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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
March 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

DIVISION ONE
MAR 11 1935 PM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases 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 J. HARRISON with aliases
I.O. #1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases I.O. #1240;
MYRTLE EATON with aliases I.O. #1241;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

It is set forth in report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935, that through investigation at the Packard Motor Car Company of Miami, Florida, the photograph of Harry Sawyer was identified as that of a person who had been in the garage of that company recently, at which time he was driving a Model 1200 black 1935 Packard sedan, bearing New Jersey license tags. This person claimed to be having trouble with the differential and requested that it be fixed, but when informed that the car had passed the warranty period, he declined to have the repairs made.

Prior to the receipt of this report, this information had been transmitted by Special Agent in Charge Hanson, telephonically, to the Detroit Office. A check was made of the retail records of the Packard Motor Car Company at Detroit, Michigan, which are about 90% complete -- the records starting from November 1933 -- with negative results. However, the name of Harry Sawyer and all of his aliases were left with the Packard Motor Car Company in the event a registration should come through on such a car.

Letter to SAC
New York
cc - Detroit, St. Paul,
Jacksonville, Phila.,
San Diego at Chicago

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Today, this office was advised by the Packard Motor Car Company that a bill had been received, through their Jacksonville distributor, from the Henry Mallin Company of St. Petersburg, Florida, which bill is dated February 2, 1935, in the amount of \$3.75, for renewing the oil bearing seal on a gunmetal gray 1935 standard Packard sedan, Model 1200, motor number 286154, vehicle (serial) number 803800. Further, the bill showed that the owner of said car was one T. D. Sawyer, whose address is given only as "New Jersey tourist." The number of the license plates on the car at the time it was repaired was not shown.

The records of the Packard Motor Car Company at Detroit reflect that the aforementioned automobile was shipped in September 1934 to one of their distributors, the Packard Motor Car Company of Boston, Massachusetts, who, on December 21, 1934, apparently sold same to T. D. Sawyer. However, information as to the retail sale of this car has not been verified by the Packard Motor Car Company. Further, concerning the date the repair work was actually done, the Packard Motor Car Company advised that it is possible this work may have been done any time during January and the bill for same not submitted through their distributor to the home office of the Packard Motor Car Company at Detroit until the end of the month.

It is noted that the color of the car which Harry Sawyer supposedly had at Miami, Florida, was black, while the car repaired at St. Petersburg, Florida, was gunmetal gray. However, Special Agent D. E. Hall, of this office, observed one of these cars at the Packard Motor Car Company and it is his opinion that it would be possible to confuse the color with black in a poor light.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted by the Jacksonville Bureau Office at St. Petersburg, Florida, to determine the license plates that were on said car and the identity of T. D. Sawyer.

When the Packard Motor Car Company was contacted by Special Agent D. E. Hall, Mr. E. Gurlitz, one of the field service men for this company, viewed the photograph of Harry Sawyer and stated that it looked familiar to him. He was supplied with the various aliases of Harry Sawyer and stated that he believes it possible that he may have seen Harry Sawyer (under the name of Harry Kandovich) in the garage of the Packard Motor Car Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania -- which company is the Packard Pittsburgh distributor -- and in the event Harry Sawyer had purchased a car

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through that agency or had taken one in there for repair work, it might be possible to establish the identity of the car and of Harry Sawyer there. It is accordingly requested that the Pittsburgh Bureau Office conduct appropriate investigation at the Packard Motor Car Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Boston
Pittsburgh
Philadelphia

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March 14, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 8,
1935, wherein you were instructed to conduct an investigation
in New Jersey looking to the location and apprehension of
subject Harry Sawyer. As of possible assistance there are
inclosed herewith copies of a letter directed by the Detroit
office to the Jacksonville office under date of March 8, 1935
setting forth additional information with respect to a Packard
sedan which may now be in the possession of Sawyer.

Copies of the inclosed letter have already been
furnished to the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure #839418.

cc - Detroit
St. Paul
Jacksonville
Philadelphia
Mr. Connelley at
Chicago MAR 14 1935

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION


UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Saint Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Mar. 13, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Mar. 12, 1935	REPORT MADE BY: R. A. Alt
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1237; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases - I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases - I.O. 1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subjects Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette at the County Jail in Jacksonville, Florida, on March 12, 1935, positively stated that when arraigned on the charges pending against them in the Southern District of Florida, they would plead guilty; also requested that the United States Attorney be advised of their intentions so that they could enter pleas and begin serving time as soon as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:</p> <p>During an interview with Subjects Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette at the Duval County Jail in Jacksonville, on March 12, 1935, both of these women stated very positively that when arraigned on the charges in the indictments pending against them in the Southern District of Florida, they would plead guilty and requested that the United States Attorney be advised of their intentions so that they could plead guilty as soon as possible and begin serving the sentences that will be imposed upon them.</p>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Bureau 3-Saint Paul 2-E.J. Connelley at 1-United States Attorney - Jacksonville 1-United States Attorney - Miami 2-Jacksonville 1-Each other Bureau Office		<p>7-576-5028</p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 15 1935</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: MAR 16 1935</p> <p>JACKETED:</p> <p>ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT. FILE</p>	

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De Lancy continues her attitude of the Smart Aleck type, while Burdette stated that she never expected to return to Harry Campbell even if she were released; that she had made this mistake once and would not make it again. She also stated that she had no idea where Campbell could be located presently, but believed that sooner or later when it became too hot for him in the cities he would seek refuge in or about Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has many friends whom he could contact for the purpose of hiding out.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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March 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In 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 GRAVER
with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J.
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY
SANTER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE
CRATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John
E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 11, 1935.

It is suggested that arrangements be immediately made
to cover the residence of Belle Born, located on a highway
approximately two miles west of Mankato, Minnesota, on High-
ways 5 and 16, for the purpose of determining whether or not
subject Charles Fitzgerald or his wife Belle Born frequent
this house.

It is suggested on page seven of this report that a
farmer, Herbert L. Crane, who resides approximately one mile
from this house, be enlisted as an informant to watch any acti-
vity which may take place at the Born home. It is suggested that
Crane be immediately contacted for this purpose and that a mail
cover be placed on all mail delivered at this house.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CORNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In 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 J.
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SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE
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Reference is made to the information contained on page
five of the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul,
Minnesota, dated 3/11/35, to the effect that subject Harry Sawyer
may be in the vicinity of Bemidji, Minnesota, and possibly asso-
ciating with one Penny Larson, a bootlegger.

The informant who furnished this information advised
Special Agent S. F. Fortenberry, who conducted the investigation,
that Larson maintains an apartment at the Stevens Apartments in
Bemidji, and that he owns a house in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and
has a farm on the road between Deer River and Big Fork, Minnesota.

It is noted from this report that Larson left his apart-
ment in Bemidji during the afternoon of 2/10/35 and proceeded up
the highway toward Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The information had
previously been furnished Agent Fortenberry that Larson had planned
a trip to Winnipeg. In view of the reported reliability of the
informant who gave this information, it is suggested that further
investigation be conducted at Bemidji, Minnesota, to definitely
determine if Sawyer is being concealed by Larson at one of his
places, and also attempt to determine if Larson is visiting Winnipeg,
Canada, for the purpose of assisting Sawyer who may be in hiding there.
It will be noted from previous reports covering the personal history
of Sawyer that he formerly resided in Winnipeg, Canada. It appears
quite probable that Sawyer may visit former friends in Winnipeg and
obtain a hiding place at that point.

Very truly yours,

MAR 25 1935

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*Let. to St. Paul (copy to
3/23/35 R&N*

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: EBO
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March 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of March 3, 1935, by Mr. Horace S. Lydick, of Cass Lake, Minnesota, together with copies of the Bureau's reply thereto. Special Agent A. G. Barons, now at Washington, D. C. on assignment, has advised the Bureau that the writer of this communication is personally known to him and that any information furnished by him should be of value to the Bureau.

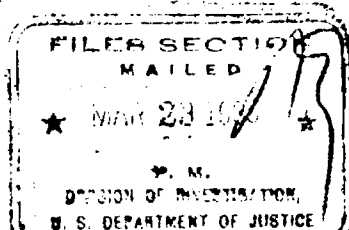
Therefore, Mr. Lydick should be interviewed at the earliest possible date, and in this connection, your attention is invited to the fifth page of the report of Special Agent John K. Brennan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 11, 1935, and the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, addressed to your office under date of March 12, 1935, concerning investigations already conducted in the vicinity of Bemidji, Minnesota, which is in the same locality where Mr. Lydick is a resident.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 839454.

cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago. (with photostatic copy of letter from Mr. Lydick and copy of Bu.'s reply thereto.)



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J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

Basco Lake, Minn.
March 8, 1935

In 1921 at Basco Lake there were
several people property dynamited
at that time I was engaged in logging
operations for the mills at Basco Lake
and was only in the town of Basco
once per week. However when the Dept.
of Justice operative arrived to investigate
I was the only person who could furnish
the clues that resulted in the solving of
the case.

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In 1930 a Father & Son killed a
Harden Ice mill east of here and took
to the woods for over two years until
the forces of the State hunted them down
with no success on account of my
ability as a woodsman I volunteered
to go on the hunt and in 35 hrs.
had shot the son when he was shot
dead.

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and thought the matter ought to be mitigated.
I mention these cases simply to
show that I generally know what
I am doing when I am going
in my immediate vicinity. However I am
enclosing you a letter that is addressed
to me but may be of help to you if
you can fathom it.

I will give you the background of
what I think is a possible connection
hoping it will be of benefit to you and
if there is anything you want me to do
regarding the same just make it known.
Please understand I am not looking for
a position or remuneration in any way.
During the summer months I received my
mail by Lake Pt. from board and
during practically all the year my mail
comes to Bear Lake and is forwarded
during the winter months to Pennington.
Some two weeks ago I gave the Br,

please take order to them over all
 mail coming to me please take to
 my daughter living there. This action
 was taken because I knew partially
 my mail was being tampered with
 and I believed at the Pennington P.O.
 that of February my daughter
 delivered the enclosed letter from
 Mrs. Wilson Vincent of Buena Vista
 my wife who this letter was addressed
 to a member of my family. I have
 never known or ever heard tell of
 a Mrs. Wilson Vincent and I have
 never known her of a Buena Vista
 We think the letter foolish and disguised
 and an answer to letters received from
 Mrs. H. S. Spick. Whoever wrote to her
 and Mrs. Spick we are sure
 has done so for a very long time

I am enclosing a crude sketch of
this vicinity in order to try and make
it more plain to you.

Oxcar Hills summer residence marked
on the east end of British Lake is
the property of a fellow commonly called
Big Oxcar who is forty years of age
known to him. He has no residence anything
but a ramshackle and he they would
suspect late years. He is hiding some
you are looking for.

He lives with a woman of Indian
blood formerly the wife of a Mr.
Bennett Thersfield and she is the
mother of Mr. Fred Thersfield who works
as a store and the point of Pimpton
his wife my the being P.M. and a
line of land across the river from my
place. There is further as he is a
flood and the land is a difficult to
trust against Indian being here.

on May 2nd 1934 in Mr. Albert H.
and myself were fishing in the creek
part of my place where Mr. Dillon
was informed by mail of the
and decided to go with us to
and as it was the first
This was peculiar for many reasons
He generally can catch his salmon here
only a day or so before the fishing
season opens May 15th
He tried desperately to get past us
at a speedy gait but owing to a
hill and part of the ground
the was impossible
The man the man of the sea Albert
told us that the other day while
we were out on the boat at his place
I told him that I had seen the
remains of the Buchanan War

the latter part of April.

Conrad of the boat I owned Snow Hill
coming from Benning with respect
the boat crew and a officer.

The first part of June a mysterious
character was at the Throff Point
near the once from my place. He
kept Throff's son now deceased

a young man of 23 years with him
continually at all times. He wore a
dark headkerchief tied at four
corners and was clad with one of

the canvas hanging below the neck
of his coat making a most full

appearance. They would spend some
of all times and he would finally

try to get by looking to get a closer
look. We got really impatient

since they had not returned carefully
at the time we were to meet with him.

17 June 1871

Mrs. Paul Thwaitt or myrtle is the
 sister to be called into a daughter of
 Jack Maguire a character of
 some 50 years ago. He looks
 like a young light figured man
 I have heard that he did a year
 in the factory but he was
 the leader at one time and
 was of that age at that time
 and then there is an account of
 him being in a field
 of land Maguire a brother of
 Mrs. Thwaitt is a State Highway
 foreman out of Benning and
 on several occasions when I
 suspected they were wrong
 We have made regular work
 (Hoggin) I am keeping and trying
 but if things are in a perfect state

Believe me I am not mixed
in any way I have known him
since he was a baby and have
always admired his fight to
shake the ladder

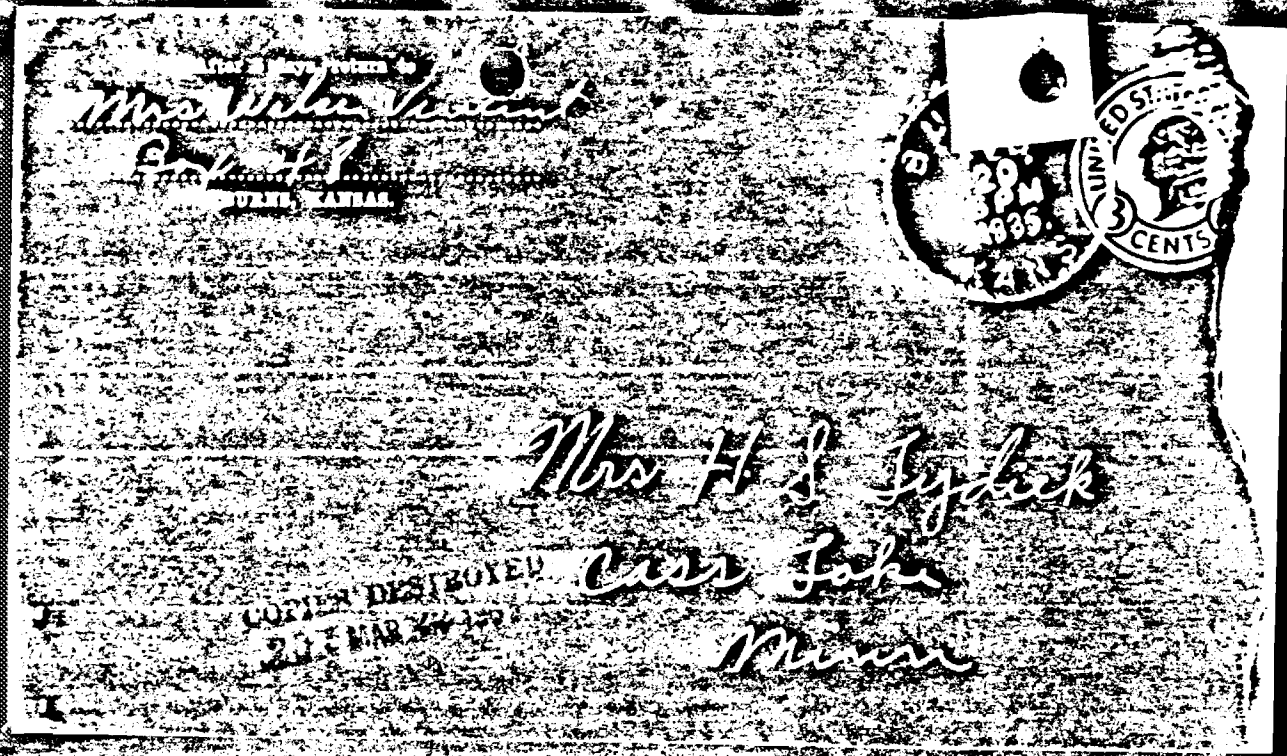
He says and Ben has seen the
thing that Permyton was should
outstanding and close on that
person who will pull anything
at any time. They and Big Ben
the Big Mother have sharp had
connections at Ben's and the
same biters all have the Monahan
Ben has they operated at to the hills
and were never bothered by the police
any of course I can not tell the
reason for the letter from Mrs.
William Court of Ben's place
but my answer are on the
subject there is a number of
a gang hiding out here and

I have they are trying to
 get a truck with some one else
 from Kansas and are
 using my wife's name in the
 correspondence in the hope
 that if there is a pinch that
 they will get my wife and I
 instead of the Wrights or Vells
 Mrs. Thelma P. M. at Pennington
 is or was in making with
 her the only one who could
 get your letters about them
 and I am sure you
 will let my daughter get
 the letter for the post at least be
 it with some one else.
 I am sure you find nothing with
 me hoping you can depend on me
 for any amount I may be able to

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I want to tell you that the
officer in Bendy, our bounty
seat, has been accepting graft from
his gang for years. I have been
present when Big Oscar agreed
to allow that he was protected
and I know by subsequent
dealings that went on that we
were telling the truth.

My wife is not answering the letter
of Rose Wilson General, as we are
at a total loss to know what to
write to a person we have never
seen or heard tell of before.
Yours very truly

Harold B. Lydick



Mrs. H. S. Zylch
Cass Lake, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Zylch
Your friend's condition is more serious
than it appeared to be. Please send
me your friend's address so that
I may write them. It looks as if
your last letter had been opened.

Mrs. Wilson Thwait
Burns Park

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April 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

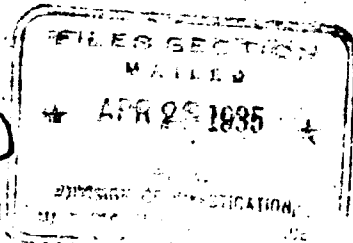
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 23, 1935, with which were transmitted photostatic copies of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of March 3, 1935 by Mr. Horace E. Lydick, of Cass Lake, Minnesota.

The Bureau desires that you expedite the interview with Mr. Lydick and obtain from him whatever information he may have concerning the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Chicago
Cincinnati



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March 23, 1935.

Mr. Horace S. Lydiak,
Cross Lake, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

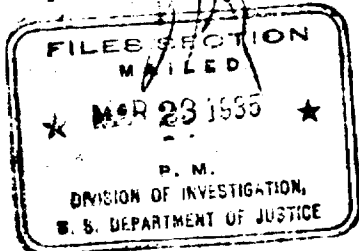
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 9, 1935, wherein you advise of observations made by you in the vicinity of Kitchi Lake which indicate the possibility that certain individuals there are harboring fugitives wanted by this Bureau.

Please be advised that I am forwarding copy of your letter to Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 232 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, who will assign an agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-13-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-11-35	REPORT MADE BY: JOSEPH HORN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 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.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>INVESTIGATION</p> <p>APR 1 1935</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Mrs. W. A. England advised that she is a sister to Mrs. William Rutherford and Mrs. J. L. McCahn, Shepherdstown, W. Va., but did not know anyone by the name of Alvin Karpis. Niece named Carrie Sissler visited her and sisters at Shepherdstown, W. Va. Since married to Mark V. Belen, whom Mrs. England does not know.</p> </div> </div>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. M. Ames, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated February 18, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</u>			
<p>By inquiry at the United States Post Office, Memphis, Tennessee, Agent ascertained there is no person by the name of E. A. England residing in the city of Memphis, or any street named Westmoreland in Memphis. It was ascertained from the records of the Post Office that there is a person by the name of Reverend W. A. England living at 973 Eastmoreland Street, Memphis, Tennessee.</p>			
<p>Mrs. W. A. England, 973 Eastmoreland Street, was interviewed by Agent in the presence of her husband, who is Pastor of the Full Gospel Foundation Church, Eastmoreland and Pauline Streets, Memphis. She stated that she did have two sisters living in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, by the names of Mrs. William Rutherford and Mrs. J. L. McCahn, and also a brother, who formerly lived in Massillon, Ohio, and now living in East Liverpool, Ohio, by the name of George Sissler.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Rorer</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Bureau 2 - St. Paul 2 - Chicago 2 - Kansas City 2 - Detroit 2 - St. Louis 2 - Philadelphia 2 - Pittsburgh 		<p style="text-align: center;">7-576-5031</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 15 1935</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 15 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROUTED TO: FILE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONE STAT SECT</p>	
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She further stated that she had received a letter from Mrs. Rutherford around January 20, 1935, and which letter was answered on February 2, 1935. The letter which was received was shown to Agent, and it could not be determined by the postmark or contents of the letter when it was received by Mrs. England. In substance, the letter asked about the general condition and health of Mrs. England, and also requested the address of Carrie, their brother's daughter. She further stated that Carrie Sissler was her brother's daughter by a second marriage, since divorced, and he is now living in Clayton, Missouri. His name is Abe Sissler. She does not know where the former wife of Sissler and mother of Carrie live, but knows that she has since remarried and is living somewhere in Missouri, and that she had a mother whose last name is Harmon and living at Thayer, Missouri.

Mrs. England also stated that Carrie Sissler visited her during the summer of 1933, and stayed one day, the exact day she did not remember, and, as far as she knew, she was not married at that time; that she received a letter from her around December, 1933, from Kansas City, which stated that she had just been married, and that she was very happy; that she also received a letter on June 6, 1934, the letter which was shown to Agent, the substance of which stated that she was very happy, and that she would like to hear from Mrs. England. The following return address was in the letter: Mrs. Mark V. Belen, 420 East Armour Boulevard, Sombart Apartments, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. England also stated that she had never met and did not know Carrie Sissler's husband, and that she did not know anyone by the name of Alvin Karpis, who was reported to be related to her.

