present occupants of 1835 West Grand Avenue Mr. Lifka stated that Mr. and Mrs. Michael Venute, parents of Robert Venute, have been living at this residence for at least ten or fifteen years, and are still residing there; that Mr. Venute appears to be an ordinary individual but that he did not feel that it would be advisable to contact him for information concerning his son's wife. He could not advise of any place in the neighborhood where inquiries might be made concerning the Venutes.

It is noted from the file on this case that no mail cover had been placed on the Venute family since March of 1934. For this reason, it was deemed advisable at this time to again have this mail cover, and a letter was directed on January 30, 1935 to the postmaster at Chicago, Illinois, requesting that this office be furnished with tracings of all mail received at 525 North Wood Street for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venute.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan accompanied by Special Agents J. A. Murray and D. P. Sullivan on February 15, 1935. Reference is made to the wire dated February 14, 1935, from the Philadelphia Office to the Chicago Office advising that Mrs. John Karpavicz, mother of Alvin Karpis, was arriving in Chicago on the 1:50 p. m. Baltimore and Ohio train on February 15, 1935.

After first ascertaining by telephone that the train bearing Mrs. Karpavicz would arrive on time, Agents proceeded to the Grand Central Station of the B. & O. R. R. located at Harrison and Wells Street at 1:30 p. m., and there learned that car #94 in which Mrs. Karpavicz was traveling would be the second car from the end of the train. Agents placed themselves at advantageous positions in the station and on the arrival platform and upon the arrival of the train at 2:35 p. m., Mrs. Karpavicz alighted assisted by a tall middle aged man who appeared to be approximately forty-five years of age, about six foot two inches in height, weighing about two hundred pounds, fair complexion, who aided her in carrying the basket containing the child of Dolores Delaney and two small suit cases to the taxi cab platform, where this man assisted Mrs. Karpavicz into the cab and left her. It was apparent that the man who accompanied Mrs. Karpavicz to the cab was a fellow passenger on the train who was merely aiding her to get her belongings to the taxi cab.

Mrs. Karpavicz entered the Yellow Taxi Cab bearing Illinois License #504449, and this cab was trailed by Agents and it was ascertained that she proceeded directly to her residence at 2842 North Francisco Avenue. After seeing that Mrs. Karpavicz was safely in her home, Special Agent Ryan telephonically communicated with Mrs. Paul Koehler, 2846 North Francisco Avenue, telephone Spaulding 2798, who had previously been contacted by Agent and who had along with other members of her family promised to keep a close watch on the Karpavicz' residence for the Chicago Bureau Office. Mrs. Koehler stated that she had just been informed by her daughter, Mrs. Leona Lewis, who occupies the apartment immediately above the Karpavicz family, of the arrival of Mrs. Karpavicz with the baby and that she was awaiting the arrival home of her son-in-law, Mr. E. L. Lewis in order that he might call the Chicago Office and advise concerning Mrs. Karpavicz having returned. She stated that she and the other

members of her family have been watching the Karpavicz apartment closely, but that since Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz have been away from home for the past week, there had been no activity whatsoever at their apartment. She stated that inasmuch as the baby is now being kept by the Karpavicz family that she and the members of her family would watch the apartment more closely than ever as she herself felt that the fact that the baby is located there may be the attraction which would draw Alvin Karpis to see his parents.

Agent advised Mrs. Koehler that he would keep in touch with her at regular intervals and encouraged her to call the Chicago Bureau Office immediately upon any movements whatsoever of the Karpavicz family or of any visitors who might call at their apartment.

On January 24, 1935, [redacted] an informant who has been furnishing information to the Chicago Bureau office in the Bremer case, called to advise that he had information to the effect that Alvin Karpis, should he come to Chicago, is to be hidden by a police officer at River Grove, Illinois, by the name of Kip Davis at Davis' home. The above information was reported by Special Agent J. P. McCarthy. In keeping with this information, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agents T. M. McDade and G. E. McRae.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents T. M. McDade and C. E. McRae on February 5 and 6, 1935, and is based on a memorandum dated January 24, 1935 by Special Agent J. P. McCarthy.

[redacted] told the Chicago office that a police officer named Kip Davis in River Grove, Illinois, would be a likely contact for Alvin Karpis if he came to town and that Davis would probably put up Karpis at his home.

Agents interviewed Edna Trumble, postmistress of River Grove, Illinois, and A. J. Streets, clerk of this office, who is also the father of the postmistress, concerning the reputation and acquaintances of Kip Davis in River Grove. Agents were informed that Kip Davis lives at 2672 Julian Terrace with his mother; that he has resided at his present home for about 7 months and that his full name is Raymond Davis. Streets described Davis as being 40 years old, a widower, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 150 pounds. He works nights on the River Grove police force. Streets could suggest no one who would be approached by Agents to get information concerning Davis except Frank Wiemeralage, Senior, who is the Chief of the River Grove Police Department. Mr. Streets believed that Wiemeralage was reliable and could be approached concerning Davis.

On the advice of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, no attempt was made to interview Wiemeralage, but a neighborhood investigation was made for the purpose of determining the advisability of having someone in the neighborhood observe the house of Davis for any strangers.

On pretense Agents interviewed Mrs. Mary Reirtz, who lives on the corner of Cary Avenue and Julian Terrace, but she refused to admit anything concerning the neighbors on her street and would not talk with Agents concerning any of the neighbors.

Joe Parizek, 2671 Julian Terrace, was interviewed, and he stated that he is presently unemployed and has been out of work for three years. His house, which he owns, is directly opposite that of Kip Davis and Parizek has a good opportunity to observe Davis' activities. He stated that the car which was then presently in front of Davis' residence belonged to Davis. It was a Chrysler coupe, bearing Illinois 1934 license tags number 768681. He stated that Davis had no garage for his car and left it in the street all of the time and that on many occasions he drove up to the house in different cars which were brought from the garage of his brother.



After interviewing Parizek Agents deemed it advisable to identify themselves and Parizek promised to keep a watch on Davis' house for any strangers who might appear there as Parizek knows Davis' brother by sight and many of the persons who are known to visit the house. It is believed that he is in a good position to give any information concerning visits of strangers. Parizek stated that the neighbor on the side of Davis' house was John Gravenich (phonetic spelling), 2876 Julian Terrace, and that he was a carpenter and was not at home, going out on small jobs and that he lived alone. The people on the other side of Davis are a new family, having moved in in the last few months and they did not know the Davis family at all. Parizek was given the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau office and will telephone the Chicago office if he receives any information.

As Davis is known to have been a friend of Lester Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson, and is supposed to have harbored him at one time, his home was examined carefully to see if it would fit the description given by Mrs. Helen Gillis and John Paul Chase as the house in which Lester Gillis died on the night of November 27, 1934. The house is a one story, white, clapboard bungalow with a stucco porch. The entrance in the front porch being on the side of the house and has green shingles on the roof and an entrance in the rear of the house through a rear porch. There is no garage in the rear and no side driveway. There are two sidewalks, about four feet wide, which separate the house from the houses on either side. From this description it would not appear that this house is the house described by Mrs. Gillis and Chase, and no layout of the rooms could be obtained as Agents did not have access to the interior of the house. It is also noted that this house is the third house from the corner, whereas the house described by Mrs. Gillis was the second house from the corner and the street on which this house was supposed to have been was Walnut Street.

In a talk with Mrs. Edna Trumble, the postmistress of River Grove, she stated that about the time of the killing of the Agents from this office by Baby Face Nelson, she overheard part of a conversation between Frank Wiermerslage and Kip Davis in which Wiermerslage was berating Davis and in which the name of Nelson was mentioned and something was also said of certain cars. The full subject of this conversation is not recalled by Mrs. Trumble and it could only be learned by contacting Wiermerslage directly. Both Mrs. Trumble and Mr. Streets state that Davis' reputation in the community is not very good, although they know of no particular incident detrimental to his character.

A drawing of the neighborhood of Kip Davis' home is contained in the Chicago file.

In regard to the location of "Doc" Moran, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent F. D. Tillman.

On January 25, 1935 a letter was received by the Chicago Bureau office from B. L. Cooper, 1429 Morris Road, Marseilles, Illinois, stating that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. 1832, visited friends at LaSalle, Illinois, and that he made these visits dressed in overalls and had grown a beard and mustache.

On January 28, 1935 Agent Tillman interviewed Mr. Cooper, who advised that he was told by Stanley Farrell, a mechanic working for the Marseilles Motor Sales, and residing at 582 Clark Street, Marseilles, Illinois, that a friend of his had told him that he had spoken to Moran about three weeks ago in LaSalle, Illinois. The following named people were given as being possible contacts of Moran: Vera Kruber, who is employed in a flower shop in LaSalle. Miss Kruber was arrested with Dr. Moran when he was arrested by the state authorities for performing an abortion; Pat and May Bowers, who reside on Bucklin Street between 4th and 5th Streets in LaSalle, Illinois. These people are an relief and are not employed. May Bowers was arrested at the same time as Miss Kruber, because of her connections with Moran.

Stanley Farrell, on January 28, 1935 advised that he was in the tavern operated by Jimmie Keys and Emmett Glynn, 1st and Joliet Streets, LaSalle, Illinois, and was told by Keys that he had spoken to Moran about three weeks previously. Farrell, at this time, was asked to obtain further information as to whom Moran visited in LaSalle. On January 29, 1935 he advised this agent that he had talked to Pat and May Bowers, and that Mrs. Bowers said Moran visited Bill Schuetz. Neither Farrell nor Cooper could give any further information regarding Schuetz, other than that he was arrested on a grand larceny charge with one Bill Bull in the fall of 1929 and was sentenced to Joliet Penitentiary for car theft. Bull is now reported to be in Chicago. Mr. Cooper believes that he may be located through a Mr. Cohen at the "Auto Information Bureau". It was also ascertained that during the time that Bill Bull was in the Joliet Penitentiary, Dr. Moran was also incarcerated in that institution.

Jim Doyle, Assistant Postmaster at Spring Valley, Illinois, advised on January 28, 1935 that Emmett Glynn, the partner of Jimmie Keys, is a brother of Anna Glynn, at one time a nurse and associate of Dr. Moran. Dr. Moran is reported to be quite friendly with this family and to have attended the two sisters previous to their deaths. Although Miss Glynn receives her mail at 722 Seventh Street, LaSalle, Illinois, she is reported to be living in Oak Park or another west suburban town of Chicago.

Dr. Moran resided at 747 Seventh Street, LaSalle, Illinois, almost across from the Gynn residence, during the time he was practicing in LaSalle, and Jim Doyle is of the opinion that Moran may be living with Anna Gynn. The post offices at Spring Valley and LaSalle, Illinois failed to yield her forwarding address. However, Doyle will attempt to get this address and if successful will forward it to the Chicago office.

Mr. R. L. Wright, manager of the LaSalle Telephone Exchange, furnished the following record of long distance calls from the residence of Mrs. Frank Brady of LaSalle, Illinois:

11/21/34	Dak Park, Ill.	Euclid 3239	5 mins.
11/21/34	"	"	"
12/5/34	"	"	"
12/7/34	"	"	"
12/20/34	"	"	"
12/27/34	"	"	"
12/29/34	"	"	"
1/2/35	"	"	"
1/7/35	"	"	"
1/10/35	Ottawa, Ill.	1530	"

It was ascertained that Euclid 3239 is the number of W. F. Pitts, 341 South Humphries Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mitchell, who reside on Schuyler Street, near End Street, Peru, Illinois, advised that they have obtained no further information concerning Dr. Moran, but will advise the Chicago Bureau office if they obtain any information. Both the Mitchells and the Bowers have heard rumors to the effect that Dr. Moran is dead.