A description of Carrie Sissler given by Mrs. England is as follows:

Age:	20 (Born in Spring, 1915).
Height:	5 Feet.
Weight:	100 Lbs.
Complexion:	Dark.
Build:	Small, slender.
Relatives:	Father, Abe Sissler, Clayton, Mo.; mother, somewhere Sissler, somewhere in Missouri; grandmother, Harmon, Thayer, Missouri.

Reverend W. A. England stated that he did notice something mysterious about Carrie Sissler, as she did not volunteer to give any information or desire to talk about her past during her one-day visit with them; that she did state that she had visited Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. McCahn of Shepherds-town, West Virginia, during the winter of 1932.

He further stated that she came on the street car to the house and stayed overnight; that someone called her on the phone the following day, and then she stated that her mother and step-father had telephoned her, and that it would be necessary for her to leave; that they walked with her to the street car, and have not seen her since that day. He further stated that he and his wife knew Carrie's mother, and did not know any reason why she would not come to see them, especially since she was in the city, as they had always been friendly.

It appeared from the interview with Reverend England and his wife that they are very reputable people, and they willingly gave the above information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Clayton, Missouri will locate Abe Sissler, father of Carrie Sissler, for any information he may have concerning his son-in-law, Mark V. Belen, ascertaining whether he is identical with, or related to, Alvin Karpis.

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Thayer, Missouri will locate Mrs. Harmon, grandmother of Carrie Sissler, and endeavor to locate her daughter, who is the mother of Carrie Sissler for any information concerning the husband of Carrie Sissler, ascertaining whether he is identical with Alvin Karpis.

Also, at Kansas City, Missouri conduct appropriate investigation to determine if Karpis ever lived at 420 East Armour Boulevard, Sombart Apartments, under the name of Mark V. Belen.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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March 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

MAR 18 1935

Dear Sir:

In 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 J. HARRISON
with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER
with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON,
with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated November 22, 1934, containing results of investigation at Jacksonville in an attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of a Mrs. Nettie Tucker. It may be recalled that toll calls were made from William J. Harrison's residence at 310 West Mason Street, Calumet City, Illinois, to Jacksonville 5-4584-X on April 14, 19, 20 and 21, 1933, and that a call was made by Mrs. Tucker from the above mentioned Jacksonville, Florida, number to Harrison's telephone at Calumet City.

May Green, who resided with Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois, from April to September, 1933, has recently been located and interviewed. She states that the above mentioned telephone calls were made in connection with a whiskey deal with Harrison's partner, a Mr. Tucker, and that the calls placed at the above number at Jacksonville were made by Nettie Tucker from the home of her aunt, (undoubtedly Ruby Platt mentioned in the report of Special Agent Yearsley is an aunt or relative of Nettie Tucker).

Further information has been obtained that Harrison, during 1933, was in partnership with one Harry Tucker running liquor from Florida to the vicinity of Calumet City, Illinois. Undoubtedly Harry Tucker is identical with the person receiving and making the above mentioned telephone calls at Jacksonville. Furthermore, Tucker is reported to be residing with his wife Nettie at Savannah, Georgia. Nettie Tucker is reported to be the daughter of a politician at Savannah and is likewise reported to be employed at the present time in the Savannah Courthouse. In connection with this matter, Byron Bolton has advised that

on the return trip made by him and Harrison from Florida in December, 1934, during which contact was made with Doc Barker and Russell Gibson enroute, Harrison stopped at Savannah, Georgia, and visited a friend. The identity of this friend is not known, but undoubtedly it was Harry Tucker.

It is suggested that discreet investigation be made at Savannah, Georgia, for the purpose of locating Harry Tucker and ascertaining whether Harrison is presently in touch with him or has contacted him in the past. Tucker is described by persons who are acquainted with him as being approximately 30 years of age, height 6 feet, weight 210 pounds, hair, red and kinky, freckled face. Should information be obtained that Harrison is at Savannah, Georgia, it is suggested that the Chicago Bureau office be immediately advised and that he be kept under constant ^{discreet} surveillance, inasmuch as it is believed that he will contact other members of the Karpis-Barker gang who have not yet been apprehended.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:TAM

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive
Identification Order #1218, et al
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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Miss Gandy.....

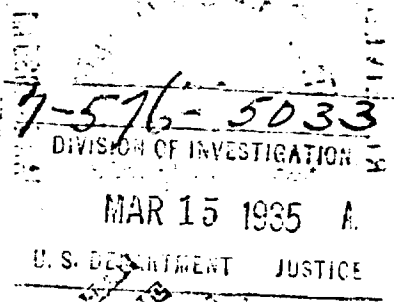
At the time that Volney^o Davis was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, he was occupying an apartment in the Beaumont Apartments in that city. Subsequently, Edna Murray and Jess Doyle fled from Kansas City, abandoning a few personal effects of Volney Davis. Arrangements were made so that if Davis or anyone acting for him called at the Beaumont Apartments for Volney Davis' personal effects, which have been stored in a locker in the basement of the building, the Kansas City Office would be notified. Mr. Bruce Nathan raised the question as to whether Agents should be assigned to this apartment at all times, and I informed him that I did not believe this procedure was advisable at the present time, primarily because it would tie up one or two agents continually upon a rather dubious lead. Under date of March 11, 1935, Mr. Nathan addressed a communication to the Bureau, advising that in his opinion two agents should be stationed at the Beaumont Apartments for a period of 30 days, in order that there might be no possibility of a slip-up in the matter. In view of Mr. Nathan's statement, I do not believe we have any alternative in this situation, since if Davis does return to this apartment and eludes capture, the responsibility will be placed upon the Bureau. For this reason, I have addressed a communication to Mr. Nathan, advising him that the Bureau will defer to his judgment in this situation.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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CLAUDE B. KENNEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
309-11 MINERS BANK BUILDING
PHONE 687
JOPLIN, MISSOURI

March 13th, 1935.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The purpose of this writing is in regard to the Estate of Fred Barker and Arizona Barker, deceased, which has been temporarily held by the Government, in connection to the above case of Albert Barker at St. Paul Minn.

This will inform you that I have been employed by the father of Fred Barker, One George Barker, of Joplin Missouri, to represent him in the estate of Fred Barker deceased, a son, and Arizona Barker, deceased, Mother of Fred Barker and Widow of George Barker.

On the 23rd, day of January 1935, George Barker and Frank Dixon, were appointed resident Administrators of the estate, and during the Month of February 1935, one of the Administrators Frank Dixon and myself made a trip to Jacksonville Fla., where I had two conferences with U.S. Dist. Atty. John Holland, in regard to the property of the above estates.

It was my understanding at that time, that the property was only held temporarily, and would later be turned to the Administrators, and it was my understanding that possibly it would be turned over to the resident Administrator here in Missouri. We then drove to Ocala Fla., County Seat of Marion County Fla., and there meet the County Judge, and Ex Officio Probate Judge of that County, one Mr. Putsch, who at that time had been served with a Subpoena to bring all the property of Barkers deceased, to St. Paul, Minn., however at that time the property was in the custody of the Government officials, and not in his hands, but as I understand, later has been turned to him at least in part.

The deceased bodies of the Barkers are still in charge and keeping by the Pyles Mortuary of Ocala, with no chance of disposition, until the above estate has been received by the Administrators, and which retention of bodies is a continual daily expense.

We made the trip to Florida, with intention of appointing Ancillary Administrators in that County, where property was located, consisting of personalty, however, finding that property was in hands of Government officials, the appointment was delayed, until such time as your department decided to turn same over to the Administrator. Upon releasing the property to resident Administrator, who has been legally appointed, all

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CLAUDE B. KENNEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
200-11 MINERS BANK BUILDING
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JOPLIN, MISSOURI

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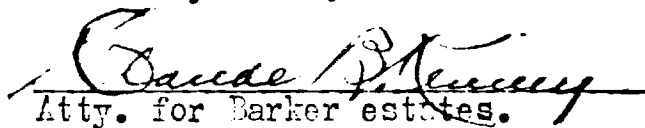
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claims against the estate can be proven up in Probate Court, and I am anxious to learn at this time, if your department would be willing to turn the property of the above estates to the resident Administrators in Missouri, otherwise it will be necessary for us to appoint Ancillary Administrators in each State where property is located.

We are also desirous of cooperating in any way possible with the Department of Justice, and trust that I may hear from you at an early date, together with a list of the property seized by the Government officials in the Barker estates, as mentioned.

Sincerely Yours,


Atty. for Barker estates.

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March 21, 1935.

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Mr. Claude B. Kenney,
Attorney at Law,
309-11 Kinross Bank Building,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 13, 1935, requesting information concerning the personal property recovered from the house which was occupied by Mrs. Arizona Barker and her son, Fred Barker, at Oklawaha, Florida.

Please be advised that the primary function of this Bureau is investigative only and, therefore, this Bureau does not have any authority to pass upon the question of releasing to the appropriate administrators the property which has since been turned over to the local authorities at Ocala, Florida, for disposition under the probate laws of that State. As to the interests of the Federal Government in this property, I must respectfully refer you to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida.

Trusting that the above fully answers your inquiries,

I am

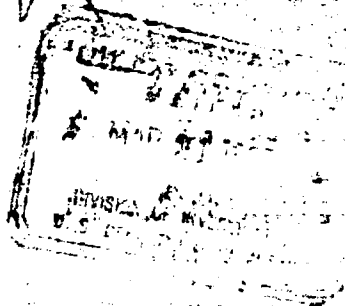
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

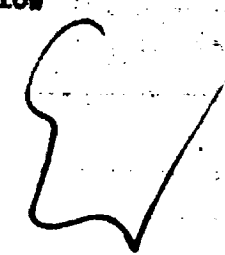
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P. O. Box 518
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
326 1/2 Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218 - FUG;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.# 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.#1237 - FUG;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.# 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.# 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.# 1240;
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.# 1241; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

During the afternoon of March 13, 1935 there was transmitted to the St. Paul Bureau Office by James Crumley of the St. Paul Police Dept., a letter from Mr. C. W. Latham, City Marshal of Gilbert, Louisiana, requesting certain information regarding HARRY SAWYER, and advising that there was a man about town who he suspected might be SAWYER.

For your information and for the information of the Chicago Office and the Bureau, copies of the letter in question are enclosed. It does not appear that the description furnished by Mr. Latham fits the description of HARRY SAWYER, especially the weight. However, it is desired that he be contacted as soon as it is practicable and it be definitely determined whether the individual he has in mind is in fact SAWYER.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl. *(initials)*

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CC E.J. Connelley

MAR 18 1935

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(signature)

C O P Y

Gilbert, La.,
March 10, 1935.

Chief of Police
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have a suspicious character here that I am trying to check up on. He is a man about 45 years - 175 or 180 # - 5 - 8 or 9 - Hair getting gray and bald on top - has his fore finger on left hand disfigured - looks to have been washed badly - from what I can learn so far he came from up North. Has a woman with him but havnt been able to get a description of her yet. Could you ascertain whether Mrs. Harry (Gladys) Sawyer is still in St. Paul or not, also description of her if she not there - If Identification Order # 1240 has not been apprehended this might be the man.

Yours truly,

W. C. LATHAM, Marshal

7-576-5635

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1935

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Miss Gandy.....

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley, I mentioned my conversation earlier in the day with Mr. Ladd concerning the newspaper articles which indicate that the Treasury Department's investigators in Chicago have found the hideout of Alvin Karpis and that Federal Agents are preparing to raid the place, and Mr. Connelley concurred in the opinion of Mr. Ladd that there is absolutely no foundation for this article, adding that it is his belief that it is the outgrowth of the activities of this professional publicity man sent to Chicago by the Treasury Department to work up some publicity for them.

During a discussion of the above case, Mr. Connelley stated that they have received no further leads on Volney Davis since the receipt by the manager of the apartment house in Kansas City of an air mail letter from Davis mailed from Utah.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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

Reference is made to the letter from the Jacksonville
Bureau office dated January 22, 1935, in connection with the case
entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases et al; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with
aliases, I. O. #1232, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Upon completion of the Laboratory examination the following
guns were turned over to Mr. Baughman for retention by him.

Two 1921 Model Thompson Sub-Machine guns. (Numbers drilled out).
One 16 gage Browning Automatic shot gun, #92870.
One 12 gage Remington pump action shot gun, #272907.
One 33 caliber lever action Winchester rifle. (Numbers drilled
out).

The small arms consisting of two .45 caliber and one .380
caliber Colt Automatic pistols, as well as several ammunition clips
and drums are being retained in the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
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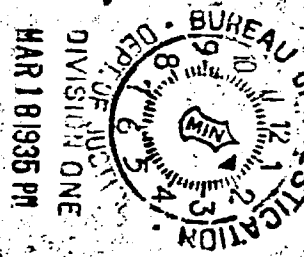
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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 14, 1935

E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge (Special Assignment)
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois



Dear Sir:

This will confirm receipt of your telegram of March 14, 1935, in the case of ALVIN KARPIS; et al - Bremer Kidnaping, advising that Frankie Foster, a well known hoodlum, previously involved in matters in Chicago, and reported as a contact for Harry Sawyer at New York, and later in Los Angeles has been reported by the Los Angeles Office as presently residing at the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and requesting discreet inquiry and surveillance if practicable for location of Sawyer.

Please be advised that this matter was referred to Resident Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, at Miami, Florida. He has just advised by wire that Frankie Foster is not registered at the Fleetwood Hotel, no such person has been registered at this hotel since it opened on December 10, 1934. Sawyer is likewise unknown, and photographs unidentified.

Since receipt of this wire from Agent Fitzsimons the Jacksonville Office has your wire of March 14, 1935, setting out a description of Foster. The information in your latter wire is also being transmitted to Agent Fitzsimons and may be helpful in determining whether Foster was or is in the vicinity of the Fleetwood Hotel at Miami.

Very truly yours,

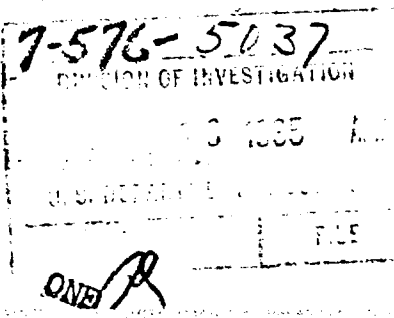
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Special Agent in Charge.

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Saint Paul

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MARCH 13, 1935.

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JACKSONVILLE FLA.

BREKID FRANKIE FOSTER WELL KNOWN HOODLUM PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED
MATTERS CHICAGO REPORTED AS CONTACT HARRY SAWYER AT NEW YORK
AND LATER LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES ADVISES FOSTER PRESENTLY
RESIDING FLEETWOOD HOTEL MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA SUGGEST VERY
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MAR 15 1935 AM
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P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

March 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Butte, Montana

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 -
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,
I. O. 1236; VOLLEY DAVIS with aliases,
I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases,
I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,
I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases,
I. O. 1240; MYRTLE LATON with aliases,
I. O. 1241, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that a mail tracing
has been received from the Post Office at Aurora,
Illinois, showing that Mrs. Violet Gregg, Glasgow,
Montana, General Delivery, received a letter with the
return card showing the name, Ermon Gregg, 303 South
Broadway, Aurora, Illinois. This letter is stamped
at Aurora, Illinois, February 19, 1935.

This information is being furnished you
for your assistance in your investigation with regard
to Corey Bales and Violet Gregg.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)

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503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 11, 1935

W.H. Trimble
Chief Ranger
Boulder City, Nevada

Dear Sir:

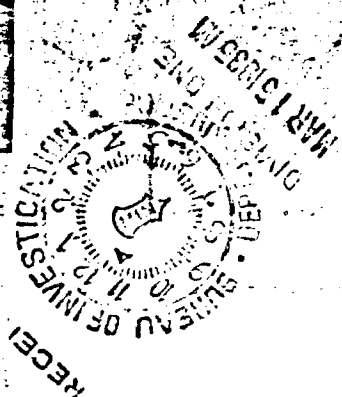
At the suggestion of Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin of this office, I am enclosing herewith Identification Order No. 1218 of Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Identification Order No. 1236 of Harry Campbell, with aliases; and Identification Order No. 1237 of Volney Davis, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

JTM:MRB

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 12, 1935.

Dear Sir:

In 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 HEAVER
with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J.
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY
OSAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE
EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to report of Special Agent John E. Brennan
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 3/11/35, particularly to paragraph four of
page four, wherein it is stated that Byron Bolton has recently advised
Agents of the St. Paul Bureau office that there is a house located at
or near 105th Street and either Cicero or Western Avenues, Chicago,
Illinois, where Karpis formerly stayed; that the location of this place
was unknown to any members of the mob other than Fred Goetz; that Bolton
has been endeavoring to recall the location of this place for some time
but cannot do so as he has never been there, but that Goetz told him
of the approximate location.

It will be noted from page 23 of the report of Special Agent
R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 2/25/35 that a business card
advertising Gust's Place, 5800 West 111th Street, telephone No. Oklawaha
236, was found in the house at Varadero, Cuba, formerly occupied by
Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney. A similar card was found in the house
at Oklawaha, Florida, occupied by Fred Barker and his mother, Mrs. Kate
Barker.

Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, discloses that the address
5800 West 111th Street, is that of a dwelling house on the north side of
111th Street a short distance beyond Cicero Avenue. This house has been
renodeled into a tavern and is being used as a saloon and bawdy house at
the present time. The house is located in a sparsely settled section and
may be the house Byron Bolton may have reference to. It is suggested
that Bolton be again interviewed and furnished with the location of
Gust's Place and inquiry be made of him as to whether or not the name

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W.E.A.

and address sound familiar to him. It is possible that Bolton may recall additional details as to the location of the house he has in mind and possibly some information as to the occupants. Should Bolton be of the opinion that this is the house in question, the Chicago Bureau office will immediately make arrangements to have the same appropriately covered.

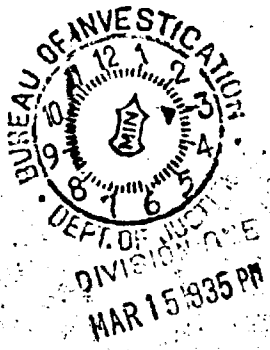
Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

March 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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 W. VEE with aliases, I.O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;
RABBY DANIEL with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE
LAWTON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of the report of Special
Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, dated March 5, 1935,
in connection with the above-entitled case.

It will be noted that on page two of this report there
appears several addresses and telephone numbers located in
your district. It is desired that you conduct an appropriate
investigation concerning them.

Very truly yours,

JLM:RP
Enc.
cc Bureau ✓
St. Paul
St. Louis

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
MARCH 18, 1935.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BREKID MRS VIOLET GREGG RECEIVING MAIL GENERAL DELIVERY
GLASGOW MONTANA

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 3-12-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-7-35	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Miss Elsie V. Brown, Colorado Springs, Colorado has not been in communication with Subject Volney Davis, under the name of George Lawrence Harper, or any other name, but has corresponded with George Harper at Oxford, Ohio. Mrs. Ellen Thomas, Florence, Colorado is now married to Elijah Todd and resides at Pueblo, Colorado.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, 2-14-35.			
DETAILS: AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO Miss Elsie V. Brown, age 18, daughter of W. L. Brown, Post Office Box 67, Route 1, about three miles southeast of Colorado Springs, stated that she corresponded with George Harper of Oxford, Ohio during September, October and November 1934, having learned his address through the Standard Correspondence Club of Grays Lake, Illinois; that he was attending college at Oxford, Ohio during the time that she corresponded with him; that she had never corresponded with anyone whose photograph resembled that of Subject Volney Davis, and had not corresponded with anyone from Raytown, Missouri. Miss Brown delivered to Agent a photograph of George Harper and the last letter she received from him which was postmarked at Oxford.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Deuman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 16 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAR 20 1935 JACKETED:	
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Ohio November 3, 1934, which photograph does not in any manner resemble that of Subject Volney Davis, and the handwriting does not coincide with that of Subject Volney Davis which was transmitted with letter of reference, but the same are being transmitted to the Chicago Office for its information.

AT FLORENCE, COLORADO

It was ascertained from Assistant Postmaster W. E. Hawkins that Post Office Box 296 is rented by Mrs. Alice Martin, 922 West 2nd Street, and from Mrs. Alice Martin it was ascertained that her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Thomas, is now married to Elijah Todd and resides at 1601 East 3rd Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Denver Office, at Pueblo, Colorado, will interview Mrs. Ellen (Elijah) Todd, 1601 East 3rd Street in the premises, and will interview the other parties named in enclosure with letter of reference.

PENDING.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Calls Received

March 11 1935.

Time 2:00 p.m.

Person calling Mr. Haakinson, A.P.

Referred to

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

Details of call:

Mr. Haakinson said that either last night or the night before he left a note with Mr. Suydam concerning this matter, but he also wanted to leave the following message for Mr. Hoover:

His Chicago office has asked him to get information concerning Bruno Austin, arrested in Chicago. They want to know if he is the man indicted in the Bremer kidnaping case under the name of "Whitie," at St. Paul. It appears that he is the man who was arrested some time ago at the door of a church, immediately following his marriage, and he has been in jail since that time.

Mr. Haakinson will call back about 3 o'clock to see if Mr. Hoover has come in and if he can be given the above information.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
March 14, 1935.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Mr. E. A. Tamm and the writer today, concerning Cassius McDonald who was apprehended in Florida on a charge of harboring Karpis, and who I understand has made a statement that I had informed him "that he was trying to get your job".

This is to advise that I at no time made such a statement to McDonald.

My only recollection of anything that was said concerning you, between McDonald and me at the time the former was arrested on February 7, 1935, or during the following day when he was in custody of the Special Agents of this Bureau, is that McDonald stated that he was personally acquainted with you. It is my recollection that nothing was said about where he met you but that he said that he did not believe that you would remember him, and he did not mean to imply that he was a friend of yours. Nothing else was mentioned about you, and I know positively that I did not say to him that he was trying to "get" your position. It is my recollection that McDonald mentioned this on an occasion when he said that he knew everybody in Washington, all of which I of course discounted at the time and did not give any further thought to, thinking that it was only bluff talk on the part of McDonald.

Since I returned to Birmingham, Special Agent L. B. Nichols, who remained in Miami after I left there, informed me that on an occasion when he saw McDonald in the jail in Miami, the latter told him that he was going to write to you about me. Nichols said that McDonald claimed that I was "young and ambitious", insinuating that I had done him an injustice of some kind. At the time Nichols mentioned this to me, he said that he was advising me of this in order that I could communicate with you should I see

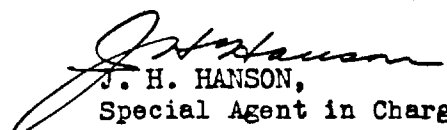
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fit. At that time I told Nichols that in my opinion McDonald's remarks to him did not warrant any consideration, and that I did not know of any reason why he should feel that way towards me. I did ask Nichols if McDonald claimed that I had mistreated him in any way whatsoever, and Nichols replied in the negative, stating that McDonald did not say anything to him except that I was young and ambitious and that he was going to report me to Washington.

Very truly yours,


J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIRMAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-30 LEE**

REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/18/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/18/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. KEEFE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, 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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240 MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>On December 23, 1934 Packard Motor Car Co. of Boston, sold 1935 Packard Sedan, Motor No. 386154, Serial Number 803800, color, gunmetal gray, to Palmer & Parker Co., Charlestown, Mass., dealers in mahogany and hard wood. Car carries Mass. registration plates Number 1846. Mr. Frank D. Sawyer, president of the above company, advises he had this car in Florida during January and February 1935 and is still in his possession.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p>REFERENCES: Letter from Detroit Office dated March 8, 1935, to Jacksonville Office. Letter from SAC Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 14, 1935, to New York Office.</p> <p>DETAILS: Records at the Packard Motor Car Company, Boston, Massachusetts, indicate that on December 23, 1934 they sold to Palmer & Parker Company, 103 Medford Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts, dealers in mahogany and hard wood, a Packard Sedan, Model 1200, color gunmetal gray, Motor Number 386154, Serial Number 803800.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. F. Keefe</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5042		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 19 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau - 3 St. Paul - 2 E. J. Connelley, Chicago Philadelphia - 1 Jacksonville - 1	UNITED STATES MAR 19 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAT. SECT. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE		CHECKED OFF: MAR 21 1935 JACKETED:

chusetts, show 1935 Massachusetts registration plates number 1846, issued to Palmer & Parker Company, 103 Medford Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts, for 1935 Packard Sedan, Motor Number 386154, Serial Number 803800; color of car gray gummetal.

Frank D. Sawyer, President of the Palmer & Parker Company, 103 Medford Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts (home address - 96 Jason Street, Arlington, Massachusetts) advises that in the early part of January 1935 he left Boston, Massachusetts, for Florida driving the car in question with Massachusetts license plates 1846; that he resided at the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida, for two weeks during February and that he returned to Boston in March; that Packard Sedan, Motor Number 386154, Serial Number 803800, with Massachusetts 1935 plates Number 1846 is now in his possession.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

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. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. 1232; WILLIAM J. LEAVER 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 BRESTER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a photograph of Frank Foster,
who is reported to be located at the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami,
Florida. I am also transmitting a copy of this photograph to
offices receiving a copy of this letter.

Frank Foster is described as follows:

Age: 32 in 1930
Height: 5'6 1/2"
Weight: 140 lb.
Hair: Dark chestnut
mixed with gray
Eyes: Hazel
Complexion: Fair
Chin: Regular
Beard: None
Teeth: 4 gold teeth,
lower left side
Build: Medium

Marital Status: Married
Nativity: Illinois
Occupation: Salesman
Scars: One oblique scar
2 centimeters long
in rear of left thumb
Chicago Police No.
C-26580

Finger Print Classification:
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New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles
St. Paul (encl.)

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY

Special Agent in Charge

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ONE



Frank Foster

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1216
DR. JOSE 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 J. HARRISON " " I.O. 1239
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

With reference to letter of the Detroit office, dated March 8, 1935, addressed to the Jacksonville office, copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information, it being noted that copies were previously furnished to the Boston, St. Paul, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia offices, it is suggested that suitable inquiry be made to check the registration of this car in the State of New Jersey.

It is also suggested that the Boston office, to whom copies of this letter are being forwarded, make suitable check through the Packard Motor Car Company at Boston, Massachusetts.

It is noted that Harry Sawyer has been reported as possibly being in New York or Philadelphia, in association with one LOUIS BROOKS; also that he was previously indicated as possibly being in New York in association with FREDERICK FOSTER. However, more recent inquiry indicates that Foster is now possibly located in Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
CC Boston (2)
CC Jacksonville
CC St. Paul
CC Los Ang. (encls-copy of Detroit letter 3/8/35)
CC Pittsburgh
CC Philadelphia

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Egan.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

EAT: TAM

I have talked with Mr. Egan concerning the telegram which Superintendent Carroll of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Police Department states he addressed to Mr. Egan, requesting information concerning the charges preferred against Cassius M. McDonald. Mr. Egan recalls receiving such a telegram as he was leaving his office on an undetermined date, and turning it over to Mr. Pennington for transmittal to me. Mr. Pennington states that he personally brought this telegram to my office. I have no present recollection of having received this telegram, although I do remember an inquiry from some source concerning the charges upon which McDonald was being held, which rather surprised me at the time and conveyed the impression to me that McDonald was evidently endeavoring to bring some pressure to bear upon the Bureau. I cannot recall whether this was the telegram in question, but in ordinary procedure, I would refer such an inquiry to Mr. Newby with a "See me" or other notation, indicating the manner in which I desired the inquiry handled. Mr. Newby advises me that he never received such a telegram but does recall a letter or inquiry concerning the charges upon which McDonald was being held. This letter was from Chief of Detectives Frahm of Detroit, Michigan.

I will make further efforts through the File Room to locate the telegram which Superintendent Carroll forwarded to Mr. Egan.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

This whole thing was handled most carelessly. Just such carelessness alienates some good & worthwhile friends.

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

March 14, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH 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;
OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE; ETAL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With reference to Thompson Submachine gun, number 7679, the property of the South St. Paul Police Department, which was forwarded to this office by the Bureau recently, this is to advise that the above referred to machine gun was delivered to Mr. John A. Todd, President, Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, South St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 13, 1935, and a receipt in duplicate was secured from him. The original is attached to this communication and the duplicate is retained in the St. Paul case file.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD, *rec*
Special Agent in Charge.

RCC:RMM
CC Mr. Connelley - Chicago.
Enc.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

March 13, 1935.

Received of R. C. Coulter, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, one .45 caliber Thompson
Submachine gun, number 7679.

John A. Todd
President, Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
South St. Paul, Minnesota.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

March 14, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, 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
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

I am submitting herewith an outline of recent developments in this district in this case, in order that the Bureau and interested offices may be advised prior to the submission of a detailed report.

Interview was had by Special Agent R. J. Brandt on March 12, 1935, with Miss Esther Williams, 119 North Topping Street, Kansas City, Missouri, one of the girls listed on the records of the matrimonial agency with which Volney Davis had corresponded. It is noted that this girl had written to Davis prior to his apprehension and escape. It was ascertained by the Agent from this interview and from interview with the mother of Miss Williams that, subsequent to her writing to Davis, he had called by telephone on two occasions, these calls being made approximately February 4 and 5. During one of the conversations he made a date with the Williams girl, which was not filled. It was also determined that on one occasion he came to the Williams home, at which time Mrs. Williams talked briefly to him on the porch of her home. She is rather hazy as to the date of this occurrence, first fixing the date as being in the latter part of February, but then stating that it must have been sometime prior to that. She could not definitely identify Davis's photograph, but did note a resemblance, and picked the photograph from a group as having this resemblance. These persons appeared entirely cooperative and were instructed by Agent Brandt, in the event of a further call from Davis, to have the girl make an appointment with Davis and immediately notify this office. This they

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promised to do. It might be noted that the father of Miss Williams is a railway engineer, and the family is apparently respectable. This girl has been married and divorced, is approximately 30 years of age, and has two children, aged 11 and 14. She is employed in Kansas City, Kansas, as a typist. On the same evening that she was interviewed, she telephoned the Kansas City Office and advised that she had received a call from a man whom she believed to be Davis. She stated, however, that due to her nervousness she failed to carry out the instructions and did not make a date. However, during the conversation, the caller advised her that he would communicate with her again within the next day or two. She is positive that she recognized the voice as that of Davis, whom she knew under the name of Harper. She further states that he recalled certain bits of their previous conversation, which strengthens her belief in this regard. On the occasion of this last call, he suggested that she join a party at an apartment, stating that another man and girl were there. At this time, the caller gave the name of Anderson. It should be noted that it is possible that the name given was Hansen, and that she understood it as Anderson.

Miss Williams and her mother and father have been again interviewed, and seem desirous of cooperating. The girl agrees that, should she receive another call, she will agree to go out with the caller, immediately advising us. It has also been agreed that after such call is received, Agents may await the arrival of the caller in the Williams home. Inasmuch as this home is approximately four miles from the Kansas City Office, through considerable traffic, arrangements have been made, with the authorization of Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, to rent an apartment at 5701 St. John, the apartment being number 8. This is slightly more than one block from the Williams residence. A telephone was installed in this apartment on March 13, and five Agents were stationed there during the night of that day. No calls were received by the Williams girl. Agents will be continuously stationed at this apartment during every evening. They are not kept there during the day, inasmuch as the girl works and does not return to her home until 6 p.m., and Davis was so advised by her in the letter she wrote him. Any developments from this angle will be immediately reported.

As Mr. Tamm was advised by telephone on March 13, the photograph of Lloyd Doyle, with aliases, I.O. #1208, has been definitely identified as that of one of the persons occupying the apartment at 4915 Troost Avenue. This photograph was also definitely identified by Special Agent D. A. Bryce of this office as one of the individuals under surveillance on the night of February 22, 1935, when Spike Lane was taken into custody. It is believed that Doyle is probably the individual known as Leo, as shown in previous reports. It has not been deemed desirable to question Spike Lane concerning Doyle, inasmuch as he has refused to give any information and is in touch with an attorney. On March 14, I communicated by telephone with Acting Special Agent in Charge R. C. Coulter of the St. Paul Office, suggesting that Jess Doyle and Edna Murray be shown photograph of Lloyd Doyle, if their attitude had been that of cooperation since their removal to St. Paul. Agent

Director

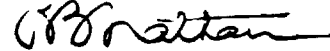
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Coulter advised that this procedure would hardly seem desirable in the case of Murray, but he believed that Jess Doyle would identify it as Leo if he recognized the photograph.

It will be recalled that the photograph of Otto Jackson, with aliases, has been identified as that of the third individual residing for a time at 4915 Troost. He has also been identified by some witnesses as being a participant in the recent robbery of the First National Bank at Neosho, Missouri. Investigation is being continued for the purpose of locating Doyle and Jackson, if still in Kansas City, and they will be taken into custody if located.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - E. J. Connelley
St. Paul
St. Louis

P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois



Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;
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. 1239;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I. O. 1240;
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Jacksonville office dated February 12, 1935, directed to W. Sander Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, in which reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. F. Burrus, Washington, D. C., February 8, 1935.

It is understood that this report has to do with the Browning Automatic Rifle which was handled by Joseph H. Adams and Duke Randall.

Please be advised that this office has not received a copy of this report, and such a copy would be appreciated.

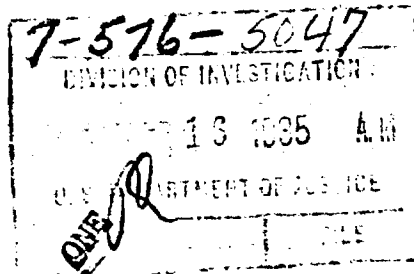
Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)

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Jacksonville, Florida
January 31, 1935

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Egan.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schaefer.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I. O. 1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases (deceased)
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O.
1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

This memorandum is with reference to my memorandum of January 30, 1935, copies of which were forwarded to the Division, Mr. Connelley in Chicago, and the Saint Paul Office.

At seven forty-five PM on January 30, 1935, by telephone from Havana, Special Agent R. D. Brown advised that he had located a house, a mansion, at Vadero Beach, about one hundred twenty-five miles from Havana. This house was rented on or about September 20, 1934, under a lease, until February 15, 1935, at a rental for the period of \$300; that investigation at Vadero Beach disclosed that Karpis and Delaney, alone, lived in this house; they left hurriedly on December 11 or 12, 1934; while residing there they employed three servants. In the arrangements whereby this house was rented by Karpis and Delaney they were assisted by Nathan Heller, a Jew who is connected with Joe Adams in Miami, Florida, in some way and who manages the Park View Hotel in Havana. Agent Brown is of the opinion that Heller knew full well who Karpis and Delaney were when these arrangements were made.

Agent Brown learned that Kate Barker called on Karpis and Delaney at this house and visited part of December, 1934, and remained for three or four days; she appeared to be interested in a place nearby, stating that she wanted it for herself and two sons; however, she returned to Havana without securing a place.

Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel in Havana, sent Karpis and Delaney to the owner of the house aforementioned in Vadero Beach. He gave them the name of the lady who was the owner and appears to have assisted them in obtaining a lease on the place.

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In the vicinity of this house at Vadero Beach no one until a few days after Karpis and Delaney left knew who they were. A lady there saw a picture of Karpis in a magazine, after which she wrote the American Vice-Consul at Mantanzas. This was the day after Karpis and Delaney left. He apparently took no interest in the report and in replying to the lady's letter he told her to get in touch with the new Ambassador in Havana. Agent Brown stated that if desired Cuban authorities would immediately deport Heller, being an American, to the United States; that he contemplates interviewing Heller during the morning of January thirty-first and believes that he can give valuable information if he will. Heller appears to be as responsible and as much connected as is Joe Adams with the harboring of these fugitives.

When Karpis came to Havana and contacted Heller he had a card of Joe Adams on which Adams had written a note to Heller. During the time that they lived in this house they had no visitors except Kate Barker for three or four days, as aforementioned, and George Harris and wife, the American saloon-keeper in Havana. After Karpis and Delaney left this house, Heller called at the place, driving a Ford sedan that Delaney purchased, which was mentioned in my memorandum to the Division on January thirtieth. This car may be still in Heller's possession; however, Agent Brown has been unable to locate it. Agent Brown is of the opinion that Heller knows where Willie Harrison and Harry Sawyer are presently located.

The above information was furnished to Mr. Tamm of the Division at eight PM on January thirtieth and was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Hanson at Miami at eight twenty-five PM on the same date for his use in further questioning of Joe Adams in Miami. Agent Hanson stated that Adams had informed him that he might have given Karpis a card to present in Havana to identify himself; also that Heller was seen in Miami in November on about the fourteenth, with Dolores, at the El Comodoro Hotel; further that it has been definitely determined that McDonald made two trips to Havana from Miami on September 6, 1934, and that it is the intention of the United States Attorney at Miami, to file a harboring complaint against McDonald in the event he is located. It appears, according to Agent Hanson; that McDonald changed hot money in Havana, and requested that Agent Brown in Havana make

appropriate investigation, obtaining witnesses to show that McDonald helped Karpis and Delaney to hide out in that city.

Agent Hanson further informed that McDonald obtained his Packard sedan from the Packard garage in Miami on January 25, 1935, and left the city. It appears that his address is Cassius McDonald, 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Agent Hanson also stated that Harry Sawyer had been identified at the Packard garage in Miami, Florida, as having appeared there about two weeks ago with a black Packard sedan, bearing New Jersey license tags. He too immediately left the city. It is possible that he might have gone north, and, too, he might have gone to Havana.

Agent Brown in Havana is endeavoring to ascertain whether Harry Sawyer arrived in Havana with a Packard sedan and Agent Hanson in Miami is endeavoring to determine whether Sawyer left Florida and had his Packard sedan shipped to Cuba.

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CC Director (3)

E. J. Connelley (3)
Saint Paul

R. A. Alt

Special Agent in Charge.

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-18/29; 2-17, 18; 3-2, 4, 5-35	REPORT MADE BY: T. M. Clifford
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; -FUGITIVE; 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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
<p>Photographs with descriptions of subjects given Police Departments, Portland, Oregon, Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, with renewed search for subjects suggested. Night clubs and cabarets Oregon and Washington coast cities visited without results. Geraldine Woolensack, member of Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, has not communicated with subject Davis. Photograph subject Sawyer displayed news stands and Police Department, Portland, Oregon, with negative results. Orville D. Irwin, fugitive Kansas State Penitentiary, states subject Karpis in Picher, Oklahoma, September 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter St. Paul office February 12, 1935; report Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, February 11, 1935; letter Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Assignment, Chicago, February 14, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This agent secured photographs of subjects and called on Captain J. J. Keegan, Chief of Detectives, Portland Police Department, and after displaying individual photographs, Captain Keegan was informed that the Bureau</p>			
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desired special cooperation from the police department at this time in giving the apprehension of subjects particular attention. Captain Keegan expressed a willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent and informed agent that each member of the Department of Police, in Portland, would be instructed to be on the lookout for subjects."

Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 20, 1935, entitled "Robert Newburn; Raymond B. Newburn, alias Raymond B. Newbern, alias Raymond B. Neubern, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property", which includes a list of stolen bonds taken from the Kraft State Bank of Menomonie, Wisconsin, October 20, 1931. Inasmuch as the reference letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul office, suggests that subject Sawyer might be implicated in the handling of these bonds, a copy of the list of stolen bonds from the Kraft State Bank was given to Captain Keegan for the purpose of checking any questionable bond brokers in the city of Portland. A copy of the list of these bonds, together with a photograph of subject Sawyer and an Identification Order of this subject was also given to Chief Deputy Christofferson, Multnomah County Sheriff's office, who stated that he had informants who might be able to locate bonds if they are being handled in the vicinity of Portland.

Agent contacted J. D. Leonard, in charge of the Bond Department, United States National Bank, Portland, Oregon, and a search of his records was made for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any bonds described on the list of those furnished by the St. Paul office could have been accepted in negotiations at this bank. This investigation reflected negative results.

Mr. McCrea, in charge of the Collateral Department of the United States National Bank, was contacted, the list of the stolen bonds from the Kraft State Bank, Menomonie, Wisconsin, was submitted to him and a search of his records failed to disclose that any of these bonds had been taken by this bank as security for loans.

At Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, this agent visited all known night clubs, cabarets and roadhouses in the vicinity of these towns, for the purpose of locating subjects. This investigation produced negative results.

This agent contacted Mrs. Geraldine Woolensack, 2109 N. W. Northrup Avenue, Portland, Oregon. It will be noted in the reference letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated February 14, 1935, that subject Davis had in a list of names furnished by the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado, the

of Mrs. Woolensack. Mrs. Woolensack informed agent that she had not communicated with subject Davis, but would inform this office immediately in the event she received any communication from him, specific instruction being given Mrs. Woolensack that subject Davis might possibly write her in the name of G. L. Harper. A photograph of subject Davis was shown Mrs. Woolensack, inasmuch as there is some possibility that subject Davis might approach or contact Mrs. Woolensack under some other name in the city of Portland. Mrs. Woolensack promised to report to the Bureau office any information regarding subject.

On February 9, 1935, Sergeant Ellenburg, Oregon State Police, Medford, Oregon, reported by teletype to the Portland office of the Oregon State Police that a man resembling subject Karpis, in company with a woman, was reported operating a Plymouth Coupe, dark color, bearing 1934 California license 4H 19 82, proceeding north from Redding, California. This information, Sergeant Ellenburg's report stated, was received from the Chief of Police of Redding, California. A check of the license on this car reflected the registration in the name of H. J. Smith, 833 10th Street, Marysville, California. The checking of this car, Sergeant Ellenburg's report reflects, was made by the Chief of Police at Redding, California.

Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge Guinane, San Francisco, on February 11, 1935, and was informed that the report that the operator of this automobile was Karpis had been investigated and determined to be unfounded.

This agent interviewed one Orville D. Irwin, alias Ray D. King, alias Pete, who was in custody of the United States Marshal at the Multnomah County Jail. At the time of this interview Irwin was being held by the Department of Justice on a charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It was subsequently ascertained that Irwin is a fugitive from the Kansas State Penitentiary, to which institution he was sentenced to serve a term of 5 to 21 years on a charge of manslaughter in the year 1930. Irwin admitted to agent that he had escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary on July 5, 1933, and that he had been arrested by State Police at Medford, Oregon, on February 27, 1935. Upon questioning, agent ascertained from Irwin, who left the impression that he was telling the truth, that he was a fellow inmate at the Kansas State Penitentiary with subject Karpis during the year 1930; that in the fall of 1934 he met subject Karpis at Picher, Oklahoma; that Karpis at that time was drinking beer at a beer parlor operated by Indian Joe Miller at 3d and Main Streets. Irwin was of the impression that Indian Joe Miller is well acquainted with

subject Karpis and possibly might have some information regarding the whereabouts or hangout of Karpis at Picher, Oklahoma.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 11, 1935, that subject Volney Davis, after his apprehension, informed Agent Farland that he contemplated seeking employment at the Coulee Dam in the State of Montana. For the information of interested offices, the Coulee Dam is located in the State of Washington, and not Montana. There is a dam under construction at the present time in the State of Montana, known as the Fort Peck Dam. As considerable construction work is at the present time being made at the Coulee Dam, Washington, the Portland office will make the proper investigation as to subjects' location at this place.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: Will conduct appropriate investigation at Picher, Oklahoma, for the purpose of interviewing Indian Joe Miller, and ascertaining such information as may be of value in this case.