It is also rumored that Mrs. Kate Lauer, Dr. Moran's sister, who is a devout Catholic, is worried because she feels that Dr. Moran may be killed without being prepared for death. Jim Doyle believes that if Mrs. Lauer knows where Moran is, she may be persuaded to tell because of this reason.

On January 22, 1935 Special Agent T. F. Mullen submitted a memorandum advising that he had learned from the Gary Police Department that a place known as the "Barn Yard" Tavern, which is located a short distance out of Gary, Indiana, on old Route 12, has at times been frequented by members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He also submitted a photograph of John J. Nordstrand, who is said to be connected with the "Barn Yard" Tavern. Nordstrand's description is as follows:

Name - John Nordstrand  
Age - 33  
Height - 5'7"  
Weight - 150 lb.  
Build - Medium  
Complexion - Fair  
Eyes - Blue  
Hair - Light brown, partly bald

In connection with the above matter, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent M. Chaffetz.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent C. E. McRae, conducted the following investigation:

Agents contacted Chief of Detectives W. A. Forbis of the Gary Police Department, who informed Agents that John J. Nordstrand is well known to the police and is well known police character around the city of Gary. He also stated that the "Barn Yard" Tavern is a well known roadhouse and is well patronized by the hoodlum element. Chief Forbis referred agents to Officer George Harm of the Gary Police Department, since that officer was personally acquainted with Nordstrand and arrested him at one time and had made an extensive investigation concerning him.

While awaiting the return of Officer Harm to his home, Agents drove out to the Barn Yard Tavern, which is located about three miles south of the city of Gary on Route No. 12. From observation of this place it was noted that it was a large roadhouse only recently constructed. It consists of a filling station and on the inside is a very well furnished night club. In addition, it has a bar room and also a lunch counter. Agents were informed by a barmaid that this roadhouse does a very extensive business and the night club caters to a very large varied class of people every night of the week.

Agents visited this place at about noon when there was very little activity except for a few customers for lunch. No one connected with this case was seen nor was Nordstrand, whose photograph is in the Chicago file, on the premises at the time Agents were there. Agents were also informed by the barmaid that the Barn Yard Tavern is operated by one NEAL NORDSTRAND, who is assisted in the operation of this place by his wife. She also stated that Neal Nordstrand owns four other taverns, known as Desdemona, Willow Springs and the Coral Gables. She could not recall the name of the fourth tavern.

According to the information obtained, John Nordstrand has no connection whatsoever with the operation of these places.

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At no time during Agents' conversation with this lady were their identities revealed.

Agents contacted Officer George Harn at his home and were furnished with the following information:

He stated that he was the officer who had originally furnished Agent Mullen with the information appearing in Agent Mullen's memorandum dated January 22, 1935. Agents questioned Officer Harn as to where he had obtained his information but he refused to disclose the identity of the person who had told him about the Barn Yard Tavern.

Officer Harn stated that John Nordstrand and his brother Neal had both served time in connection with theft of interstate shipment. He also stated that Neal Nordstrand is connected with a gang of hoodlums headed by one Hank LaBuff of LaPorte. He also stated that this gang is well known around Gary and have a reputation for pulling any kind of a job from kidnaping to murder if they receive the proper remuneration.

Officer Harn furnished very little definite information as to the connection between the Bremer case and the Barn Yard Tavern except to say that it was his information that members of the Bremer gang hung out at that place on various occasions.

From talking to Officer Harn Agents received the impression that he was conducting an investigation concerning these people and was trying to pin something on them in order to get them into custody because of their notorious character. The impression was also gained that it was the intention of Officer Harn to have the Bureau conduct an investigation concerning the Barn Yard Tavern with the point in view of connecting it with the Bremer case so that the Gary Police Department could take some of the members of the local gang into custody.

Officer Harn suggested that Agents visit the Barn Yard Tavern at night, notifying him of the time of the visit, so that he and his fellow officer could be available in the neighborhood to assist Agents in taking into custody anybody they might recognize there.

No further investigation concerning the Barn Yard Tavern was conducted because of the information obtained to the effect that it is a known hoodlum hangout and it was the belief of Agents that all information obtained at Gary would only tend to corroborate the above information.

At the time that "Doc" Barker was arrested on January 9, 1935, a piece of newspaper was found in his apartment containing the notation "W-0089". In the belief that this may have been the telephone number of one of his contacts, all of the exchanges beginning with W were checked and found to be Mansfield, Merrimac, Midway, Mohawk and Monroe. Each of these telephone numbers was checked as a possible contact for "Doc" Barker or other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent G. A. Campbell:

Monroe 0089, Catherine Kozik, 1575 West Chicago Avenue. Mrs. Kozik was interviewed by agent Campbell at her home address, 1575 West Chicago Avenue, at which place she maintains office headquarters for her profession as midwife. She was interviewed as there was a possibility that she might have been contacted by members of the Barker-Karpis gang to attend Dolores Delaney, paramour of Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Kozik stated that she did not know any parties by the name of Esser and is not acquainted with anyone on Surf Street, nor could she identify photographs of Mildred Kuhlman and other members of this gang. Agent inquired as to the source of Mrs. Kozik's business and was informed that she did not receive calls from any doctors or hospitals, that she had her own clientele and had operated alone for the past four years. Mrs. Kozik stated that she is law-abiding and would gladly assist in any way possible. She is married and has two children, all living at the above address.

Mohawk D089, Miss Ruth Lutz, 909 North La Salle Street. Miss Ruth Lutz, residing at 902 North La Salle Street, was interviewed, and she stated that she was not acquainted with any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang nor could she recall knowing anyone on Surf Street. She lives in an apartment with five other women, all employed or interested at the Moody Bible Institute or in church work, as follows:

Anna Lainsz, Gospel Tabernacle  
Florence Beck, has a Bible class at Gospel Tabernacle,  
employed at Marshall Fields, Merchandise Mart  
Donie Treadwell, Moody Institute  
Ellen Dodd,  
Sylvia Sisk,

Merrimac 0089. This telephone is not connected.