PORTLAND OFFICE: At Coulee Dam, Washington, will make appropriate investigation as referred to in the body of this report.

At Klamath Falls, Oregon, will contact Frances E. Bennett, Box 558, a member of the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, whose name was furnished subject Davis under the alias G. L. Harper, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not communication has been had with subject Davis.

Will contact all bond brokers and banks in the city of Portland, displaying a list of stolen bonds from the Kraft State Bank Menomonie, Wisconsin, and determine whether such bonds may have been submitted for negotiation by subject Sawyer.

At Seattle, Washington, will submit a list of stolen bonds from the Kraft State Bank, Menomonie, Wisconsin to all banks and bond brokers, together with photograph of subject Sawyer, in an endeavor to ascertain subject's whereabouts.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1935

Time - 10:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Doc Barker.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
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Miss Gandy.....

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Coulter at the St. Paul Office, he mentioned the instructions which were issued to the effect that newspaper men were not to interview Doc Barker during his incarceration in St. Paul awaiting trial. He informed that the attorney for Barker wants to raise a general commotion about this matter, and wants the newspaper men to come in and take photographs of Barker and run stories in the papers about him. I told him that we were not in a position to give him any privileges at all; that anything he wants will have to come through court order.

I mentioned that I understand they want Barker to have more space for exercise. Mr. Coulter stated that Barker occupies two little cells about eight feet by six feet each, and Mr. Coulter believes that he has plenty of space under the circumstances. I told him that this is not a matter for our decision; that it will have to be taken up by his attorney with the court.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM

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*Letter to St. Paul
with cc. Mr. Coulter.
3.5735 R.E.N.*

*We should not become
involved in this. It is up to
the Court & U. S. Atty. Tell
our St. Paul office to keep
out of it.*

J. E. H.

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March 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. No. 1218; et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation had by Mr. Coulter with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau relative to instructions which were issued to the effect that newspaper men were not to interview Arthur R. Barker during his incarceration at St. Paul, Minnesota, awaiting trial in connection with the above entitled case.

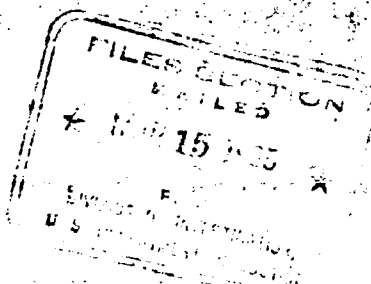
The Bureau should not become involved in any way in matter pertaining to the incarceration of Barker. Therefore, you should refer all inquiries to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota who will then consult the court relative to any instructions to be issued.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

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Jacksonville, Florida
February 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Tamm telephoned the writer at the Jacksonville Office at twelve-twenty PM and stated that he desired to know immediately certain facts concerning the radio broadcast issued by the Jacksonville Police Department on January 20, 1935, at one A.M., notifying all officers to watch for the car which was being driven by Alvin Karpis and to ascertain if the Police Department, when requested to broadcast this information had been advised as to the identities of the parties supposed to be riding in the car and if so if the Police Department was told not to divulge this information.

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum prepared by R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge, on January 20, 1935, which was found in the Jacksonville file of the BREKID case, covering his activities in notifying the Police Department. Also attached, taken from the same file, is a copy of the actual broadcast issued by WPGF, under the direction of Captain Cannon of the Police Department.

The writer ascertained that Captain Cannon was today attending a conference in Orlando, Florida, of the radio departments of various Police Departments of Florida. Captain Cannon was contacted by long distance telephone in Orlando. He stated that the information was conveyed to him by Mr. Alt 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 the broadcast; that he does not recall if Mr. Alt told him that the occupants of this car were members of the Karpis-Barker gang, or if he just figured that out from the fact that it was so soon after the shooting of Fred and "Ma" Barker at Ocala, but that he personally understood that it was some of this gang who were wanted. Captain Cannon stated that he knows that he did not know that Karpis and Campbell were using this car until after he read in the newspapers about the incident in Atlantic City. He stated that Mr. Alt advised him that the occupants of this car were dangerous.

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L. E. Kingman
Special Agent.

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LEK:HAM.

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SLH

January 20, 1935

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases--I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases--I. O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING

At about 1:00 A. M. on January 20, 1935, SAC J. H. Hanson from Miami, Florida, advised that it had been positively determined that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney left Miami at 5:00 P. M. on Wednesday, January 16, 1935. Concerning this matter, it appears that the police department in Miami has made some investigation and has broadcast the description of the car in which they were traveling. Hanson stated that this car was a tudor Buick sedan, 1935 model, bought at Miami, bearing 1935 license tag D-5306, motor number 4949155, serial number 2783525. It was bought at Miami under the name of Leroy Morrison, 444 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. Hanson states that he talked to the doctor who treated Dolores Delaney and he said she was past due, the baby should have been born between January 14-18, that her pregnancy is not very noticeable. Karpis is now carrying a .45 automatic pistol and a rifle. Hanson also stated that the Miami police had advised the Tampa and West Palm Beach police departments to be on the look-out for this car. He suggested that all hospitals be checked between Miami and Jacksonville. I advised him that I would arrange to check the hospitals north of Jacksonville.

Immediately at the conclusion of my telephone conversation with Hanson, I contacted Captain Cannon of the local police department and furnished him with a description of the car and occupants; however, I furnished no names. I requested that he broadcast this over the police chain radio, which he said he would do immediately. I also requested him that in the event this car was located the Jacksonville police department should be notified, who, in turn, would notify the Jacksonville office.

At about 7:00 A. M. on January 20, 1935, Captain Cannon contacted me by telephone, advising that the Jacksonville police department was in receipt of the following telegram, dated at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

"LOCATED BUICK SEDAN FLORIDA NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TAG D FIVE THREE NAUGHT
SIX COVERING TO APPREHEND OCCUPANTS WIRE DETAILS AND CHARGES WILL ADVISE
WHEN APPREHENDED"

(Signed) JAMES MCENAMIN
CHIEF OF POLICE"

I immediately contacted Mr. Tamm of the Division, furnishing him with the facts contained in above quoted telegram. This information was also given to Mr. Moore of the Division. Mr. Tamm stated that he would

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immediately handle the matter out of Washington. I then contacted SAC Hanson at Miami and SAC Connelley at Ocala, so that any plans they had in mind could be changed in view of this recent information.

SAC Connelley stated that with reference to the foreign Agents now in this district that Stapleton and the two Agents from Charlotte should return to their headquarters, as previously planned; that if nothing additional happens in this district the list of Agents given to Stapleton could return to their headquarters tonight.

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

Jax #7-24

COPY

Wanted by this Department-White man dark complected about 5-10 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 Fla. license D-5-306 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.

1-19-35 CAPTAIN CANNON

W P F G.

(Jacksonville PD Broadcast
1 AM, 1-20-35)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

Relative to your memorandum of February 26, 1935, addressed to Mr. Tolson and myself concerning my telephonic inquiries of Mr. Kingman of the Jacksonville Office as to the exact information which was furnished to the Jacksonville Police Department in connection with the broadcast of information relating to the car being driven by Alvin Karpis, you are advised that at the time I contacted the Jacksonville office, Special Agent in Charge Alt had not as yet arrived there, he being enroute from Washington, D. C. Mr. Kingman stated that he would contact the police department, since he was not personally acquainted with this situation but knew the Captain in charge of the Radio Bureau very well and could make inquiries of him, in a personal manner. Kingman called the Police Department before checking the Jacksonville Office file. He subsequently ascertained that the complete details of Alt's action in this matter had been incorporated in a memorandum in the Jacksonville Office file and a copy of this memorandum was transmitted to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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J. E. H.*

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Backus ✓
Mr. Baughman ✓
Chief Clerk ✓
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Mr. Smith ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 UNIT #3

2-27-1935.

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

☐ Unit Four
☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office
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☐ Mr. Thompson
☐ Mr. Chambers

Unit Three


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☐ Mr. Weeks

☐ Miss McCarthy

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/13/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/28/35 & 3/2-4-6-8/35	REPORT MADE BY: M. A. Taylor AJM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: One Raymond Austin Jeffries arrested at Batesville, Arkansas, February 27, 1935, on bad check charge, not identical with Volney Davis. Investigation at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, fails to indicate that Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Weaver, has been in that vicinity since the killing of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri, several years ago. Violet M. Allen, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Miss Ethel Wakefield, Fort Smith, Arkansas, have never corresponded with Volney Davis, alias George Lawrence Harper, although they admit writing to the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", Denver, Colorado.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent L. B. Reed, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 30, 1934, and Special Agent Guy Hottel, Little Rock, Arkansas, December 27, 1934. Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley (Special Assignment), Chicago, Illinois, dated February 14, 1935. Telegram from the Little Rock office to the Bureau, dated March 2, 1935. Telegram from the Bureau, dated March 3, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: On the night of March 2, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy received a telephone call from Reporter Sedlington of the "Arkansas Democrat" newspaper, Little Rock, Arkansas, advising that a man believed to be Volney</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p>			
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Davis had been arrested at Batesville, Arkansas, on a bad check charge under the name of R. A. Jeffries and was being held incommunicado at Batesville by the local County officials. Mr. Conroy immediately communicated telephonically with the Sheriff's Office, Batesville, and in the absence of Sheriff J. R. Eagles and his deputies, talked with Mrs. W. D. Headstream, wife of the jailer, County Jail, Batesville, who furnished a physical description of R. A. Jeffries and advised that Jeffries had been fingerprinted and his prints forwarded to the Bureau. Reference telegram of March 2, 1935, was immediately dispatched to the Bureau.

The writer immediately proceeded to Batesville, Arkansas. Mrs. W. D. Headstream, upon interview, advised that R. A. Jeffries had been arrested by local officers on February 27, 1935, at Mountain View, Arkansas, on a charge of fraud, after passing four bad checks aggregating less than \$10.00 in amount. Mrs. Headstream stated that it had been ascertained that Jeffries was residing in Mountain View and had relatives residing in that vicinity, and the officers had proceeded to that town, where Jeffries was taken into custody. She stated that W. J. White, local Post Office Inspector, had first noted Jeffries' resemblance to Volney Davis, whose likeness appeared on a Bureau Identification Order, and that Mr. White had personally fingerprinted Jeffries. She also advised that a copy of Jeffries' fingerprints had been forwarded to the Bureau.

Raymond Austin Jeffries was interviewed in the County Jail, Batesville, Arkansas, and his fingerprints were taken by the writer. A comparison of his prints with those of Volney Davis definitely disclosed that he and Volney Davis are not identical. In this connection, reference telegram of March 3, 1935, advised that a copy of Jeffries' fingerprints had been received at the Bureau and were found not identical with Volney Davis' prints. Jeffries bears a striking facial resemblance to Volney Davis, particularly when viewed from the side. His physical description is as follows: Age--29 years; Height--5 feet, 11 inches; Weight--150 pounds; Hair--dark brown; Eyes--blue; Complexion--medium ruddy; Teeth--bad, separated, upper and lower; high forehead; Tattoos--eagle, right inner forearm - woman, right outer forearm - cross, left inner arm, with word, "Mother" - girl's head on left shoulder, outer. Further detailed description and a list of Jeffries' relatives, places of employment, and criminal record as received from the Bureau are being made a part of the Little Rock file, but not set forth in this report as they are of negative value.

L. G. Langston, Sheriff, Fulton County, Arkansas, upon interview at Salem, Arkansas, advised that he had no further information concerning Phoenix Donald. Sheriff Langston is very cooperative and advised that he is continuously on the alert for information in this case and promised to increase his efforts in this connection.

Dr. G. L. Weathers was interviewed and he stated he had obtained no further information concerning Phoenix Donald since he was last interviewed by Special Agent Guy Hottel. Dr. Weathers repeated that he had only met Donald on one occasion, on the front porch at the home of W. T. Bowling; that it was dark and he could not recognize Donald. Dr. Weathers stated he is the family physician of the Bowling family, and if he learns anything of value, he will immediately advise Sheriff Langston.

Guthbert Pickren, proprietor of the Pickren Hotel, Salem, Arkansas, whose hotel is situated approximately one hundred yards from the Commercial Cafe, operated by W. T.

Bowling, Donald's brother-in-law, upon interview, promised to cooperate in this case and will endeavor to obtain information concerning Donald, although he does not believe he will be able to obtain anything of value. Cuthbert Pickren is highly regarded at Salem and it is believed he may be relied upon. From interview with Sheriff Langston, it is believed advisable that Bureau Agents stopping in Salem on this case should patronize the Pickren Hotel rather than the rival hotel, whose owner Sheriff Langston stated is not reliable.

John Pickren, gasoline station and garage operator, Salem, Arkansas, brother of Cuthbert Pickren, above mentioned, was interviewed. John Pickren's garage is located on a corner of the Town Square, facing the Commercial Cafe. It is a natural hang-out for local town loafers, and if Phoenix Donald should come into Salem for any period, John Pickren would be likely to learn of it. John Pickren advised that he will cooperate and furnish any information he may receive to Sheriff Langston. He stated that he did not believe Donald would be likely to visit Salem.

Guy Harris, next door neighbor of W. T. Bowling, upon interview, advised he is personally acquainted with Phoenix Donald, having worked for W. T. Bowling from 1918 to 1920, during which time Donald hung around Bowling's home a great deal. Harris stated that he last saw Donald several years ago at the home of W. T. Bowling in Salem, Arkansas. Harris promised to make discreet inquiries and to be observant of actions and statements made by W. T. Bowling and his family, in order to learn, if possible, of the whereabouts of Donald. He stated that he would immediately inform Sheriff Langston if he obtained any information of value. The writer is somewhat doubtful of Guy Harris, although Sheriff Langston and several other persons recommended him very highly.

Monroe Woods, also next door neighbor of W. T. Bowling, was interviewed and he promised to make an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Phoenix Donald. Woods stated that he had occasionally heard automobiles arrive and leave the home of W. T. Bowling at late hours of the night and had thought it possible Phoenix Donald might have visited his brother-in-law and sister, Susie Bowling, on one of these occasions. He advised that W. T. Bowling was formerly Sheriff of Fulton County, Arkansas, and during his incumbency in office and since that time it has not been unusual for him to have visitors late at night. He promised that he and his son, Oral Woods, would obtain license numbers of all cars stopping at the Bowling home during the late hours of the night or early morning hours, and would furnish these numbers to Sheriff Langston in the future. It may be stated that Monroe Woods was formerly a supporter of W. T. Bowling in his campaigns for Sheriff, but that during the recent election he voted for Sheriff Langston. Monroe Woods' daughter also had a disagreement with Donald's sister, Susie Bowling, over a \$75.00 loan made to Susie Bowling by Woods' daughter, Bertha.

H. J. Humphreys, Postmaster, Salem, Arkansas, advised that he could furnish no further information in this case and that he had not noticed any mail addressed to W. T. Bowling or members of his family which he considered suspicious. Mr. Humphreys furnished the names of the following relatives of Donald residing in Salem and vicinity:

W. T. Bowling, Commercial Cafe, Salem, Arkansas, brother-in-law.
Susie Bowling, Salem, Arkansas, wife of W. T. Bowling.
J. L. Bowling, Salem, Arkansas, brother of W. T. Bowling.
Tollie Bowling, Salem, Arkansas, brother of W. T. Bowling.

June Bowling, age about 19, Salem, Arkansas, son of W. T. Bowling.
 Lee Bowling, age about 23, pool room operator, Salem, Arkansas, son of
 W. T. Bowling.
 Charles Bowling, age about 8 or 10, Salem, Arkansas, son of W. T. Bowling.
 Eugene Bowling, age about 21, Salem, Arkansas, son of W. T. Bowling.
 Buena Floyd Bowling, Salem, Arkansas, wife of Eugene Bowling.

Mr. Humphreys also advised that Newt Floyd, grocer, Salem, Arkansas, is the father of Buena Bowling, wife of Eugene Bowling, and that Newt Floyd has the following children, none of whom he believes is intimately acquainted with Donald or would be likely to harbor Donald:

Mrs. Ruby Floyd Gullick, Koshkonong, Missouri.
 Shelby E. Floyd, Salem, Arkansas.
 Mrs. Don (Bessie) Welch, Wichita, Kansas.
 Mrs. B. B. (Emma) Foster, Mountain Home, Arkansas.
 Mrs. Olan (Vera) Carroll, Viola, Arkansas.

It may be stated that Sheriff Langston and several other persons interviewed at Salem, Arkansas, attach considerable importance to several absences from Salem on the part of Donald's sister, Susie Bowling, who was absent from Salem for a month or more during the past summer, at which time she was believed to be in St. Louis, Missouri, or Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. John Vaughn, Ott, Arkansas, wife of the Postmaster at Ott, was interviewed. Mrs. Vaughn stated that no mail had ever been received at Ott, to her knowledge, for W. E. Weaver and she is certain that no paper had ever been received for a person of this name. Ott, Arkansas, consists of a single building, is situated on the Missouri-Arkansas line, and is located in a woods. There are no residences near this Post Office and persons calling for mail must come from considerable distance. Mrs. Vaughn stated that there had been no strangers or visitors in the past year or so, who might have aroused suspicion, and she was unable to identify the photograph of Phoenix Donald.

Earl E. Sterling, Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, was interviewed. Sterling advised that he had no further information regarding Phoenix Donald, whom he intimately knows. Sterling stated that he had been carefully watching the mail addressed to Donald's sister, Mrs. Nellie Frazier, who resides near Mammoth Spring on the Missouri side of the line. Sterling stated that Mrs. Frazier receives very little mail and that he feels certain she is not corresponding with Donald and probably does not know where Donald is or how he could be located. Sterling promised to continue cooperating in this case.

W. L. Miller, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, drug salesman for the Sigler Drug Company, Springfield, Missouri, a personal friend of Sheriff Langston, advised that he is well acquainted with Phoenix Donald and promised that if he ever receives any information concerning Donald in the vicinity of Mammoth Spring or during his travels as traveling salesman, he will immediately advise his friend, Sheriff Langston.

Del Brown, in charge of U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas,

and his employee, D. B. Heiliger, were interviewed. Mr. Brown is personally acquainted with Phoenix Donald and advised that if he receives any information concerning Donald, he will immediately advise the Little Rock Bureau office. He expressed the opinion, however, that Donald was not visiting Mammoth Spring or Salem, Arkansas, and would not do so. Brown stated that from his knowledge of Donald, the latter would not be sufficiently interested in his family to risk apprehension in order to visit them, and observed that on a prior occasion Donald had been arrested by Oklahoma authorities while on a visit to Mammoth Spring, where he was arrested at the Post Office as he called to receive a "dummy" registered letter. Mr. Brown stated that he did not think Donald would make the same mistake again.

D. B. Heiliger stated that he had not talked with Claude McLamore since he, Heiliger, was interviewed by Special Agent Guy Hottel. He promised that he would contact McLamore, who owes him \$5.00, in the near future and attempt to get information from him concerning Donald. D. B. Heiliger has only been in Mammoth Spring for approximately four years, coming there from Wisconsin. He does not appear to be a good mixer and it is not believed he will be of any value in this case.

Concerning Claude McLamore, Sheriff Langston advised that McLamore is closely associated with Eugene Bowling, for whom he drives a truck, and if Eugene Bowling has information regarding Donald, it is not unlikely that Claude McLamore also possesses this information. Sheriff Langston stated, however, that McLamore would furnish absolutely no information which he might possess.

Olin Charlton, proprietor of the Charlton Hotel, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, upon interview, advised that he could furnish no further information concerning Donald, whom he personally knows. Charlton advised that his wife is the sister of Oscar Smith, and Everett Smith, whose daughter married Riley Thornton. Thornton is a nephew of Phoenix Donald and resides near Donald's sister, Mrs. Nellie Frazier. Charlton advised that he would make discreet inquiry among the Smiths and of Riley Thornton concerning Donald, and if he obtains anything of value, he will advise Sheriff Langston. He stated, however, that he is positive none of these people have any information as to Donald's whereabouts.

From the investigation made in this case at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, it has been established that Phoenix Donald is regarded as a highly dangerous individual, cool and calm in an emergency, and an excellent shot with a pistol, having practiced a great deal as a young man. Donald dresses well, though not flashily, and is very fond of kid and suede gloves. His avocations are hunting, fishing, and music, and he is reputed to be proficient with the saxophone and cornet, having played as a member of the Oklahoma Prison band while an inmate there. He is not believed to be a heavy drinker.

It may be stated that while in Salem, Arkansas, the writer ate several meals at the Commercial Cafe and observed Donald's sister, Susie Bowling, his nephew, Eugene Bowling, and the latter's wife, Buena Bowling, and can identify these persons should it ever become necessary.

Violet K. Allen, 1909 Rice Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, was interviewed by Special Agent K. H. Barnes and she advised that she has resided with her father and

sister at the above address most of her life and is employed as bundle wrapper at the Gus Elass Department Store in Little Rock. Violet M. Allen stated that she joined the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", Denver, Colorado, some time ago in order to have someone to correspond with, and stated she had received very few letters and cards, none of which came from George Lawrence Harper or anyone else in Missouri.