Mansfield 8069, John G. Riegert, 16 North Lorain Avenue. Agent called at 18 North Lorain Avenue but was not admitted by Mrs. Riegert. Greenfield & Sherman, Real Estate Agents, 5645 West Madison Street, agents for the apartment house at 16, 18, 20 North Lorain Avenue, were interviewed and their records disclosed that John G. Riegert has lived in this apartment since October 1, 1934, with his wife and one child; that Mr. Riegert had rented from them previously and that he was a very satisfactory tenant. Records show his place of employment as the Economy Plumbing Co., 1508 South Crawford Avenue.

This agent called at the Economy Plumbing Co. and was informed that Mr. Riegert had an office at the Nurse's Home, Lincoln and Polk Streets, this building under construction.

Mr. Riegert was interviewed at his office and he stated that he had the telephone number, Mansfield 0069, listed in his name for the past three months; that this telephone was installed in the apartment at 16 North Lorain Avenue when he moved in from across the street, and that it was not connected in his name until three months ago. Mr. Riegert stated that he did not know any of the Subjects in the Bremer case, could not identify any of the photographs, nor did he know any parties residing on Surf Street or any parties by the name of Esser.

On February 8, 1935, a Mrs. Martha S. Goll of Elmhurst, Illinois, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Hartmann of Evanston, Illinois, and Harry Mals of Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Bureau office and furnished the following information:

She stated that she had been driving with the above people in a car owned by Mr. Mals near the Osborn Farm road in Monroe, Indiana, which is south of LaFayette, Indiana, at about 1:30 P. M. February 4, 1935, when her party was held up by two men who were riding in a new Plymouth maroon sedan, bearing Illinois 1935 license plate No. 229-929. This affair was reported by these people to the Indiana State Police, and also to the local police at LaFayette, Indiana, therefore the details of the hold-up itself can be secured from either one of these two sources.

Of interest in this case, however, is the fact that the above people have definitely identified photograph of Alvin Karpis, I. O. 1218, subject in the above case, as having been one of the persons holding up Mrs. Goll and her party.

The Plymouth car used by the two hold-up men has been recovered by the Gary, Indiana Police Department, and on information from Mrs. Goll, it has been determined that this car had been previously stolen.

The above mentioned information was furnished by letter to the Indianapolis office on February 9, 1935.

In connection with the above mentioned matter, a latent fingerprint was found on the abandoned Plymouth sedan on February 10, 1935, and a photograph of said print was forwarded to the Bureau, with the request that it be compared with fingerprint impressions of all Subjects in this case. On February 10, 1935, the Bureau wired the Chicago Bureau office, advising that the Identification Unit had been unable to identify the latent print found on the Plymouth sedan mentioned above.

On January 31, 1935, the El Paso office wired the Chicago office, advising that John Borgia, accompanied by two other men, had an Oldsmobile sedan, bearing Illinois license plates No. 508698, repaired at the Lone Star Motor Co., El Paso, Texas, on Saturday night, January 26, 1935, and left El Paso proceeding East, where they were pursued by a motorcycle patrolman but escaped. This telegram advised that Borgia had in his possession packages which appeared possibly to contain machine guns.

By letter, dated February 1, 1935, the El Paso office advised the Chicago office substantially as above noted, further stating that John Borgia had demanded an immediate repair job on the car; that the three individuals, including Borgia, would not leave the car for a moment while it was being repaired, and that when the mechanic left the car for repairs, one of the three men accompanied him; that while the mechanic went to supper at a nearby restaurant, the three men followed him and stayed in the restaurant while he ate, and that the leader of this group threatened the mechanic to the effect that if his repair bill were too high, he might not ever get downstairs again.

In keeping with the foregoing information, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent F. G. Melvin.

Agent Melvin called John Borgia over the telephone at the Lincoln Hotel, Room 808, telephone Mohawk 3040, and requested him to come to the Chicago Bureau office, where he was interviewed by this agent. Borgia stated that he is now living at the Lincoln Hotel under the name of John Schooley but that he is also known as John Borgia by the management. He stated that for about a year and a half he has been married to the former Audrey Cushing, who is a sister of Evelyn Cushing, "Miss Illinois of 1933"; that they have been separated for some months and he has been endeavoring to effect a reconciliation with her; that his wife resides with her mother at 1755 West Adams Street, Los Angeles, California.



Borcia stated that he decided to go out and see his wife and that he left Chicago on January 19, 1935 and by driving night and day arrived in Los Angeles, California on January 21st. He checked in at the Barbara Hotel, and while spending some time out at his wife's home he met one A. R. Darrow and one Duke Clark. He stated that Darrow is a carpenter and Duke Clark is a piano tuner; that his wife's brother, Raymond D. Cushing, is also a piano tuner with a place of business at his mother's home, 1755 West Adams Street, Los Angeles, California; that his mother-in-law's name is Elsie Cushing and she resides with her daughter, Evelyn Cushing, now in the movies, at 1755 West Adams Street.

Borcia stated that both Darrow and Clark expressed a desire to come to Chicago with him and that accordingly they accompanied him on the return trip; that they both assisted him with the driving and again driving day and night, he arrived at Chicago on January 28, 1935. He was questioned about the repairs to his car at the Lone Star Motor Company, El Paso, Texas, and stated that during the morning of January 26, 1935, he burned out all the bearings in his car, which is a 1934 Oldsmobile 8 Tudor Sedan, bearing 1935 Illinois license No. 508096. This car is now painted a black color with a red stripe, and was formerly a maroon color. Borcia stated that he had it painted black about a month ago because he was constantly being picked up by police who knew the maroon sedan, and that the police would always shake him down for amounts of \$10.00 to \$25.00, and that if he did not have the money handy he was thrown in jail for a couple of days. When questioned about threatening the mechanic about his repair bill, as referred to in the second paragraph of the letter from the El Paso office dated February 1, 1935, he stated that he did make a jocular remark to the mechanic that he did not want his repair bill to be too high. Borcia stated that he did not say the mechanic would "not ever get downstairs again". He had no recollection about being chased by a motor patrolman after leaving El Paso.

Borcia was also questioned about the packages in the rear of the car. He stated that they contained clothes and tools of Clark and Darrow, that he brought Darrow and Clark to his mother's home, 958 North Hamlin Avenue, telephone Spaulding 4438, and that after eating Darrow and Clark went their separate ways.

Borcia advised further that he recently received a letter from Darrow at La Porte, Indiana, which is as follows:

La Porte, Ind.  
Feb 8, '35

Dear Friend John

Don't be surprised hearing from me, but I wanted to write before now and thank you for giving me the lift from Los Angeles to Chicago. I have been over here in the above town ever since the following day I left you in Chicago and I've just about got enough of it.

I've been wondering if by any chance you've been thinking of going back to Los Angeles; if so, I'd like to join you and help drive. I've heard from Mr. Duke Clark and he is in Gibson City and is leaving soon for Texas, he says.

Well, if or not you expect going back out to Los Angeles I'd like to hear from you. Say hello to your sisters and mother for me and I haven't forgotten that good steaks, if you will thank them again for me.

Well, Mr. Borica, I wish you a lot of good luck and a lot of good health to you and yours.

P. S. -- Write to me in one of your spare moments, as I would highly appreciate same.

Your friend,

(Signed) A. R. Darrow,  
209 State St.  
La Porte, Ind.

The above letter is now in the files of the Chicago office.

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Borcio advised further that a young man by the name of Alfred A. Lucas, a whiskey salesman who is now residing at the Lincoln Hotel, and whose permanent address is 1030 Napa Street, Napa, California, accompanied him from Chicago to Los Angeles and assisted him in driving.

Borcio advised that for several years he operated a saloon at 2827 North Clark Street but sold his interest in it about a year ago. Pictures of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him and he identified the photographs of Russell Gibson and Ollie Berg as being two individuals who were in his saloon on one or two occasions, but stated that they were not together. He stated that he first met Ollie Berg at the funeral of the mother of Hymie Weiss, a notorious Chicago gangster, who was killed several years ago; that he has never had any dealings with Berg of any kind whatsoever. He also identified the photograph of Mildred Kuhlman as being the girl he met with Patricia Longquest, with whom he was living at the Commonwealth Hotel. He stated he has not seen Patricia Longquest since she was picked up the night Russell Gibson was killed, but that about two days after she was released after questioning in the Chicago Office Patricia Longquest called him up to tell him that she had left a tire off his car for him at his garage on the corner of Sedgwick Street and Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that Patricia Longquest has been using his car, and that the tire was at her Arlington Place apartment.

Borcio advised further that he would be only too glad to come to the Chicago Bureau office at any time upon the receipt of a telephone call at his residence, Room 808, Lincoln Hotel, telephone Mohawk 3040, or in case he is not at the Lincoln Hotel he can be located through his mother at Spaulding 4438, 958 North Hamlin Avenue.

This party, in a prior interview with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, gave the impression that in certain matters he would give information within his knowledge, primarily for the purpose, it is believed, of maintaining a good standing with the Chicago Bureau office. This party might be used as an informant on matters later but it is doubtful that he could be fully trusted at any time as he is a racketeer type.

Miss Alice Conrad has been mentioned previously in the files of this case as being a contact for Gladys Sawyer, the wife of Harry Sawyer. The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin:

Pursuant to instructions relative to interviewing Miss Alice Conrad, who was reported to be living at 331 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in a wire from the Omaha office dated February 12, 1935, Special Agent T. G. Melvin called at the Montana Street Post Office which covers 331 Webster Avenue and ascertained from Assistant Superintendent Sullivan that the carrier covering this address is Charles E. Lichtenstein, who, because of the Lincoln birthday holiday, was not at the post office. Agent Melvin called at 917 Belmont Avenue, Lichtenstein's home address, where he was interviewed.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that he had been covering 331 Webster Avenue as his route for two or three years and that there is no one by the name of Alice Conrad receiving mail at that address. He stated that he would keep a close watch on the mail going to this address however.

Agent Melvin called the French Hand Laundry, 2155 North Clark Street and there interviewed Mr. Robert Stewart Study, who with his wife is the superintendent of the apartment house at 331 Webster Avenue. Mr. Study is the son-in-law of Mr. F. H. Hicks, owner of the French Hand Laundry and the premises at 331 Webster Avenue. Both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Study stated that Alice Conrad was unknown to them; that the apartment house at 331 Webster Avenue contained six apartments and that so far as they knew no strangers were occupying any of the apartments with the regular tenants.

Interview was also had with Mrs. Robert Stewart Study, and she also advised that Alice Conrad was unknown to her and that so far as she knew, there were no strangers residing with the regular tenants in the building.

Accordingly a wire was directed to the Omaha office requesting verification of the information that Alice Conrad was at 331 Webster Avenue. A telephone call was placed to the Omaha office on February 15, 1935 and Special Agent in Charge Hanni advised that he had received information that Alice Conrad was to be at 331 Webster Avenue for only one-half day.

The Chicago office had been advised in a prior communication from the Omaha office that Alice Conrad was receiving mail at General Delivery, Peoria, Illinois. Special Agent in Charge Vetterli of the St. Louis office was advised of this by telephone and stated that he would cover this lead and the St. Louis office subsequently advised that Alice Conrad was at 331 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe and Melvin ascertained from Charles M. Lichtenstein, the carrier, through the courtesy of Walter Hibler, Assistant Superintendent of the Montana Street Post Office Station of the Chicago Post Office, that two letters had been received the morning of February 13, 1935 at 251 Webster Avenue, in care of Marjory Kennard. One letter was from Mrs. Paul Conrad, 501 Ninth Street, South Minneapolis, Minnesota and the other letter was forwarded from Peoria, Illinois, being mailed at Times Square Station, New York.