Special Agent R. L. Nalls interviewed Miss Ethel Wakefield, 2009 North K Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, who stated that she wrote to the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", Box 1251, Denver, Colorado, because she thought she might derive some fun corresponding with some of the members. Miss Wakefield advised Special Agent Nalls that she had received letters from Virgil Thomas, Walla Walla, Washington, and Byron Snow, Denver, Colorado, but no others, and stated that she had never written or received any letters from George Lawrence Harper. Miss Wakefield appeared to be above average in appearance and slightly above the average in intelligence.

Special Agent I. W. Duffy endeavored to locate Mrs. Roma C. Pryce, McGehee, Arkansas, whose name appeared on the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" list. The records in the Post Office at McGehee, Arkansas, indicate that Mrs. Pryce departed from McGehee, Arkansas, on December 26, 1934, and is presently residing at 203 Cottonwood Street, Wynne, Arkansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Little Rock office at Wynne, Arkansas, will interview Mrs. Roma C. Pryce, 203 Cottonwood Street, and develop any information regarding correspondence by her with Volney Davis, under the name of George Lawrence Harper.

The Little Rock office will review its file for leads in this case.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

March 15, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Bureau communication dated March 8, 1935, directed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, of which this office received a copy, concerning Middle Island, which is located about eighteen miles from Port Clinton, Ohio, in Lake Erie, and which island is alleged to be partially owned by Ted Angus.

Since the submission of my report dated September 28, 1934, which refers to this particular island, the various persons interviewed in Toledo and vicinity during the past few weeks have all been questioned carefully concerning their knowledge of this particular island in an effort to determine whether or not there was any indication that the fugitives have been or might be there at the present time. During the course of the various inquiries it was ascertained that Lake Erie, between Middle Island and the mainland, usually freezes sufficiently so that a person can reach the island by the means of a light automobile or on foot, but it is my understanding that this situation has not existed many days this winter and that there usually has been a break in the ice where a boat would be required in order to reach the island. In view of this circumstance it did not appear logical that the fugitives would attempt to venture over the ice to this island.

Referring to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated 2/25/35, it will be noted that Walter Belpash and one "Coolie" Monroe, on February 1, 1935, were taken into custody by Agents from the Detroit and Chicago offices, and upon being questioned, both stated that they usually spent the summer on Middle Island, hence are well acquainted with that territory. Both of these individuals, particularly Monroe, were questioned by Special

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Agent in Charge Connelley, and it was my understanding that a memorandum was prepared by him setting out the result of the interview, which had significant reference to Middle Island. From the above it will be noted that this office has closely kept this island in mind with the view to securing any possible information concerning its inhabitants.

A few days ago Agent Hall contacted Mr. William R. Brown, who operates the Brown Livery Service at Lakeside, Ohio, running speed boats between the mainland and the various islands in Lake Erie, including Middle Island. He advised that with difficulty and by partial use of a boat the island could be reached throughout the winter months. Mr. Brown was contacted last fall by this office and stated that he would cooperate with this office in furnishing any information with regard to Middle Island. Agent Hall is at the present time at Toledo and will contact Mr. Brown within the next few days to determine if he has anything of value to report.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vss
cc SAC E. J. Connelley
St. Paul

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<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;"> RECEIVED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIVISION ONE </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <u>C. J. and Belle Fitzgerald as C. J. and Belle Murphy</u> resided with Elwood S. Yonker and Alleyne Hoyt at Toledo, Ohio, approximately 5-8-34 to 7-5-34 and from latter part October 1934 to 1-16-35 leaving in Buick Club Sedan, Motor #2875177, Serial #2716681 registered to C. J. Murphy, 2110 Washington St., Toledo, Ohio, carrying 1935 Ohio license plates 2871-G; indication destination as either California or Florida. Information received that Frank Gerhardt and Howard Gerhardt who had been at Huron, Ohio, were identical to Harry Sawyer and William Weaver but investigation indicates they are not identical.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Mich., 12-21-34 & 2-25-35. Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, 2-14-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT TOLEDO, OHIO.</u></p> <p>Under date of Feb. 16, 1935, Special Agent in Charge, Wm. Larson and the writer were in Toledo, Ohio to determine if C. J. Fitzgerald was then at the residence of Elwood S. Yonker and Alleyne Hoyt at 2525 Georgetown Ave., Toledo. Agent in charge Larson called Yonker by phone in</p>			
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such a manner that it would appear that it was a long distance phone call from Chicago, using the alias "Cotton" which is used by Volney Davis, and asked Yonker who is commonly known as Al where he could get in touch with "Old Charley" or "Chuck", referring to C. J. Fitzgerald. Yonker advised that he did not know how he could get in touch with him; that he had not seen him since last fall. Thereafter, Agent in Charge Larson made similar calls to Ted Angus at his residence at 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., and to Nig Cousens, 428 1/2 Superior Street, discussed in reference report. Each of these stated they had not seen "Old Charley" since last fall. Ted Angus advised that Al, evidently referring to Yonker, was "Old Charley's" best friend in Toledo. In view of previous activities of Yonker, as is disclosed in previous reports, it was believed highly probable that Yonker might be closely associated with members of the gang. It will be recalled in statement of Paula Harmon contained in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., dated 10-1-35 that it is set forth therein that on one occasion she called at the apartment of Yonker and his paramour Alleyne Hoyt and saw C. J. Fitzgerald there. This was in the summer of 1934.

The writer made casual inquiry in the vicinity of 2525 Georgetown Ave., without revealing his identity or requesting the names of the persons inquired of, to determine if C. J. Fitzgerald or any one answering his description was known to reside at 2525 Georgetown Ave., but the same was without results. Finally, the writer called on Mrs. H. A. Roseland, 2529 Georgetown Ave., which address is adjacent to 2525 Georgetown, she appeared to be a straight forward individual and the writer identified himself to her. She advised that persons known as Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Woods moved into the house of 2525 Georgetown Ave., which house they are supposed to be purchasing, about July of 1934 and had resided there continuously. She advised that Mrs. Wood is employed in some restaurant downtown and that Mr. Wood is apparently unemployed as he is around the house most of the time. Mrs. Roseland advised she never observed any one residing with the Woods and that the only time they would have any company would be in the evening. She stated she had never observed any cars at the Woods which carried out of state license plates. A photograph of C. J. Fitzgerald was exhibited to her and she stated she had never seen any one resembling the photograph at the Woods residence. It should be noted that from Mrs. Roseland's address it is possible to observe the interior of 2525 Georgetown, and it appears highly probable that she was not revealing all the information in her possession. She advised that the Woods had nothing to do with the other neighbors or herself.

The nearest drug store, and the only one in the neighborhood of 2525 Georgetown Ave., is at 2502 Sylvania Ave. Here, S. P. White, a clerk, was interviewed. He advised he has been employed there full time for several months, and stated he did not recall any one answering C. J. Fitzgerald's description frequenting the store. When he viewed C. J. Fitzgerald's photograph, he advised that it appeared familiar and stated he believed he had seen Fitzgerald but was unable to recall when, where, or the circumstances.

At Cleveland, Ohio, the writer discussed with United States Attorney, Emerich B. Freed, the information obtained, indicating the activities of Ted and Bert Angus in connection with various Subjects in this case, at which time he indicated the same was not sufficient to entertain prosecution for harboring. At the same time, the writer advised him that it was believed advisable to question Yonker away from Toledo and at Cleveland. Mr. Freed advised that if Yonker agreed to come voluntarily he could see no objection, and if Yonker objected, he advised in view of his connections he would authorize his being brought to Cleveland for questioning. At this time he also advised that if the writer deemed it productive in this case to pick up Ted Angus or Bert Angus and to detain and question them for a reasonable period, or any other persons who had connections with the gang, he would authorize the same. However, none of these people other than Yonker was questioned and he voluntarily accompanied Agents to Cleveland. It should be noted here that Yonker executed a waiver to accompany Agents to any place desired for interview. At the conclusion of the interview it was not deemed advisable to pick up and question the Anguses or others at this time. It is believed possible that further investigation may develop pertinent information which should be obtained before they are picked up or questioned.

On the evening of Feb. 19, 1935, the writer and Special Agents A. Dickstein and C. E. Smith called at the residence of Elwood S. Yonker, alias Al Yonker, alias Charles W. Wood, alias C. W. Woods, alias Al Woods, alias J. B. King, and his paramour Alleyne Hoyt, alias Mrs. C. W. Wood. Both Yonker and Hoyt were present and permission was requested to search the house to determine if anyone was concealed there, which was granted, and was with negative results. Yonker was requested to accompany the writer and Agent Smith to Cleveland, Ohio, voluntarily for questioning to which he readily agreed. It was believed highly advisable to interview him there, due to the fact that if interviewed at Toledo it was feared that a leak might occur, in view of conditions at Toledo, and that if such leak did occur it might render information secured valueless. Before proceeding to Cleveland, Ohio, Alleyne Hoyt was requested to treat Agents' call and activities in strictest confidence and to indicate to no one that Yonker was being interviewed. So far as it is known at this writing, neither Yonker and Hoyt have revealed the fact that they have been interviewed.

Yonker, Agent Smith and the writer proceeded to Cleveland by auto, where Yonker was interviewed by Agent Smith and the writer. At the outset it appeared that Yonker was concealing certain information. For that reason the writer at noon, Feb. 20, 1935 proceeded to Toledo and interviewed Alleyne Hoyt who supplied considerably more information than was supplied

by Yonker. She was requested to accompany agents to Cleveland for the purpose of confronting Yonker with her statements to which she readily assented and on Feb. 21, 1935 accompanied Agent Dickstein and the writer to Cleveland where Yonker was being interviewed in Room 104 of the Federal Bldg. The trip was made by auto. By the time of the arrival of Alleyne Hoyt in Cleveland, Yonker had supplied considerable additional information which he had previously concealed. Yonker and Hoyt were confronted with each others statement and they both recalled some additional information. A signed statement was obtained at this time from Yonker, but as a subsequent more complete statement was secured from him at the office at Detroit, Mich., on Feb. 26, 1935, it is being quoted herewith:

907 Federal Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan,
Feb. 26, 1935.

I, Elwood S. Yonker, do hereby make this statement to D. E. Hall, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice of my own free will and volition knowing that the same can be used as evidence against me in any competent court.

I was born at Hancock, Maryland on June 15, 1892 and resided there until I was about 20 years of age, moving to Attica, Ohio in 1912. While in Attica I met Gerta Green and a short time later was married to her in Chicago, Ill., although we continued to reside in Attica until about 1916 when we moved to Toledo. I am still married to this woman and as a result of this marriage we have three children; Walter age 17, Ernest age 16, and Lucille age 11. My wife and these children reside at 1431 Norwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and I also reside there part of the time.

My occupation during the past fifteen years has been that of a bootlegger, and during this time, probably 1924 or 1925, I first met C. J. Fitzgerald under the name of C. J. Murphy under which name I have always known him, at Niles Beach, Ohio, near Toledo, where he was running in beer from Canada and I bought some of it from him and sold it.

About 1920 I went to Chicago, Ill., where I worked as a bootlegger on the south side. While in Chicago on the occasion I met Alleyne Hoyt and we started living together. I was in and out of Chicago until about 1922 or 1923 when I returned to Toledo, Ohio. A short time thereafter Alleyne moved to Toledo and obtained work at Dyer's Chop House and we saw each other frequently.

About 1926 Alleyne and I returned to Chicago where I continued my bootlegging and we lived together at an apartment located on Blackstone Ave. near 55th Street. During this period of residence in Chicago we used to visit a saloon operated by Bert Angus and Willie Harrison on State Street in about the 400 block in Calumet City, Ill. I had formerly known Bert Angus and Ted Angus at Toledo where they were bootleggers. Bert Angus introduced me to Willie Harrison at this time. Alleyne and I also saw C. J. Fitzgerald

and his wife Belle in this saloon during this period and this is the first time she ever met them.

About the latter part of 1929, Alleyne and I returned to Toledo and she resumed work as a waitress at Dyer's Chop House and I continued bootlegging.

About the latter part of 1932, Ted Angus was having marital trouble with the woman to whom he was then married, and was securing a divorce from her, and was also purchasing a residence at 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., Toledo, and did not want to buy it in his own name for fear that the woman he was divorcing, whom I knew as Delores, would get hold of it. He asked me to permit him to buy the house in my name for which consideration I could use the second floor flat without paying any rent. I agreed to this and he bought the house in my name and Alleyne and I moved in.

After leaving Chicago in 1929 I did not see Willie Harrison except on a very few occasions until Sept. of 1933 when he called on me at 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., Toledo, and told me he wanted to buy a V-8 Ford to run liquor in and asked me to refer him to a dealer. I accordingly went to Lyman Arnold, a Ford Dealer, in Toledo and told him that I thought I could arrange for him to sell a new car. Arnold said he would pay me a commission if he made the sale. I then took Willie in and introduced him to Arnold mentioning no name and Willie bought a new Ford V-8, but I did not know he used the name of T. C. Blackburn in purchasing this car until later. I did not know at that time either that he used the address of 4214 N. Lockwood Ave. in purchasing this car until advised so several months later by another.

About May 8, 1934, C. J. Fitzgerald and his wife drove up to 4209 N. Lockwood Ave. and told me they were in Toledo for a few days having come from Canada and Fitzgerald told me that he had a deal on whereby he was to import whiskey from Canada and that if the deal went through he would employ me as a salesman. His wife Belle asked Alleyne if they could stay with us for a few weeks to which we agreed. Fitzgerald and his wife spent the night with us at 4209 N. Lockwood Ave. and the following morning they had breakfast with Ted Angus and his woman who live on the first floor at that address. That day Alleyne and I moved to 2110 Washington St. and the Fitzgeralds accompanied us and remained with us in a flat on the second floor of this address until a week or two later when Fitzgerald said he was going to Canada to see how the deal was coming on up there, but never mentioned what place he was going to in Canada; they left in their car. They returned a few weeks later in their car and stayed with us until about the first week in July. Fitzgerald on his return said the liquor deal was still hanging fire and he thought it would go through.

When they left again during the first week in July 1934, they said they were going to Canada again to complete the deal but on this occasion they did not tell me to what place they were going and Fitzgerald asked me to look after his car and to store it for him while he was gone. I stored this car in the garage where my wife and I reside at 1431 Norwood Ave., Toledo and it remained there in storage until January of 1935.

About July 13, 1935, Alleyne and I moved to a house we have been buying in her name at 2525 Georgetown Ave., Toledo. I did not hear from them again until they returned in the latter part of October or the first part of November 1935 when they appeared in a cab, to the best of my recollection. During the time they were gone Alleyne received three letters from Mrs. Fitzgerald; two from San Francisco, California, and one from some place in Montana, and so I knew that they had been out there. Fitzgerald when he returned, said he did not know whether the liquor deal would go through or not. They stayed with us here until January 16, 1935 at which time I had an argument with Fitzgerald, and he said they were leaving and indicated they were either going to California or Canada, but did not indicate where. Before they left I took their car from the garage where I had stored it at 1431 Norwood Ave. to the Davis Motor Sales Co. for a general overhauling inspection. I also took Fitzgerald to the Door Street License Bureau in Toledo where he secured 1935 Ohio license plates which he put on the car. This car was a 1934 Buick Sedan, painted black with a built in trunk on the back and was carrying a 1934 Illinois license, the numbers of which I do not know, but which were for the year of 1934.

During the time that Fitzgerald and his wife Belle were with us in Toledo as is set forth before, they never had any company at our house, nor did they receive or make any long distance telephone calls, with one exception, when they were with us at 2110 Washington Street, when Willie Harrison and another man who I now identify from a photograph as Fred Barker and a woman who I am absolutely unable to identify, came to see Fitzgerald and went into a bedroom and talked to him and I was not in the bedroom. That is the last time I saw Willie Harrison. To the best of my knowledge, the Fitzgeralds never received any mail there.

Fitzgerald was acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus, but to my knowledge they never called on him when he was living with us. During June or July on a couple of occasions I took Fitzgerald to the Casino Club where he talked to Ted and Bert Angus and strangers who were at the bar, but I could not identify or describe them.

(Signed) Elwood S. Yonker

Witnessed:
D. E. Hall
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
907 Federal Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan.

Yonker also stated orally that he positively did not know that Willie Harrison and C. J. Fitzgerald were in any way associated with the Barker-Karpis gang and upon viewing photographs of other members of the gang stated that the only one he ever recalled as having seen was Fred Barker as is set forth in the afore quoted statement and concerning that occasion, he stated that Fred Barker was not introduced to him and when Willie Harrison, Fred Barker and the woman called at his former Washington Street address, they immediately went to the Fitzgeralds' bedroom and he did not go in and does not know what conversation took place. He stated positively that they called in the afternoon and that Alleyne Hoyt was not there. He stated further that when the Fitzgeralds came to 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., about May 8, 1934, they did not tell him who sent them, but he strongly suspicioned it was Willie Harrison. He further advised that Fitzgerald was very crippled in his left leg and told him he had been in an automobile accident. He walked with either a crutch or a cane and the leg seemed to pain him a great deal. On the occasion of the last stay of the Fitzgeralds in Toledo, Fitzgerald stayed in the house practically all of the time and only left the house on 4 or 5 occasions. On one of these occasions he took him to the Casino Club where Fitzgerald talked to Ted and Bert Angus. He stated positively that after he had moved from 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., neither of the Anguses had visited Fitzgerald at his, Yonker's, residence. He further stated that Fitzgerald is acquainted with Nig Cousens and Joe Roscoe both gamblers of Toledo, but if they saw Fitzgerald on the occasion of their last visit in Toledo it was without his knowledge, but he did state that on the last visit on one or two occasions, Fitzgerald had left the house by cab and would be gone all night or maybe two days, and would generally return in a drunken condition, and he was of the opinion he had visited houses of prostitution. He stated that when he resided at 4209 N. Lockwood Ave., he never observed any one living with Ted Angus other than a woman who poses as Ted's wife, but who he does not think Ted is married to.

He stated that when living at this address Ted used his phone on a few occasions, but could not recall of him ever having placed a long distance phone call or receiving one over this phone. He stated that during the time of former Mayor Thatcher in Toledo it was commonly known that Ted Angus was closely alligned with the Mayor and collected protection money for the Mayor from bootleggers and keepers of houses of prostitution. He advised that during the time Fitzgerald was staying with him, he was very close-mouthed and talked very little as to where he had been. He advised that the only communication he had with Fitzgerald was that Fitzgerald had him send a telegram on New Year's day, conveying greetings to Tom Williams,

Vallejo General Hospital, Vallejo, California, and also that he was rooting for Alabama. He further stated that he does not now believe that Fitzgerald ever went to Canada on the occasions he indicated to him that he was going.

Alleyne Hoyt supplied information coinciding with that supplied by Yonker and in addition supplied the following information concerning herself. She is 35 years of age, was born in McComb, Ill., being the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hoyt who shortly after her birth moved to Colchester, Ill., when they resided there for several years, they moved to Kewanee, Ill. When about twenty years of age, she left her parents and went to Chicago to work, where she met Yonker.

She stated that on one occasion during the past summer, Willie Harrison and a couple of other men and a woman had come into Dyer's Chop House and had dinner. She did not wait on them, nor did Willie introduce them, although he did speak to her. Photographs of all members of the gang were exhibited to her, but she could not identify any of them as being the parties with Harrison on this occasion.

Both she and Yonker advised that Fitzgerald and his wife Belle, who they had always known as Murphy talked very little about their travels or anything concerning relatives; however Belle did mention that she had a farm that was run by her brother. She further stated that she had received three letters from Belle at the time before the last they had left Toledo: that she believed two were from San Francisco, California, and one from some place in Montana. She stated she had destroyed these letters and in no instance did Belle give a return address. This was untrue concerning the return address, however. She further advised that on the last occasion when the Fitzgeralds left, Belle had indicated that they were going to Florida and would write.

Alleyne and Yonker both stated that during the day they were away a great deal, and it was possible that people might have called on the Fitzgeralds when they were not there, and if they did have callers, they never mentioned it to them. They also advised that Yonker's wife is not aware of his dual life and that if it should be discovered it will greatly embarrass his children which he does not want to do.

The following are descriptions of Elwood S. Yonker and Alleyne Hoyt as obtained by personal observation:

Name	Elwood S. Yonker	Alleyne Hoyt
Age	42 years	34 years
Height	5' 6"	5' 5"
Weight	180 lbs.	115 lbs.
Hair	dark brown	blonde
Eyes	blue	blue
Build	stocky	slender
Teeth	3 gold uppers	1 gold upper left
Complexion	medium	light
Occupation	bootlegger	waitress
Marital status	married	single
Nationality	American	American
Race	White	White
Relatives:		
Wife - Gerta Yonker, 1431 Norwood, Toledo, O.		Father, Charles Hoyt
Sons - Walter & Ernest, " " " "		Brother Tom Hoyt
Daughter - Lucille, " " " "		Kewanee, Illinois
Residence		
1431 Norwood Ave. or 2525 Georgetown Ave.,		2525 Georgetown Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio.		Toledo, Ohio.

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The Bureau has advised that neither has any criminal record, as they do.

On the evening of Feb. 21, 1935, Agent Dickstein and the writer returned both Yonker and Hoyt to Toledo. Yonker was very worried, being under the impression he could be prosecuted for harboring Fitzgerald and for fear that his wife would learn of his affair with Hoyt, which would break up his home.