Mrs. Robert Stewart Study was again contacted and she stated that there was a strange woman and a man in the apartment of Marjory Kennard and that she had heard the man's name in conversation and that it appeared to be Max. She stated that she had not seen the parties and believed that they were still there.

Marjory Kennard and Alice Conrad accompanied Agents Metcalfe and Melvin to the Chicago Office of the Bureau. Mrs. Kennard was in her apartment alone at the time of Agents' call and she advised, however, that Alice Conrad had an appointment to meet her in a few minutes in front of the Diversey Arms Hotel, Diversey Avenue and Broadway Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Kennard stated that the gentleman in her apartment in the morning was an old friend of hers named McLane and that she called him Max.

Alice Conrad was interviewed by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and D. M. Ladd and Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe and T. G. Melvin. She advised that her permanent address is 501 Ninth Street, South Minneapolis, Minnesota; that she resides with her parents at this address and a younger brother, Albert Conrad, that she has a sister, Mrs. Carlo Moratti, 54 West 36th Street, New York City; that she is not a registered nurse but is known as a practical nurse, having received 1½ years training at St. Bernard's Hospital in Minneapolis and 1½ years at the Asbury Hospital in Minneapolis.

She stated that she first met Mrs. Harry Sawyer about four years ago and that since that time she has looked after Mrs. Sawyer at least 3 or 4 times a year with the exception of the year 1934. She stated Mrs. Sawyer's chief trouble is over indulgence in alcoholic beverages and that Harry Sawyer calls her from time to time to look after her when he is unable to care for her himself.

She advised further that when Edward George Bremer was kidnaped she had been brought to the Sawyer farm by Doctor Hall, who is Mrs. Sawyer's physician, around noon; that she was present when the announcement was made over the radio that Bremer had been kidnaped; that Harry Sawyer said nothing about the kidnaping when it was announced over the radio as he was reading a paper at the time; that she, however, discussed it with Mrs. Sawyer at the time but that she does not recall the exact conversation. She advised

that she came out to the Sawyer farm for the purpose of looking after Mrs. Sawyer as was her custom and that she left the day after Bremer had been kidnaped, staying at the Sawyer home one night. Harry Sawyer himself had a bad cold but was up and around. Mrs. Sawyer, however, was in bed. Shortly after the announcement was made over the radio that Bremer had been kidnaped, Harry Sawyer called up his place of business and told someone to bring up some papers and some beer; that two young fellows brought the papers and beer up but she does not recall who they were.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob were exhibited to her, together with the photograph of members of the Billinger mob, but she was unable to make any definite identification. She stated, however, that Pat Reilly very strongly resembled one of the young men who brought up the papers.

She stated that she did not see Mrs. Sawyer again until one night in March, when she was brought over to her house by Doctor Hall; that she went away and came back about a week later in April. This time she rode around town with Doctor Hall and Mrs. Sawyer and they talked about Mrs. Sawyer's forced vacation; there was nothing said, however, that Harry Sawyer was on the "run" and nothing was said about the reason for it; that there was some discussion about Doctor Hall going to see Edward G. Bremer about getting some of Mrs. Sawyer's money out of the bank of which Bremer was the president; that about a week later, sometime in April, Mrs. Sawyer was operated on at the Midway Hospital and remained at the hospital about ten days; that after she was discharged from the hospital she went to stay at the residence of Jack Davenport in Minneapolis and that she looked after Mrs. Sawyer at that address. She met no one at the Davenport residence other than a young couple who were in some way related to Mrs. Davenport.

Alice Conrad further stated that in September, 1934, she again took care of Mrs. Sawyer for two weeks at her home and that they later went for two more weeks to a cottage about 25 miles North of Two Harbors, Minnesota on Lake Superior; that Mrs. Sawyer was constantly referring to the fact that she thought she probably put Harry in bad by her statements to the Agents of this Bureau in Chicago prior to her release in September; that Wynona Burdett was also out to her home for about four days with Mrs. Sawyer and that Wynona and Gladys Sawyer talked about the truth serum.

She stated that after making some inquiry of Wynona and Mrs. Sawyer she was satisfied that no such truth serum had ever been administered to Gladys or Wynona but that an attorney named Jack, who Alice Conrad believes is Jack Decoursey, endeavored to have her sign an affidavit to the effect that Gladys Sawyer was not in the proper physical condition to make any statement at the time she was questioned by Agents of the Chicago Bureau office.

She stated, however, she refused to sign such an affidavit that the trip to the camp on Lake Superior was made in the 1930 Chevrolet coach which she purchased on October 6, 1934 from the Kennedy Chevrolet Company, 6000 South Seventh Street in Minneapolis; that she purchased this car in her own name, Gladys Sawyer giving her \$225.00 for this purpose and that as near as she can recall Gladys gave the money to her in the form of one \$100.00 bill, two \$50.00 bills and the rest in five and ten dollar bills.

She stated that during the period she was with Gladys Sawyer during September and October, 1934, Gladys was constantly contacting Johnny Gordon and his wife Emily and through them she was endeavoring to contact Harry Sawyer. Miss Conrad advised further that Gordon was constantly advising her that it would be impossible to contact Harry and that she, Mrs. Sawyer, should cease her endeavors to contact him. However, on October 17, 1934 she and Gladys Sawyer drove to Minneapolis for the purpose of getting several insurance checks cashed on policy loans; that the checks totaled \$400.00, the policies being written by the Prudential Life Insurance Company, two on the life of Gladys Sawyer and one on the life of Harry Sawyer; that Gladys told her that she contacted a party known to her only as Dave and that the next day October 18, 1934, they drove back to the cottage on Lake Superior, packed up their things and returned to Minneapolis, reaching there about 6:00 PM. She had been at the Conrad home only a short time when Emily Gordon called Gladys and told her that Dave would call her in a short time. Accordingly, Dave did call in about half an hour and Gladys left the house at about 8:00 PM on the night of October 18, 1934, taking the Chevrolet coach with her; that about 3 or 4 weeks after Mrs. Sawyer left, the attorney named Jack called her and endeavored to have her assign the car to Mrs. Sawyer under a fictitious name. She refused to do this, however, after conferring with Special Agent in Charge Ladd at the St. Paul office. The next time she heard from Mrs. Sawyer was when she received the following letter on January 12, 1935 from Mrs. Sawyer; this letter was post-marked Council Bluffs, Iowa, January 11, 1935 at 1:30 AM and was addressed to Alice Conrad at her home at 601 South 9th Street, Minneapolis, and is as follows:

Dear Alice and folks:

Well at last I'll let you hear a few lines from me. I'm fine. Am feeling a little better but not in the pink of condition. Have you tried to find out anything about my baby yet? I don't wish you would. Because some of these days I may have an address where you can write me and would like to know how she is. I think about her more every day and now it is getting onto the holiday season I sure miss my family. Just had a birthday Saturday and it was the most lonesome one I have spent in a long time.