Yonker stated he would contact Bert and Ted Angus and secure any information possible as to the location of Fitzgerald and Willie Harrison and also, Joe Roscoe and Nig Cousins. He stated that if he could secure information as to other members, he would. Arrangements were made for him to call on the writer on Feb. 26, 1935 at the Detroit office.

On this date Yonker called at the Detroit Office and advised that he had contacted both Ted and Bert Angus and Nig Cousins, but each advised him that they did not know where either Willie Harrison or C. J. Fitzgerald were. He advised that he had also endeavored to contact Joe Roscoe, but

had not reached him yet. He stated no one was aware of the fact he had been interviewed and he will continue to keep in close touch with these individuals and if they have any information, he believes they will eventually reveal it to him.

[REDACTED]

This was followed by a confirmatory letter of the same date advising that a surveillance of Fitzgerald if located might lead to other members of the gang. Under date of 2-27-35 the San Francisco Office advised by wire that [REDACTED]

Upon receipt of this telegram, the writer communicated with Post Office Inspector F. R. Casey, Toledo, Ohio, by phone and requested the records of the Munroe Street Postal Station be checked to determine [REDACTED]

Accordingly, appropriate wire and confirmatory letter were dispatched to the Los Angeles office with the notation that if discreet investigation was not productive, either Yonker or Alleyne Hoyt will endeavor to communicate with the Fitzgeralds through this address.

Under date of 3-2-35, Yonker again reported that he had contacted Joe Roscoe with negative results and again contacted Bert Angus, Ted Angus and Nig Cousins with negative results as to any information as to the whereabouts of Harrison or Fitzgerald.

It should be noted that under date of 1-30-35 Special Agent J. L. Madala of the Chicago office who was then at Toledo, Ohio, submitted a memorandum setting forth that in November of 1934 when Fitzgerald was a patient at the Vallejo General Hospital in Vallejo, California he was seen driving an automobile with Illinois, 1934 license plates 522-451 which it was ascertained were issued in the name of C. J. Murphy, 7150 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Ill. for a Buick Sedan, Motor #2875177, Serial #2716681. Upon receipt of this information of 1-31-35 a wire was sent to the Motor Vehicle Registrations Bureau, Dept. of Highways, Columbus, Ohio, asking whether said car had been registered in Ohio. Under date of 1-31-35 a reply was received advising that no record was there of this car being registered in the State of Ohio. Upon receipt of further information as to the car in which Fitzgerald had left, and which Yonker described as a Buick Sedan, four doors, painted black and equipped with a radio and built-in trunk, painted black, the writer communicated by phone with the aforementioned Bureau and requested whether said car, giving motor serial number and make, had been registered and licensed under the name of C. J. Murphy or otherwise, and was advised that it was not registered in the State of Ohio.

Yonker when interviewed, stated that he, at the request of Fitzgerald on several occasions had taken Fitzgerald's car to the Davis Motor Sales Co., 1211-15 Munroe St., Toledo, to have work done on it, and that on each occasion he left the car there to have work done on it, he left it in his name, and the last time he took it in, he had the 1935 Ohio license plates placed on it, but he could not recall the number.

On the writer's return to Toledo, on Feb. 22, 1935, Mr. R. H. Eddy, Mgr. of the Davis Motor Sales Co., 1211 Munroe St. was interviewed and the following record of work done on this car was ascertained:

C. W. Woods, 2110 Washington St., brought Buick Sedan, Model 34-91, Illinois 1934 license 522-451 on 6-18-34 to have radio repaired and general inspection. Took it out on 6-19-34.

Al Woods, no address given, brought Buick Sedan, Model 34-91, Illinois 1934 license plates 522-451 into the garage and had it washed, taking it out same day.

C. W. Woods, 2110 Washington St., brought Buick Sedan, Model 34-91, with Illinois 1934 license plates into the garage on 7-3-34 for lubrication and called for it on 7-5-34.

C. W. Woods, 2110 Washington St., brought Buick Sedan, Model 34-91, Ohio 1935 license plates 38719 to the garage on 1-9-35 for a general overhauling and took same out on Jan. 19, 1935. Mr. Eddy advised that his firm had failed to record either the motor or serial number of this car.

Inquiry at the 1200 block on Dorr Street developed that the license registration office, formerly located there was closed about the latter part of January. The writer called at the Toledo Automobile Club, Commodore Perry Hotel, and determined that no such license as 38719 was issued in Lucas County in 1935, but that it might mean 3871G. Accordingly the writer again communicated with the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, requesting the data on 1935 Ohio license 3871G, and was advised that these plates had been issued in the name of C. J. Murphy, 2110 Washington St., Toledo, Ohio for a 1934 Buick Club Sedan, Motor #2875177, Serial #2716681. Immediately on receipt of this information, it was phoned to the Chicago office, Special Agent McIntyre taking the information. Wires were also sent to the St. Paul, San Francisco, and Jacksonville offices, supplying information to the effect that Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Murphy had left Toledo, Ohio, in the afore-described car with 1935 Ohio license, indicating they were going to Florida or California. This was on Feb. 22, and on the 23rd, a confirmatory letter was forwarded to the St. Paul office and to all field offices. It should be noted here that Yonker advised that when the Fitzgeralds left Toledo they had five pieces of black luggage, consisting of either three suitcases or gladstones, and two smaller bags. Elwood Yonker and Alleyne Hoyt also supplied the following description of Belle Fitzgerald:

Age, 42; Height, 5' 5"; Weight, 125 lbs.; Hair, dark auburn; Eyes, dark; Teeth appear to be good; Build, medium; Complexion, dark; Eyeglasses, continuously wears rimless hexagon shaped glasses; Race, white; Nationality, American; Marital Status, apparently the wife of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald.

The Detroit office is in receipt of a letter from the San Francisco office, dated 2-16-35, in the case entitled "John Paul Chase, with aliases; John Hamilton, with alias, I.O. #1220; et al. NMTA; etc." in which it is set forth that the office believes that about Dec. 23 or 24, Thomas C. Williams received a greeting telegram from C. J. Fitzgerald, alias C. J. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio.

Prior to the interview with Yonker, Mr. M. C. Mullins of the Main Office of Western Union had made a search of records at Toledo for such a telegram being sent by Fitzgerald under any of his aliases, from Dec. 22 to 25, 1934, but none were located. Subsequent to interviewing Yonker, who stated he had sent a telegram for Fitzgerald as Murphy on Jan. 1, 1935, Mr. Mullins was again contacted and located the following telegram which was filed at the Main Office on Jan. 1, 1935 at 8:05 P.M.

Thomas Williams
Vallejo General Hospital
Vallejo, California

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL ROOTING FOR BAMA
Murphy

Local address of the sender was given as the Algeo Hotel.

Confidential Informant A, who's name has previously been furnished the Bureau, the St. Paul office, and Special Agent in Charge, Connelley, has been contacted regularly and advised that he had secured no further information except that his wife had related that after recently visiting Ruth Angus and Rene Holst, that Ted Angus was supposed to have received a long distance phone call from a person known as "Cotton" who was supposed to be one of the gang from Chicago, but he knew that it was not "Cotton" as he knew where "Cotton" was.

It should be noted here that Alleyne Hoyt advised that when Belle Fitzgerald left on the last occasion, she stated she would write, but had not done so to date. A thirty day mail cover has been requested and will mail addressed to 2525 Georgetown Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Under date of Feb. 25, 1935, City Marshal James M. Sommer of Huron, Ohio, called the Detroit office by long distance phone and advised that on Feb. 12, 1935 he had arrested Frank Gerhardt for drunk and disorderly conduct and had released him on payment of a fine of \$9.60 which had been paid by his brother and they had left Huron almost immediately. He was not fingerprinted. Upon receipt of identification orders #1238 and 1240 of William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, he believed Frank Gerhardt to be Harry Sawyer and Howard Gerhardt to be William Weaver.

Investigation by Special Agent J. G. Michalek at Huron, Ohio developed that on Jan. 31, 1935 Frank Gerhardt arrived at Huron, Ohio to become Editor of the Erie County Reporter, a rural newspaper, having been employed and sent there by Mr. Carl K. Hart of 2237 Wesley Ave., Evanston, Illinois, who owned the paper. About Feb. 4, 1935 he was joined by his brother, Howard Gerhardt. Only Frank worked on the newspaper, continuing such employment until Feb. 12, 1935 when City Marshal Sommers arrested him for drunk and disorderly conduct and held him until Feb. 13, 1935 when Howard Gerhardt paid the former's fine of \$9.60. These two individuals did considerable drinking and another employee of the paper, Miss Ruth Beatty, communicated with Mr. Hart by long distance telephone and he subsequently discharged Frank from the paper. They left Huron, Ohio on Feb. 17, 1935 stating they were going to Sandusky, Ohio, but left a forwarding address for each of them to the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. During the time they were in Huron, Ohio, they resided at the Huron Hotel.

The following persons who had an opportunity to observe Frank and Howard Gerhardt while they were in Huron, Ohio, examined numerous photographs and Identification Orders and each of them stated that Frank Gerhardt closely resembled Harry Sawyer and that Howard Gerhardt resembled William Weaver.

Miss Ruth Beatty, employed by the Erie County Reporter
Mr. A. Reidy, printer, employed by the Erie County Reporter
Mr. Fred Knopf, Manager of the Huron Hotel
Miss Nettie Knopf, daughter of Fred Knopf.

Subsequent to the departure of the two aforementioned individuals, a letter was received by Marshal Sommers from Mabel Daniels, 1224 Glenview Ave., Waukegan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, inquiring about Frank and Howard Gerhardt. This was forwarded to Miss Marion Clark, 1832 Willowhurst Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, to whom Mr. Hart recently assigned his interest in the paper.

Several specimens of the handwriting of the Gerhardts were secured by Agent Michalek and did not appear similar to either that of Sawyer or Weaver appearing on the Identification Orders. A latent fingerprint was also observed on a beer bottle and two drinking glasses which the Gerhardts were supposed to have handled, which was taken by Agent Michalek to the Cleveland Police Dept. where Mr. Frank Boghin developed two latent prints off the glasses, but neither of them were found to be Sawyer's or Weaver's. It should be noted that Frank Gerhardt registered at the Huron Hotel as from Chicago, Illinois, and Howard Gerhardt registered from Quincy Hotel, no city being given. It should also be noted that Miss Beatty advised that almost every day Frank Gerhardt received a letter from a man named Vogel in Chicago, Illinois, but she could not recall his initials or address.

Investigation by Special Agent W. E. Hopton at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, developed that neither Howard nor Frank Gerhardt is registered there, nor was any record of their registration located. However, a young lady, on or about Feb. 21, 1935, called for mail for Frank Gerhardt there. It was also found that there was a note which had been left for Frank Gerhardt at the Statler Hotel on Feb. 21, 1935 which stated: "Will see you lobby this afternoon 5 p.m., stay here" and signed "Howard". However, this note has never been called for and none of the employees of the hotel could be located who recalled either Howard or Frank Gerhardt or the appearance of the young woman who called for mail for Frank Gerhardt on the 21st. It should be noted that the note left on the 21st was never called for. Arrangements have been effected at the Statler Hotel whereby Agent Hopton will be immediately notified if either Howard or Frank Gerhardt call for mail there or if anyone calls for mail for them, and he would have an opportunity to observe them and question them if he so desires.

These arrangements were effected through Mr. Tipton, the assistant manager. At the time when this investigation was being conducted, a photograph of Myrtle Eaton among others was exhibited at the hotel.

Under date of Feb. 27, 1935, Agent Hopton received a phone call from Mr. Tipton that there was a woman lounging in the Statler Hotel that closely resembled Myrtle Eaton and who he would identify as Myrtle Eaton. Agent Hopton, and Agents Michalek and Risler immediately proceeded to the hotel, but before they reached there, the woman had left. Investigation failed to establish this woman as a guest at the hotel, evidently she was only lounging in the lobby.

Arrangements have been effected at the Statler Hotel whereby if this woman appears again, Agent Hopton who is stationed at Cleveland, will be immediately notified.

Upon receipt of the information from Agent Michalek as recited above, Special Agent in Charge Larson, communicated with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Ill., and requested Carl K. Hart be interviewed to establish definitely the identity of Frank and Howard Gerhardt. Under date of March 1, 1935, the following information was supplied by wire by the Chicago office. Carl K. Hart a reputable citizen with good standing among advertising circles in Chicago advised that Frank Gerhardt was recommended to him by Leon Ferguson, the head of a large publishing firm in Chicago and that, he, Hart dismissed Frank Gerhardt from the paper at Huron, Ohio, on Feb. 13, 1935 upon learning of his drunkenness and misconduct. Investigation by the Chicago office developed that Frank Gerhardt was employed by the advertising section of the Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Ill., for 15 years, leaving said paper in 1925 after which he obtained employment with the Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee, Wis. Both Hart and Ferguson advised that Frank Gerhardt resembled Harry Sawyer, but swear he is not identical. Both advised they knew he had a brother but knew nothing about him. In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted of the Gerhardts.

Reference is made to reference letter to all field offices, dated 2-14-35 from Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, to which there were attached sheets listing members of the "Get Acquainted Club" of Denver, Colorado of which Volney Davis was a member. Special Agent J. K. Collins interviewed Mrs. Mary Cannon, 2314 Strasser Place, Canton, O., and from the interview it was evident that she had never received any communications from Davis under any alias. She stated she had only received one letter from her membership in the club; that she had not saved the letter, and had destroyed it and could not recall the name; however, the writer had described himself and in no way did this fit the description of Davis. In an endeavor to locate Mrs. Rose Ella Taylor, whose address is given as 899 E. 129th St., Cleveland, Ohio, Agent Dickstein called at this address where he interviewed Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Wobben,

the latter being a sister of Mrs. Taylor. She advised that Mrs. Taylor does not live there any longer, but is employed as a house-maid, the address of which is unknown to her, but the phone is Kenmore 2973W. Agent Dickstein called this number, but was unable to get an answer. Mrs. Taylor will be located thru this number and interviewed. The writer interviewed Mrs. Glaidies E. Prindle, 4311 W. 13 mile Rd., Royal Oak, Michigan who advised that since joining the club she had received only two letters, one of which she had destroyed that was from Houston, Texas, which enclosed a photograph of the writer which in no way resembled Volney Davis, and a second from J. Elmer Julian, 301 Stamburgh Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio, whose description and handwriting in no way resemble that of Volney Davis.

Leads to all offices where investigation should be conducted based on information contained in this report has been set forth by letter and telegram.

The Detroit office is continuing investigation at Cleveland, Toledo, and Detroit and other places throughout the territory where advisable.

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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 15, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Further reference is made to my letter of March 11, 1935, and Bureau reply of March 13, 1935, relative to assigning two Agents to duty at the Beaumont Apartments in Kansas City to guard against the possible return of Volney Davis to obtain his personal effects.

Since my letter of March 11, 1935, there has been a report to the Bureau indicating the possibility that Davis might communicate with a girl in Kansas City. To cover that possibility five Agents are being used each night in an apartment near the residence of the girl. In this situation it will hardly be practical to keep Agents at the Beaumont Apartments and I am, accordingly, deferring such action for the time being, awaiting possible developments on the angle involving the girl. However, if no results are obtained from this surveillance within a short time, further consideration will be given to personally covering the Beaumont Apartments.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Mathan

R. B. MATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul

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March 14, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Bremer Kidnaping Case

Mr. Suydam advised by telephone that the St. Paul Dispatch wanted to know if they could take pictures of five of the men who are being held for the Bremer kidnaping. I stated that the matter of taking photographs was not under our control; that these men are not in our personal custody, but are in the custody of the United States Marshal; and that if the United States Marshal wanted to know what our view was in such a matter, our answer would be that we objected to it until they were brought into court, then the pictures could be snapped as they went in or came out.

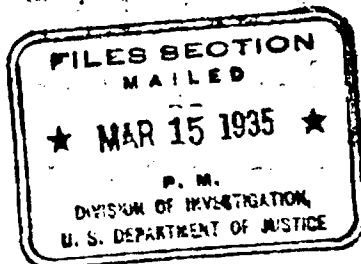
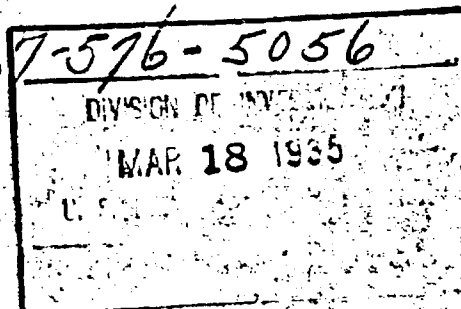
Mr. Suydam said that he would tell the St. Paul Dispatch that the Department was not authorizing the taking of any pictures of prisoners while they are being held; that they would have an opportunity of taking such pictures as the prisoners were brought to and from the court.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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RE BREKID. AUTO ORDNANCE CO REPORTS SUBMACHINE GUN NO 7679 SOLD AND SHIPPED MAY 22, 1933 TO CITY OF SOUTH ST PAUL. MINN. FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS. CERTIFICATION SIGNED BY GEORGE M. KRAMER PRESIDENT OF BOARD. NOTATION ON RECORDS OF AUTO ORDNANCE CO STATES. "BANDITS STOLE THIS GUN FROM OFFICER YOEMAN DURING ROBBERY AT STOCKYARDS NATIONAL BANK, SOUTH ST PAUL, DATE NOT GIVEN. GUN STILL IN BANDITS POSSESSION."

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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 21, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Thompson Submachine Gun No. 7679,
recovered from apartment of Arthur
R. Barker traced to South St. Paul,
Minnesota, Police Department. Stolen
August 30, 1933 during robbery at
Stockyards National Bank, South St.
Paul, Minnesota.

After Arthur R. Barker was taken into custody at Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935 there was recovered from his apartment, 432 Surf Street, a Thompson Submachine Gun from which the serial number had been removed. This gun was forwarded to the Bureau for examination in the Technical Laboratory. After an unsuccessful attempt was made to restore the serial number, Mr. T. F. Baughman submitted the gun to the Ordnance Division of the War Department where an examination of the secret number disclosed the serial No. 7679. The record of the Auto Ordnance Company reflects that this gun was shipped on May 22, 1933 to the City of South St. Paul, Minnesota for the attention of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. The following notation also appears on the record of the distributor, "Bandits stole this gun from officer Yoeman during robbery at Stockyards National Bank, South St. Paul, date not given. Gun still in bandits' possession."

This gun has been the subject of correspondence between the Bureau and Harold E. Stassen, Dakota County Attorney, South St. Paul, Minnesota and Lerle A. Gill, ballisticsian of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Stassen under date of October 3, 1933 advised the Bureau that on August 30, 1933 there was a \$30,000.00 pay roll robbery by machine gun bandits who killed one policeman and wounded another. He advised that one of the bandits had been identified as Verne Miller and that the car used in the robbery had shown up at Chicago, Illinois and was found to have been purchased by George Kelly. The bandit took from one of the policemen a Thompson Submachine Gun, U. S. Navy Model 1928, No. 7669 and two Colt .38 calibre police revolvers No. 581660 and No. 586355. The Bureau in its reply dated October 11, 1933 advised Mr. Stassen that should the machine gun and revolvers come to the attention of this Bureau he would be notified. It is to be noted that Mr. Stassen furnished an incorrect serial number.

Mr. Nathan.....
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Under date of November 30, 1934 Mr. Gill advised that he was assisting in the investigation of the murder of two police officers, one at South St. Paul, Minnesota in August 1933 and one at Chicago, Illinois in September 1933 which had apparently been committed by the same mob of five machine gun bandits. He requested that test bullets and cases fired from the different machine guns recovered by the Bureau be furnished and further requested the Bureau to be on the lookout for Thompson Submachine Gun No. 7679 which was stolen from the officer who was killed at South St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Gill also furnished the same serial numbers for the .38 calibre Colt police revolvers as did Mr. Stassen. The Bureau in its reply, dated December 11, 1934, advised Mr. Gill that the serial numbers of the guns furnished by him have been indexed for future reference. The Bureau further advised Mr. Gill that it could not comply with his request to furnish test bullets and cartridge cases from machine guns recovered by the Bureau because of the tremendous amount of work which such a practice would eventually lead to; that test bullets taken from weapons are maintained at the Bureau and can be submitted in specific cases to law enforcement officials.

The tracing of this Submachine Gun to Arthur R. Barker is of considerable interest in that it further implicates the Barker-Karpis gang in the South St. Paul robbery of August 30, 1933. On September 5, 1934 there was recovered from the apartment, abandoned by Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, a get away chart. This chart was found to start at the scene of this robbery and finally ended in Davenport, Iowa. A latent fingerprint found on this get away chart has been identified in the Technical Laboratory as the fingerprint of Charles J. Fitzgerald, a known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang.

In the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 16, 1934 information is set forth relative to the tracing of the get away chart recovered at Cleveland, Ohio. This report also shows that the messengers of the Stockyards National Bank were held up by six armed bandits and from them was taken \$31,100.00, which was being transferred from the Post Office to the Bank. Chief of Police McAlpine of the South St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department furnished the Agent with the serial numbers of the two Colt revolvers and the Thompson Submachine Gun set forth above.

Memorandum for the Director

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No action has been taken by the Bureau to notify the County Attorney at South St. Paul, Minnesota or Merle A. Gill, ballisticsian at Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby

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March 7, 1935.

Mr. Harold E. Stassen,
County Attorney,
Dakota County,
South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 3, 1933, advising of a \$30,000 payroll robbery by machine gun bandits at South St. Paul on August 30, 1933. You stated that a Thompson submachine gun, U. S. Navy Model 1928, No. 7669 and two Colt .38 calibre police revolvers, No. 581660 and No. 586355, were taken by the bandits at the time of the robbery and you requested to be notified in the event any of these weapons were recovered by this Bureau.

On January 8, 1935 Arthur R. Barker, who is presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, was taken into custody by Special Agents of this Bureau as he was leaving an apartment at 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois. There was recovered from this apartment a Thompson submachine gun, the serial number of which had been obliterated. Through an examination of the records of the Auto Ordnance Company of New York advised that their records reflect that this gun had been shipped May 22, 1933 to the City of South St. Paul, Minnesota, and was later stolen from Officer Yeoman during the robbery at the Stock-yards National Bank.

It is apparent that this gun is the one referred to in your letter dated October 3, 1933 and, therefore, is being returned to the City of South St. Paul, Minnesota, attention of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, under separate cover, together with a copy of this letter.

Please be advised that this Bureau has retained in its Technical Laboratory specimens fired from this machine gun, as well as numerous other guns recovered from members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang. Should you desire an examination and comparison with the specimens of any ballistic evidence recovered in connection with any crime in which members of this gang are suspected, the gratuitous services of the Technical Laboratory of this Bureau are at your disposal.

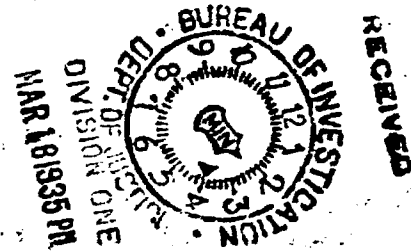
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CC- City of South St. Paul,
Attention - Board of Police
and Fire Commissioners,
South St. Paul, Minn.
DIVISION OF
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CC - St. Paul, Minn.

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 14, 1935



Mr. George E. Hill,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the mail covers established at
Tulsa and vicinity on the mail of relatives of the Karpis
gang, you are no doubt aware of the fact by letters
to the Postmasters certain of these covers have been discon-
tinued as the desired results have been obtained.

It is desired, however, that certain covers be
continued, and due to the fact that the usual thirty or sixty
day periods have expired, it is respectfully requested that
the mail covers on the following persons and addresses be
continued indefinitely and until further advice is received
from this Office:

212 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which
is the residence of the family of Harry Campbell;

1860 East 8th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is the
residence of Mrs. Ruby Lamberson, sister of Volney Davis;

418 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is
the residence of Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis.

In connection with this last address, it is possible
that she has changed the address of her residence.

Your cooperation in this matter and the courtesies
you have previously extended Agents of this Office are deeply
appreciated, and we shall also appreciate your having these
covers continued and tracings forwarded direct to this Office,
it being for the attention of our file number 7-36.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 818
Chicago, Illinois

March 15, 1935

Hon. Ernest J. Krueger
Postmaster
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218-FUG.
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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of March 10, 1935, in which it was respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on all first class mail received by Miss Elizabeth Tracy at her residence, 2718 North Ridgeway Avenue, or at her office, which is the Civil Service Commission Room on the sixth floor of the City Hall.

I wish to correct this request and to make this additional request that the mail cover be placed on both of the above addresses rather than at either one or the other.

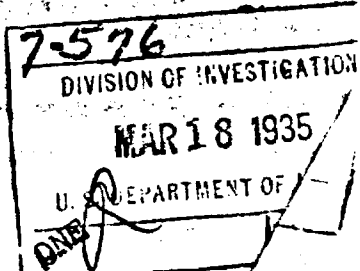
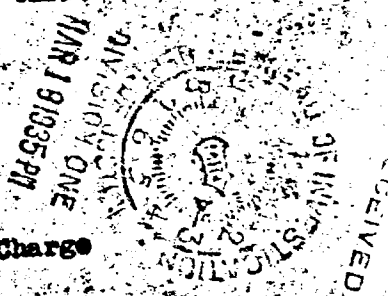
When forwarding tracings to this office, kindly refer to our file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I remain

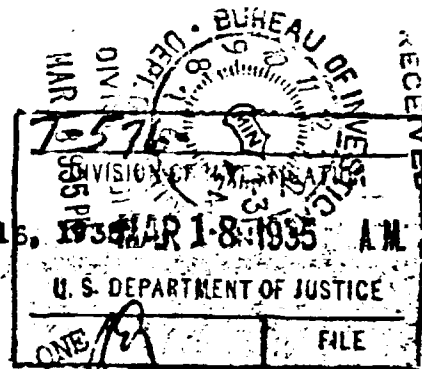
Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois



Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I. O. 1240;
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request made in your letter of March 4, 1935, Special Agent W. H. Lorry of this Office called yesterday at the Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital, Hines, Illinois, and contacted Mr. W. E. Nugent, Adjudication Officer.

Mr. Nugent procured the file of Bryan Bolton, C-1,254,456, and also the file of Byron H. Bolton, C-617,302. An examination of these files reflected that confusion had resulted from the similarity of the names and the errors in filing which had followed were corrected immediately.

A review of Bryan Bolton's file made by Mr. Nugent reflects that Bolton was receiving \$100 monthly by reason of his disability, viz., tuberculosis. These payments stopped in May of 1929, having last been forwarded to Albuquerque, New Mexico. At that time they were discontinued by reason of the fact that Veteran's address was unknown and he had failed to cooperate with the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Nugent further stated that the Government can resume payments to Bolton, but that no part of the money not paid in the interim since May 1929 will be paid under any circumstances. If Veteran's tubercular condition is now arrested and his disability is service connected the Government will pay \$50 monthly, however, if his condition is active the Government will pay the full amount to which he may be entitled, depending on the percentage of disability and this sum will be paid him even though he be incarcerated in a penal institution.

However, he will be expected to see that his family is well provided for out of these payments.

Mr. Nugent further stated that the file will be immediately released to the Veterans Administration at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that when it is received by that Office the case will be reopened and the Veteran given an examination.

The letter of Mr. Nugent dated February 21, 1935 addressed to Mr. Byon H. Bolton, Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, forwarded by you to this Office is being enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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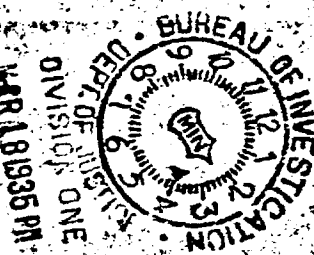
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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

March 14, 1935



Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH MORAN,
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM HEAVER,
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY CARTER,
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM HARRISON,
with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE LUTON, with
aliases, I.O.#1241; OLIVER A. BING, with
aliases, FUGITIVE; ETAL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

During the afternoon of March 14, 1935, JESS DOYLE was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail, at which time he stated that he had considerable clothing in his car at the time he was taken into custody; that same consisted of one black Gladstone suitcase, which belonged to him, and one Gladstone suitcase, which belonged to Doris, also a zipper bag. Also, that there was a quantity of loose clothing in the back of the car, which belonged to DORIS, and that possibly some of the women's clothing belonged to EDNA MURRAY. He stated that it is his understanding that the United States Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, took possession of this property and that he desired very much to secure his property and was willing that DORIS should claim her own property.

Inasmuch as there is a possibility that DOYLE may be used as a Government witness during the coming trial, I should like to suggest that any effort made with a view to having DOYLE'S clothing forwarded to him at St.Paul would possibly be worth while.

Very truly yours,

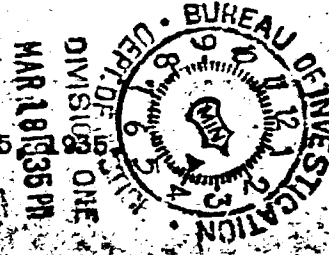
D.M.LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 15



Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 889,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH 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;
OLIVER ABERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to your letter of March 12, 1935,
requesting a mail cover on the residence of Belle Born, near
Mankato, Minnesota, and that the assistance of Herbert L. Crane
be solicited.

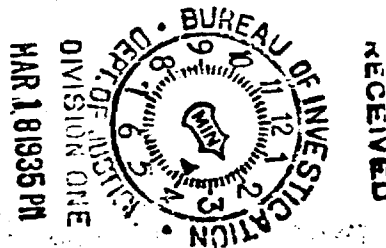
I instructed Special Agent Noonan, who conducted the
investigation at Mankato, not to contact Crane or place a mail
cover; in view of a teletype from the Bureau to this office,
dated February 25, 1935, directing that a stop order against
the Buick Club Sedan of Fitzgerald's be disregarded. Inasmuch
as it appears Fitzgerald has not been apprehended, I am today
requesting the Postmaster to place a mail cover on Belle Born's
residence, and will have contact made with Crane at an early
date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

March 15, 1935.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with
aliases, I.O. 1232; Harry Campbell
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1236;
Volney Davis with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. 1237, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto the review report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey of this office, dealing solely with the activities of Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton who originated in this district. In accordance with the conference in Chicago during the early part of January, this office will act as a supervising office on all the leads pertaining to Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton. It is suggested therefore that you have copies of this report photostated or mimeographed and sent to each of the other field offices which are not listed on this report.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Pat. D., Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

Minneapolis

March 6, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelly,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;
DR. JOE J. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
WILLIAM FLAVER, 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.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Referring to previous correspondence relating to the status of the subject Bryan Bolton, with the Veterans Administration Facility, I am attaching hereto a letter received by him from W. B. Nugent, Adjudication Officer, Hines, Illinois, which is in reply to a letter directed to the Manager of the Veterans Administration at Minneapolis. This office has endeavored to procure the necessary papers for the transfer of this subject's file from Hines, Illinois to Minneapolis so that Bolton may undergo the necessary physical examination in connection with the reinstatement of his claim.

It appears that one BYON or BYRON H. BOLTON, claim number 617302 who is not the subject, had his papers transferred to the Veterans Administration Facility at Hines, Illinois from the Minneapolis Office. No satisfactory reply could be obtained from the Minneapolis office regarding the subject's claim inasmuch as they have consistently confused his claim with that of BYON or BYRON H. BOLTON.

The subject who enlisted in the United States Navy under the name of BRYAN BOLTON has claim number 1,254,456 and his file is now at Hines, Illinois. He enlisted in the United States Navy on May 11, 1917 at Springfield, Illinois; was assigned to the U.S.S. Bridgeport; transferred to the U.S.S. Santa Olivia, and was discharged at the U.S.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois on August 12, 1919.

Inasmuch as this subject will be a very material witness in the trial of the above entitled case, efforts are being made to facilitate the reinstatement of his claim so as to provide for his family while he is serving his sentence and thus maintain this subject's attitude toward the prosecution of this case. Accordingly will you inform Mr. W. B. Nugent,

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Adjudication Officer, Veterans Administration Facility, Hines, Illinois, that the veteran Bryan Bolton, claim number 1,254,456, desires that his file be forwarded to the Veterans Administration Facility of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in accordance with his communication which is referred to in the attached letter from Mr. Nugent to the subject. The signature of the subject is on the enclosed communication.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge.

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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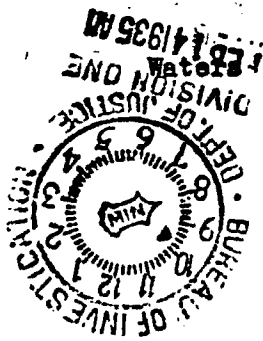
Pittsburgh, Pa. February 12, 1935.

R. B. Nathan
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri.

BREKID INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT CLIFFORD MUSSER FORMER POSTMASTER SHEPHERDSTOWN WEST VIRGINIA CORRESPONDED WITH WIFE OF FORMER SHERIFF KELLEY WEST PLAINS MISSOURI RELATIVE WHEREABOUTS KARPIS SUGGEST KELLEYS WIFE BE INTERVIEWED OBTAINING DETAILS CONTENTS CORRESPONDENCE STOP INFORMATION DEVELOPED HERE INDICATES KARPIS HAS RELATIVE SHEPHERDSTOWN AND VISITED THERE WITHIN PAST TWO YEARS

JJW:F
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cc Division
St. Paul
E.J. Connelley, P.O. Box 829, Chicago.



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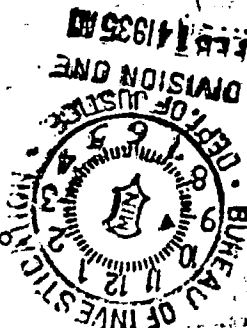
Pittsburgh, Pa. February 12, 1935.

Wm. Larson
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building
Detroit, Michigan

BREKID INVESTIGATION REVEALS KARPIS WITHIN RECENT YEARS HAS VISITED HIS AUNT MRS WILLIAM RUTHERFORD SHEPHERDSTOWN WEST VIRGINIA STOP GEORGE SISSLER HER BROTHER-IN-LAW OPERATES GASOLINE STATION MASSILLON OHIO SUGGEST APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AND COVER PURPOSE DEVELOPING WHETHER SUBJECTS CONTACTED SISSLER

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St. Paul
E.J. Connelley, Box 829, Chicago



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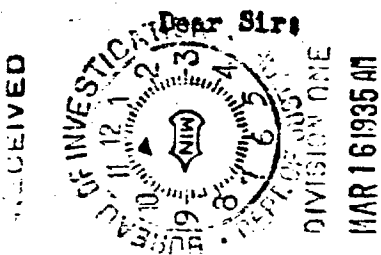
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

March 14, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
Special Assignment
Chicago, Illinois



RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. No. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. No. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. No. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. No. 1240; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRIMER - Victim; Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 14, 1935, in the above entitled matter relative to the application made by Volney Davis under the alias of George Lawrence Harper to "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", Box 1251, Denver, Colorado.

Please be advised that Mrs. J. H. Blalock, Box 141, Willow Springs, North Carolina, and Mrs. Gladys McQuay, Post Office Box 237, Charlotte, North Carolina, have been interviewed, as these are the only two correspondents appearing on the list which was furnished Volney Davis. Both of these women advised that they have never received any communication from George Lawrence Harper or from Volney Davis under any of his known aliases. Both of these women were supplied with the address and telephone number of the Charlotte Office, and they promised to immediately advise this office in the event they received any correspondence from Davis under any of his known aliases.

Very truly yours,

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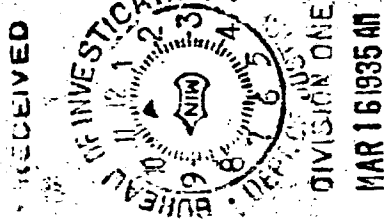
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T. M. STAPLETON, MAR 16 1935 A.M.
Special Agent in Charge
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

March 14, 1935

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

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. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

At the time of the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville,
Illinois, I am advised that the handcuffs and leg irons which had
been removed from him were turned over to you by Special Agents
Trainer and Stakem. These irons were the personal property of
Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office, and it is accordingly
requested that they be returned if they have served their purpose
with you.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

March 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Butte, Montana

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232;
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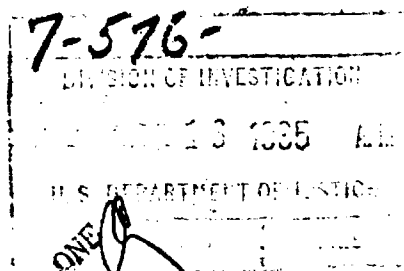
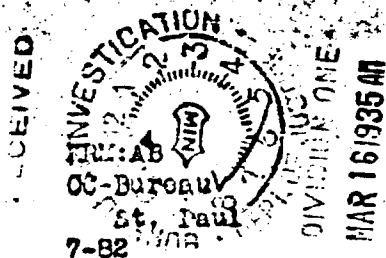
Dear Sir:

I wish to call your attention to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 11, 1935, on page 7 of which reference is made to the possibility of Volney Davis going to Coulee Dam, Montana.

This is pointed out for such investigation as you deem appropriate at that place.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)



P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

March 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;
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KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 14, 1935, on page 9 of which it is noted that William Weaver, in the name of J. A. Ware, purchased a car from T. H. Jacob of Wausau, Wisconsin. It is noted that Mr. Jacob is in charge of the Marathon Motor Company at Wausau.

When next an agent is in the vicinity of Wausau, Wisconsin, it is desired that the specific identity of the automobile reported to have been purchased by J. A. Ware be secured and furnished this office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 UNIT #3

3-16-1935.

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

Unit Four

☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Mechanical Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five

☐ Identification Unit
☐ Statistical Section
☐ Technical Laboratory

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ARTHUR BARKER

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

March 4, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelly,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
St. Paul File #7-30

Replying to your letter of the first instant. The United States Attorney at St. Paul has been interviewed and has requested that a summary report in the above entitled matter be prepared and a copy furnished him on or about March 15, 1935. He has stated that this case will be tried at about the second week in April. No definite date has as yet been set but as a large number of witnesses will be subpoenaed he would like to have the report in his possession on the date specified so that he may use it in subpoenaing necessary witnesses for trial.

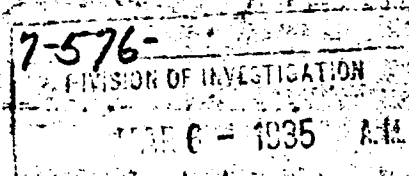
Accordingly will you have the agent from the Chicago office who will corroborate with the agent of the St. Paul Office in the preparation of this summary report proceed to St. Paul at an early date as possible.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 11, 1935

H.J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
P.O.Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.O.#1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRI-
SON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON,
with aliases, I.O.#1241; OLIVER A. BERG,
with aliases, FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE
HARRER, Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant relating to OLIVER A. BERG, Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office conferred with United States Attorney George Sullivan, at St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning the suggestion made by Assistant United States Attorney Hassenauer, of Chicago, to the effect that Mr. Sullivan forward a certified copy of the indictment and bench warrant direct to the Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Mr. Sullivan stated that such a procedure would be improper as the marshal at Chicago would not have any writ to serve on BERG in the event of BERG'S parole, or expiration of sentence, and that a certified copy of the indictment against BERG, together with bench warrant bearing the marshal's non-est return, should be forwarded to the United States Attorney in Chicago so that a fugitive warrant may be obtained at Chicago and filed with BERG'S commitment at the Illinois State Penitentiary, at Joliet.

Accordingly, on this date, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, forwarded a certified copy of the indictment against BERG, together with bench warrant bearing non-est return, to the United States Attorney at Chicago.

It is suggested that an agent of the Chicago Office confer with the United States Attorney at Chicago with respect to filing a complaint.

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for fugitive warrant before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, and that such fugitive warrant, or due notice thereof, may be filed with BEEG'S commitment at the Illinois State Penitentiary, at Joliet, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

March 4, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.
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I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases,
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 1,
1935, in which you advised that you have received confidential in-
formation to the effect that on the night Bremer was released at
Rochester, Minnesota, there were two men and two ladies in the lobby
of the Kahler Hotel and they were shortly thereafter joined by three
men, and that Mr. Guy DeLong, manager of the Kahler Hotel, has been
reported to have stated that he has identified a picture of KARPIS
as being one of the parties in the hotel on that night.

Please be advised that this matter is being put in
line for immediate attention and that a report on same will be sub-
mitted to your office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 4, 1935.

Mr. E.J. Connelly,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, Fugitive;
DR. JOSE J. 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.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Referring to your letter to the Director under date of February 10, 1935, concerning property of HAROLD ALBERTSON and EDWARD FARMER.

Subject Farmer has been interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul and has stated that none of his property is being held in the Chicago Bureau Office and that his previous statement was of a whimsical nature when made at the time that the other subjects requested that their property be forwarded to St. Paul.

Yours very truly,

D. H. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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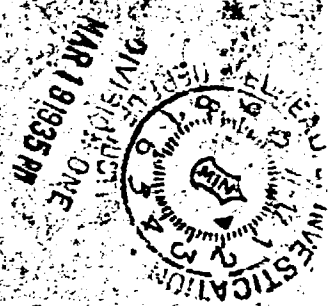
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Room 1403
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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March 18, 1935.

Mr. J. J. Doran,
Post-Office Inspector in Charge,
General Post-Office,
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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

Attention of Inspector H. N. Graham

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith for your
information copy of the criminal record of CASSIUS M. McDONALD,
together with a photograph of this party.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. J. E. Hanson,
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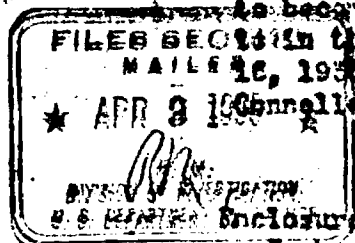
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SAYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM
J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239;
MYRTLE BAYON, with aliases, I.O.#1241.
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated March 13, 1935, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge at Jacksonville, Florida by B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, with which are transmitted copies of a paper dated March 10, 1935 which was furnished to Agent Fitzsimons by one Paul G. Jeans, Editor and General Manager of the Miami Beach Tribune, Miami Beach, Florida.

You will note that certain allegations are contained in the paper to the effect that certain individuals have information concerning the presence of Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida.

The Bureau desires that the persons mentioned be discreetly interviewed for whatever information they may have which will prove of assistance in the prosecution of those subjects presently under indictment. The Bureau, of course, does not desire to become involved in the local political situation which is referred to in the letter of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, dated March 12, 1935, a copy of which is also transmitted herewith and to Mr. Connelley, at Chicago, and to the St. Paul Office.