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I have covered a lot of territory since I saw you and am only here for a day or two.

"Say I am leaving that car here with you would come down here and get it and sell it as I haven't got the card you know and want. I drove it this far at first and was afraid to drive it any further as I didn't have any card or drivers license. If you can borrow enough money to go after it when you can take it back and sell it, that fellow you bought the car from said he would give a \$150 any time for it didn't he. Take your expenses out of what you get and hold the rest for me until you hear from me again. If you have given the card to Dave, give this storage ticket to him and let him get it and sell it.

"How is everybody? Are your folks O.K.? Give them my kindest regards.

"Sure wish I could see you folks but some one done so much broadcasting around there that looks like I don't know when I'll come back. But don't be surprised if I pop up any time.

"One thing if you see the dear Dr. you can tell him for me it is going to be advisable for him to withdraw from that property.

Gladys."

This letter was given to Special Agent Melvin by Alice Conrad and the same is being retained in the files of the Chicago office.

Alice Conrad was vigorously questioned as to the reason why she delayed in notifying this office of the receipt of the letter from Mrs. Sawyer and she claimed that it was an account of bad judgment. Among other things, stating that she did not believe the matter was of any great interest and the further fact that she was engaged on a case at the time she received the letter. Relative to the inquiry about the baby mentioned in the letter, Alice Conrad stated that this refers to Francine, the adopted daughter of the Sawyers. She stated that she had never made any effort to find out where Francine was and would not know how to go about locating her.

Alice Conrad further advised that she did not know definitely of any contact that Gladys Sawyer had with Harry Sawyer and that she does not know where she could locate Gladys Sawyer at the present time.

She stated that after receiving the letter from Gladys Sawyer she went down to Lakeview, Iowa to spend some time with her cousin Mrs. Jack Wallace and her husband Jack Wallace, who is the superintendent of the Veterans Conservation Camp at Lakeview; that she met Irvin Thorpe casually and sold the car to him for \$125.00 after he had paid the \$8.00 storage bill at the Walker Garage, 1313 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska.



She stated of the total of the \$125.00 she received, she transmitted \$75.00 to the Northwestern National Bank and Trust Company to hold for Gladys Sawyer until she heard from her; that the balance of \$50.00 she has been using for expense money.

Alice Conrad advised further that after leaving Lakeview, Iowa she went to St. Louis where she stayed at the Statler Hotel from January 29, 1935 to February 4 or 5, 1935 with one, Earl Fromm, a molasses salesman. She is now registered under the name of Fromm at the Diversy Arms Hotel and plans to remain in Chicago over the weekend of February 17, 1935. She states that she believes she will then return to Lakeview for a short stay and then will go on to her home in Minneapolis or she may proceed to Minneapolis before going to Lakeview.

Alice Conrad advised that she realizes her mistake in not notifying the Bureau relative to the receipt of the letter from Mrs. Sawyer until after two weeks after its receipt and stated that she will co-operate with the Bureau in the future.

From a personal observation, the following is a description of Alice Conrad:

Age: 40 years  
Height: 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Build: Slender  
Hair: Black, mixed with gray  
Eyes: Blue  
Wears pinched nose glasses  
and black Hudson Seal coat.

Margery Kennard, 331 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent Melvin, and she stated that she has known Alice Conrad for about two years, having met her through one Patricia Parsons of Minneapolis, who is divorced from a Doctor in Minneapolis, that on 4 or 5 occasions Alice Conrad has had her mail sent to 331 Webster Avenue as she is very fond of her mother and desires to keep in touch with her constantly; that the real reason Alice Conrad comes to Chicago is to see Earl Fromm with whom she is madly in love and that Fromm is a married man, his wife being an invalid and that Alice never stays in her apartment but always stays at some hotel with Fromm. She advised that Alice Conrad came to Chicago at 8:20 on the night of February 12, 1935, having wired Mrs. Kennard from Urbana, Illinois stating that she would be in on the 8:20 bus.

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Mrs. Kennard stated that she knows of nothing seriously wrong with Allice Conrad and that if she did know of anything indicating that she was not conducting herself properly she would have nothing more to do with her. Mrs. Kennard stated that her home is in Michigan City, Indiana where she has a daughter 14 years of age attending school and that this daughter sometimes comes to see her and that it is for this reason she maintains the apartment at 331 Webster Avenue, as she spends her nights with one Mr. Russ B. Leech, 444 St. James Place, the owner of the Standard Process Company. She advised that a Mr. and Mrs. Orville Newhouse occupy her apartment during the week but that on week-ends they stay with Mrs. Newhouse's mother in Oak Park, Illinois so that Mrs. Kennard's daughter may call to visit her; that Mrs. Newhouse is the operator of the St. Clair Beauty Parlor and that Orville Newhouse, her husband, is employed by a constructing company on the north side of Chicago somewhere.

By teletype message, dated February 9, 1935, the Bureau directed the Chicago Bureau office to forward to the St. Paul office for return to "Doc" Barker, money and personal effects taken from him at the time of his arrest in Chicago. Accordingly, this was done, and on February 13, 1935, the Bureau was advised by letter that all personal property and money taken from "Doc" Barker had been returned to him by Railway Express form No. 8260.

In keeping with teletype instructions from the Bureau, dated February 13, 1935, there was forwarded on February 14, 1935, to the St. Paul office by Railway Express form No. 8259, all of the personal property and effects taken from Harold V. Allderton at the time he was brought to the Chicago Bureau office for questioning. This matter was reported by letter to the St. Paul office on February 14, 1935.

Certain keys were found in the possession of Russell Gibson on January 8, 1935, and on February 6, 1935, Clara Gibson was questioned by Special Agent W. C. Ryan with respect to these keys.

She advised that the key marked "Sentry Keyhole Lock Company S.F. UAL.", is for a safety lock which was used on the closet at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue in which closet the boys kept their guns.

The key marked "Presto Lock Corporation N. Y.", she stated was for the garage in which their car was kept.

The key marked "Eagle Lock Company, Key Number 56K11", she stated was no doubt for some garage in which they had previously kept their car.

Clara Gray did not know what locks the other two keys of this group fit, but she stated that she was quite sure they belonged to some of the suitcases found in the apartment.

Agent Ryan ascertained by trying these keys on the suitcases recovered at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue and 432 Surf Street, that the key marked A1700 fits the black Gladstone bag found at 432 Surf Street, and that the long key marked "Presto Lock Corporation N. Y." fits the black Gladstone bag found at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue.

These keys are being maintained in the files of this case for future reference.

At the time of the apprehension of Russell Gibson, a claim check No. 501 of the Dakin Garage was recovered and was forwarded to the Bureau to be examined for latent fingerprints. On January 23, 1935, by letter the Bureau advised that no latent fingerprints could be developed on said claim check.

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent M. Chafetz:

In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Agent accompanied by Special Agent C. E. McRae, proceeded to Berwyn in order to check the information received that Harry Campbell had been seen in that town on the night of January 19, 1935. Agents proceeded to the Yellow Cab Company at Berwyn, where they were informed George Vieth, the manager of that company, one of the parties who had telephoned the information, was now over at the Police Department. Accordingly, Agents proceeded to the Berwyn Police Department where there were present Cedric Smith, a driver for the Yellow Cab Company, who had driven this party, who was supposedly Harry Campbell and George Vieth, the Manager of the Yellow Cab Company, Emil Boucek and Frank Marak, the two gentlemen who had seen this party at the Gonia Inn; also present were Sergeant Frank Koller of the Berwyn Police Department and James Kronquist, the switchboard operator for that Police Department, and who had phoned in the information from that source.

Agents displayed to the parties who had seen this party that had identified himself as Campbell, the three stripped photographs of various Subjects of the Bremer case, none of these photographs bearing the names of the Subjects. None of these men were able to identify any of the photographs. An enlarged photograph of Harry Campbell was displayed to them, but they all stated that this photograph in no way resembled the party involved in this investigation.

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Emil Boucek of 8840 West 30th Street, and Frank Marsik of 8838 West 30th Street, both of Berwyn, Illinois, related the following story:

They stated that they were both drinking beer at the bar in the Conia Inn, which is located at 4139 Harlem Avenue, Stickney, Illinois, when they saw a man enter who was dressed in a gray overcoat, dark cap, and white sweater shirt. They stated that he had his right hand inside his coat and under his left arm presumably resting it on a gun that he was carrying in a shoulder holster. This man said that he was Campbell. He had a drink of beer and ordered some cigarettes, paid for both, and as he was leaving he asked where he was. Upon being told that he was in Stickney he replied that he had been wounded once and that he wasn't going to let it happen again, and, therefore, he was going to surprise the Chief of Police of Stickney by giving himself up. He thereupon left the Inn and got into the cab driven by Cedric Smith. Smith stated that this party got into his cab and ordered him to drive to the corner of Desplaines and Madison Streets, Forest Park, where he left the cab saying he was going to get a drink. Instead, however, he got into what Smith thought was a Ford V-8 maroon coupe and drove with another party who was sitting at the steering wheel North on Desplaines Avenue. A description of this party as furnished by these men is as follows:

Height - - - - - 5'5"  
Weight - - - - - 140 lb.  
Complexion - - - - - Dark  
Hair - - - - - Dark  
Eyes - - - - - Dark  
Build - - - - - Stocky  
Clean shaven  
Appearance - - - - - Tough  
Dress - - - - - Wore a gray overcoat and dark gray cap  
Nose - - - - - Slightly flat  
Supposedly carrying a gun on the left arm and shoulder holster.

The above information was given to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and upon his instructions, no further investigation concerning this matter was made.

Reference is made to [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] with whom Volney Davis has been friendly on various occasions. It is observed that a surveillance of her residence is still being maintained in the near vicinity, in the hope that Davis may be

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apprehended should be put in an appearance there. She was called to the Chicago Bureau office for interview and on February 19, 1935, Special Agent T. M. McDade submitted the following memorandum:

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and T. M. McDade, at the Chicago office on February 19, 1935, and expressed her willingness to continue cooperating with the Bureau to any extent necessary in an effort to apprehend Volney Davis. She requested, however, that her name not appear at any time and that all precaution be taken to keep from her parents the fact that she is working with the Bureau. She has had no further information from Volney Davis since the last letter received from him shortly before Christmas, which was mailed from Coffeyville, Kansas. She has promised to telephone the Agents located at 733 North Waller Avenue, telephone Columbus 0239, in the event Davis makes any attempt to contact her. As Special Agents McDade and F. S. Tillman are now relieving Special Agents Jones and Winstead on this plant, they were introduced to [redacted] so that she would know them by sight if it is necessary for them to proceed to her home at [redacted]

In view of the apprehension of Doris O'Connor at Kansas City, Missouri, no further report will be made with respect to Irene Funk, who was formerly believed to be identical with Doris O'Connor.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

ALL OFFICES receiving copies of this report are requested to examine same carefully for any leads outstanding in their districts.

PENDING