Enclosure No. 871985.
cc-Jacksonville
E. J. Connelley
St. Paul

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 16, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the investigation being conducted within the District of the Jacksonville Office, in the ALVIN KARPIS; et al - Kidnaping case, for the Bureau's information I am enclosing three copies of a letter dated March 13, 1935, from Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, and to each is attached a copy of a paper dated March 10, 1935, which was furnished to Agent Fitzsimons by Paul G. Jeans, Editor and General Manager, Miami Beach Tribune, Miami Beach, Florida. Both of the enclosures are self-explanatory.

No investigation with reference to the information in the enclosures will be made by this Office until the Bureau's advice is received.

Conditions in the Administration of Miami's affairs at this time are in a state of chaos. Political factions are numerous. They are aligned against each other. The Miami Beach Tribune is aligned with several of these factions, opposing certain others, and will use every means, fair or foul, to get information, founded or unfounded, to publish in an attempt to embarrass the present Administration and others.

It is my personal opinion that this paper in contacting the Office of the United States Attorney at Miami, and Agent Fitzsimons, was endeavoring to enlist the facilities of the Bureau and in the event investigation was made based on the information furnished, that publicity would follow to the effect that the Bureau was presently investigating affairs within the Administration of the City of Miami.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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Miami, Florida,
March 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you on the evening of March 12, 1935, and my telegram of this date, please be advised that upon my return to Miami, about ten o'clock on the evening of March 12, 1935, I was advised that Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling had called my home in my absence and desired that I communicate with him.

Upon communicating with Mr. Gramling he advised me that Cassius McDonald had appeared at his office on the afternoon of March 12, 1935, stating that he had just made bond in the amount of \$15,000.00; that he was departing for Detroit, Michigan at 9:30 that same evening, and that, in accordance with instructions of Special Agents of the Bureau, he was reporting to Mr. Gramling relative thereto. Mr. Gramling stated that the appearance of McDonald at his office was the first intimation he had that bond had been reduced for McDonald.

Through inquiry of the Clerk, United States District Court, Miami, and by reference to his records on the morning of March 13, 1935, it was ascertained that on March 11, 1935, United States District Judge Halsted L. Ritter, Miami, signed an order reducing the bond of Cassius McDonald from \$25,000.00 to \$15,000.00, at the request of the defendant. The records further disclose that on March 12, 1935, McDonald, through his attorney J. Walter Kehoe, Miami, posted a bond of \$15,000.00 in cash, returnable at Miami on April 22, 1935, before United States Commissioner Lloyd Hooks.

I had no further conversation with Mr. Gramling concerning the bond in question. However, it is my personal opinion that the reduction of bond and resultant order for same, signed by the United States District Judge, could not have been effected without prior consultation with the Assistant United States Attorney, since he is an interested party. Yet, as above-mentioned, Mr. Gramling stated that he was unaware of the proceedings.

During my conversation with Mr. Gramling he also

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stated that he had been informed by [redacted] that one Troyana, an agent for the American Express Company at Miami, and who is considered as reliable, that Troyana had received information to the effect that after Karpis had made connections with Heller at Havana, Cuba, a plot was formed to kidnap A. I. DuPont who has an estate on Varadero Beach, Cuba, in close proximity to the place that Heller obtained for Karpis; that Heller is cognizant of the plot and assisted Karpis in making arrangements. It was also reported, by Gramling, that the plot had progressed to the extent that Karpis, with the assistance of Heller, had chartered a boat on which DuPont was to have been held a captive pending payment of the ransom demanded.

I interviewed [redacted] this morning concerning the information above mentioned, and he stated that Troyana, who, in his opinion is thoroughly reliable, had informed him relative thereto; that Troyana had gone to Palm Beach and was expected to return to Miami during the late afternoon of March 13, 1935. However, Troyana, had not returned by late evening and interview with him was not had.

During the conversation Mr. Gramling also stated that he had been informed by members of the Miami Beach Tribune that they had some information concerning the Karpis case which would involve City officials of Miami, and Gramling declined to receive the information, by telephone or without the presence of a witness, referring the Tribune officials to this agent. They telephoned my home in my absence and requested that I communicate with them on my return. After communicating with Mr. Carmack of the Tribune, by telephone, he stated that he was in possession of information which would connect S. D. McCreary, Manager of Safety, Robert Knight and Joe Adams with Karpis and members of his mob. Mr. Carmack declined to divulge the nature of his information telephonically, claiming that his telephone wires were tapped and agreed to meet agent the following afternoon. However, he failed to keep the appointment, and communication was therefore had with Paul G. Jeans, Editor and General Manager, Miami Beach Tribune, Miami Beach, Florida, who stated that he would furnish agent with a copy of the information in possession of that newspaper. Accordingly Mr. Jeans was interviewed by Agents Goshorn and the writer at which time he furnished a copy of the information in his possession which is transmitted herewith for your information.

Subsequent to the receipt of the information in possession of the Miami Beach Tribune agent talked with Mr. Gramling who stated that Mr. Carmack had called on him and had furnished him with similar information. On this occasion Mr. Gramling informed that he had received the same information several weeks ago; that he had referred it to Special Agent in Charge Hanson for attention, but inasmuch as no mention is made concerning it in Hanson's report he does not know whether it was checked.

Of possible interest to you, and in this same connection, it may be stated that the Miami Beach Tribune has been attacking the City officials of Miami for several months; particularly concerning the indicted officials. They have resorted to the yellow-journal type of news

reporting. In fact they have attacked city officials in a manner that has no precedent. Their reporters have been cited for contempt of court on one occasion; there have been suits and counter-suits between the newspaper officials and the Mayor of Miami. On March 12, 1935, an indictment charging S. D. McCreary, Manager of Safety and Frank Mitchell and others with conspiracy to obstruct justice was nolle-prossed, because of lack of evidence. The Tribune officials, naturally, were disgruntled and immediately after that they communicated with Mr. Gramling desiring to report the information which is contained in the copy attached hereto.

Obviously this information has been in possession of the newspaper officials for some time, although as will be noted on the attached copy it is dated March 10, 1935. They are determined to convict City officials through their newspaper irregardless of Court action. I definitely informed Mr. Jeans that no investigation would be instituted until authority from my superiors had been received. I also informed him that under no circumstances should any publicity be given, either to the information he had received or to the interview with me. He agreed that nothing would be said, but I do not trust him nor do I have any faith in any officials of that newspaper.

I am submitting his information, as above stated, for your information and such disposition as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. F. Fitzsimons
Special Agent.

March 10 1935.

Jack Mitchell living at the ROBERTS HOTEL, says that during the month of December 1934 he saw on different occasions, Karkis, Joe Adams, S.D. McCreary T.R. (Bob) Knight together that he saw them go in to the RISING SUN Restaurant for meals has seen them go up in the elevator in the Fla National Bank Bldg and was told by the elevator boy, known as Red (does not know his full name) that he took them to Joe Adams pent house on the roof of same building time after time, he further states that there was another man with them at different times but he did not recognize him.

Mitchell says he has never told this to any one but if he had a subpoena

he would be willing to testify, and he wants to see the mugs of both Karkis

and the man that was with him so he will be absolutely sure of the identification. He says he is quite sure he has seen both the women with these men mentioned above and wants to see their mugs also. Mitchell is a uniform copper and an old ex conductor and is good on identification.

Eddie Harper also states that during the recent Grand Jury Investigation

Sidney Broom City Detective told him that he saw Karkis at the El Comodoro

Hotel, that it was generally known at Police Headquarters that Karkis was

there and that they were not allowed to arrest him, that he tried to get

the superior officers to have it done but was not allowed.

Would suggest that the D.J. Agents get these witnesses before them at the

earliest possible moment, this may be good evidence as it looks to me

like it ties McCreary Knight and Adams together with Karkis etc.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Backus	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
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Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Schilder	_____
Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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

SAC Dickason telephoned from Butte to advise that Agent Costello has become ill and that it will be necessary for him to remain at Butte for the next ten days, thereby uncovering the plant at Glasgow, Montana.

In view of the set-up at Glasgow I advised Mr. Dickason that it would not be necessary to replace Costello unless he heard to the contrary from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

In the Alvin Karpis, et al, Bremer kidnaping case, please refer to my report of March 13, 1935, which reflects that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, during an interview with me at the Duval County Jail in Jacksonville, Florida, on March 12, 1935, indicated quite positively that when arraigned on the charges pending against them in the Southern District of Florida, they would plead guilty. A copy of this report was supplied to the United States Attorney here.

This morning Edith House, Assistant United States Attorney, called at the Jacksonville Office, advising that if it was satisfactory with the Bureau she would endeavor to make arrangements so that Delaney and Burdette could be arraigned before Federal Judge Louie Strum at Jacksonville, rather than to have them removed to Miami for arraignment before Federal Judge Halsted Ritter.

I informed Miss House that I believed this arrangement, if effected, would be satisfactory to the Bureau. However, I told her that the matter should be held in abeyance for a very short time until I was able to communicate with Mr. Connelley in Chicago, and the Bureau in Washington.

In a long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Connelley, he informed that he was of the opinion that this arrangement would be quite satisfactory, but suggested that the matter be referred to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau.

I immediately communicated with Mr. Tamm, who, too, was of the opinion that this would be proper procedure. I immediately got in touch with Assistant United States Attorney, Edith House, who stated that she would endeavor to make the arrangements aforementioned.

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During my conversation with Mr. Tamm I advised him of the receipt of a letter from Assistant United States Attorney, W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, Florida, under date of March 9, 1935, and furnished him with pertinent parts of the information contained therein, specially with reference to the additional investigation Mr. Gramling had requested in Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

Mr. Tamm suggested that copies of this letter be forwarded to the Bureau. Two copies of same are being enclosed, one copy is being furnished the St. Paul Office and one to Mr. Connelley in Chicago.

The Bureau's attention is also invited to the last Paragraph on Page 3 of Mr. Gramling's letter, with reference to the investigation and surveillance of the Jury that will be selected to try the cases pending in this District at Miami, Florida. Mr. Gramling advised in a telephone conversation yesterday in reference to his letter, that he believed that this should be done.

In this connection the Bureau's advice will be appreciated. However, I desire to state that personally I am not in favor of this procedure.

Mr. Gramling attached to his letter aforementioned, a long hand memorandum, addressed to me marked confidential, in which he stated:

"If it is not out of order - don't you think Roger Main (Former Resident Agent at Miami, Florida) should be consulted about the Jury angle? He knows the set up better than anyone else and is familiar with a large part of the case."

Resident Agent Fitzsimons, Miami, Florida, in a memorandum to the Jacksonville Office, and during a telephone conversation on other matters, advised that Mr. Gramling had stated to him that after reviewing reports of Special Agent in Charge, J. H. Hanson, and Special Agent R.D. Brown, concerning investigations conducted at Miami and Havana, he feels that additional investigation will be necessary at both places in order to develop further circumstances to strengthen the Government's case.

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2/ Mr. Gramling suggested particularly additional interviews with Officials of the National City Bank, one Harris and his wife, Negrette, a taxi-driver, who is alleged to have chauffeured "Cash" McDonald on his trips to Havana, the Chinaman, Jimenez and Rene Bolivar, all of the aforementioned persons being located in Havana.

2/ He also suggested that he be furnished with copies of pertinent reports in this matter which will indicate the exact part played by Karpis, et al. Mr. Gramling claims that information in that respect will be necessary for him to link their subsequent acts, and those of the defendants to the charges pending in Florida.


7/ Mr. Gramling also advised Agent Fitzsimons that he has received authority to proceed to Havana for the purpose of questioning witnesses and others who are believed to have pertinent information still undeveloped. He likewise intimated that he desired the assistance of an Agent of the Bureau at such time as he may proceed to Havana.

Special Agent Fitzsimons has been instructed to render every possible co-operation to Mr. Gramling in making further investigations at Miami, such as he may suggest, which are reasonable.

7/ Pursuant to my suggestion to Mr. Tamm, and approved by him, it is my intention during the latter part of this week or the first of next, to have Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, proceed to Miami with such previous reports in this case as are believed to contain information pertinent to the successful trials of defendants in Florida.

It is my opinion that if additional investigation is to be made in Havana, it should be conducted by either Special Agent R. D. Brown, or S. K. McKee, since they have valuable contacts in Cuba which were made during their investigation in Havana, and are familiar with this case and the activities of all persons involved in Cuba. However, I am informed locally that because of the present revolution in Cuba that it would be extremely difficult to conduct interviews in Havana at the present time.

Very truly yours,


R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
cc - St. Paul
Mr. Connelley in Chicago.

Jax # 7-24

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Southern District of Florida

Miami, March 9, 1935.

Mr. R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Alt:

Re: United States v. Joe H. Adams,
et al.

The writer has as thoroughly as possible reviewed the case reports of the various agents investigating the angles in the above matter and there appear to be quite some items upon which we should be informed.

In order to get a thorough understanding as to the background of this case we believe that we should be furnished with copies of all prior and subsequent reports bearing upon the Bremer kidnapping and those implicated either directly or indirectly therein, to the end that certain questions which arise in the preparation of the case may be taken care of.

For your information all that is known by the writer relative to the Bremer kidnapping from any authoritative source is what can be obtained from the indictment for conspiracy to kidnap, therefore this background is, we believe, quite important.

In going over Mr. Hanson's report on page 101 thereof reference is made to a phone call to Chicago which was to be checked up on by Agent Connolly, however we have heard nothing from that and believe that should be taken care of.

It appears that a man named Gray is working as Assistant Manager of El Comodoro Hotel who has been interviewed twice by agents working on this case and who from the report is either a subject for prosecution or should be made a government witness, therefore a detailed statement should, we believe, be made as to the contacts had with this party and he should be thoroughly worked over to determine just what he knows and what information he has imparted to Joe Adams and others involved.

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The night before the women, Burdette and Delaney, were moved from Miami, Special Agent Fitzsimons and the writer went to the jail to interview the women but we were unable to obtain much information from them though we did break down the statement made in Chicago by the Burdette woman and we determined the whereabouts of the Delaney woman at the time the gang was broken up in Ohio, which matter Mr. Fitzsimons is, we understand, making the subject of a special report, however we found that these women are deathly afraid of agents Connolly and Medalie, and while they did not talk to us very freely it is believed by the writer that they would, if properly worked on by either of the two named agents or some one able to spend quite some time on the matter, make a more clearer and more complete statement.

In going over the Cuban angle of the reports we find that there are quite some leads which have not been gone over and developed and which should be traced down as far as possible, of course we realize that this investigation in Cuba was rather hurriedly handled and the agents handling that angle, we believe, did an excellent piece of work, however it is apparent that they were being rushed and they of course were not familiar with the background of conditions existing in that place, which apparently hampered them considerably.

2 | The writer believes that the witnesses in Cuba should be interrogated thoroughly and their statements taken in question and answer form to determine their exact knowledge and means of obtaining knowledge. This it is true, might not be necessary as to Americans but it has been the writer's experience in the practice of law involving Cuban clients and other Latins, that the witness is prone to draw upon his imagination and then be broken down on cross-examination, which would seriously damage our case or cases here, therefore it is believed by the writer that this matter should be taken care of; furthermore since Nathan Heller is back in Cuba it is believed that no time should be lost in clearly obtaining this testimony.

It will be necessary for alien witnesses to be brought to this country which will of course entail a heavy expense, therefore in order to cull over and obtain the best of the evidence and not bring a large group of witnesses who are unable to testify from their own knowledge

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and experience, we should have the statements requested above as it will necessarily be required that the arrangement for their presence be consummated by the Department in conjunction with the State Department.

It appears that there is quite some money being held intact in Cuba as evidence of this group of cases, which money should be properly identified and as to which there should be some arrangement made in order that we may have access thereto at the time of trial, if that is believed to be necessary, and from the reports it appears that the banks wish to have some action taken in order that they may be fully protected.

Referring again to the subject Gray, agent Fitzsimons and the writer have discussed his case at some length but as the handling of his case will necessarily require constant consideration and Mr. Fitzsimons is unable to give it constant consideration in view of the great amount of work which he had to do requiring his attention at various places, it has been believed inadvisable for either or both of us to contact Gray especially in view of his reluctance as shown by the report of Special Agent L. B. Nichols.

We believe that further investigation should be made at Etowah, Tennessee, and the surrounding territory as to Adams and that Randall alias Stern should be thoroughly investigated.

You will recall that the indictments in this matter were procured prior to the receipt of any report, therefore we believe it is necessary that this investigation go forward as early as possible in view of the fact that these cases will probably be tried some time in April or May, and there is no time to lose in regard thereto.

In considering the matter of trials in these cases we also believe that a thorough character investigation should be made as to each of the parties involved especially to rebut character evidence which will probably be introduced on behalf of Joseph H. Adams, and at the same time the writer would appreciate your observation as to the probability of there being contamination of the jury especially regarding Adams.

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As you know Adams' political connections here in this vicinity are quite strong and at this time his father-in-law, T. R. Knight, is under indictment, and while the writer has fears in this regard it would be appreciated if some expression could be obtained from you in that regard as it may be that close contact with local affairs has some bearing on the writer's opinion, however this is a matter which we believe should be considered in order that proper representations and requests might be made to the Department in the event such action is to be encountered.

We will continue to study the case reports and advise as to any further conclusions or questions which arise in that regard.

Very truly yours,

For the United States Attorney

/s/ W. Sanders Gramling

W. Sanders Gramling
Assistant United States Attorney.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

I am enclosing my letter to the Bureau of this date, with reference to this case, and its present status in Florida, and the further investigation and information that has been requested by Assistant United States Attorney, W. Sanders Gramling at Miami, Florida.

I desire to advise the Bureau that Mr. Gramling is an ambitious, energetic young attorney; that he is a politician of the first water and appears to be a hound for publicity. I sometime doubt his loyalty and am led to question his sincerity.

His request for all previous copies of reports in this matter, in my opinion, has little to do and will be of little use to him in the prosecution of the defendants, who are charged with violations in indictments pending in the Miami Division of the Southern District of Florida. I might be wrong, but I believe that he has an ulterior motive in requesting all of these previous reports.

With reference to his statement that he had received authority to proceed to Havana to conduct inquiries of prospective witnesses, and his request that he be accompanied by an Agent of this Bureau to assist him, in my opinion this procedure is not advisable.

Mr. Gramling before his appointment to the Office he now holds, spent considerable time in Havana and claims to have influential friends in that City. I believe that his contemplated trip to Havana is not in the best interest of this case; that he would like nothing better than to proceed to Havana, have newspapers there and in Miami know of his activities in this case, and try to use any Agent, who might accompany him, as a messenger boy.

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TO DIRECTOR
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The entire prosecutive set up in the Southern District of Florida is far from what it should be.

Mr. Gramling, during the investigations of this case in Miami and Havana, appeared to be very enthusiastic, however, because of the political situation in Miami he has cooled down considerably.

Former Special Agent R. L. Main recently called at the Office and informed me confidentially that when he was in Miami several weeks ago, Mr. Gramling had stated to him that the cases against Cassius McDonald, Joey Adams and Duke Randall were not as strong as he previously thought they were, and that he was somewhat doubtful of a successful prosecution.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

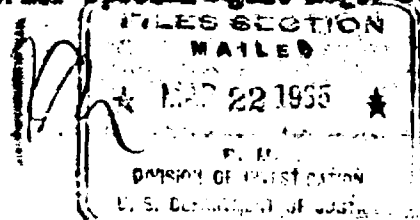
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1935 in the above entitled case with which you transmitted to the Bureau a copy of a letter dated March 9, 1935, addressed to you by W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, relative to additional investigation to be conducted.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Gramling, you should furnish him with copies of any reports that are available from your files which set forth information pertaining to the activities of subject Alvin Karpis. The St. Paul Office is being requested to furnish the Jacksonville Office with two copies of the summary report which is now being prepared at that office, a copy of which can be furnished to Mr. Gramling for his confidential information.

The Bureau has no objection to any arrangements which might be effected by the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, looking to the immediate arraignment and sentence of Wynona Burdette and Dolores De Laney on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis. This is not a matter over which the Bureau has any control.

Relative to the desirability of conducting an investigation of the prospective jurors, the Bureau feels that this should be done, but only upon the specific request of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida. It is understood from your letter that the United States Attorney has made such a request and, therefore, you are authorized to proceed with the usual character investigation of prospective jurors, but under no circumstances will a surveillance of the jury be permitted as is suggested in Mr. Gramling's letter. You should contact Mr. Guy C. Macre, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, who has offered his assistance, and obtain the benefit of any information in his possession concerning local conditions at Miami, Florida, and the political affiliations of the jurors. The Bureau does not deem it advisable, however, to contact former Special Agent Roger Esin in connection with this jury investigation.



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The Bureau is of the opinion that every possible assistance should be rendered the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, by conducting such additional investigation as he may request, and to that end, Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, of the Birmingham Office, is being instructed to proceed to Miami, Florida, to confer with Mr. Granling. It is understood, of course, that Agent Hanson will not accompany Mr. Granling on any investigations, but that the latter should clearly indicate what additional investigation is desired, and the investigation should be conducted by Special Agent in Charge Hanson and/or any agents of the Jacksonville Office who are available at Miami, Florida. In connection with the taking of question and answer statements from witnesses, Mr. Granling should be requested to furnish a list of the questions which he would like to have propounded to the various witnesses, and the questioning should be done by representatives of the Bureau.

The suggested re-interviews with witnesses, who are now in Cuba, should be conducted by Agent Hanson when the first opportunity presents itself, taking into consideration the revolution which is causing considerable disturbance in that country at this time.

A copy of this letter, together with a copy of Mr. Granling's letter, is being furnished to the Birmingham Office for the information of Special Agent in Charge Hanson. The Bureau suggests that an investigation be conducted with a view to further proving knowledge on the part of the defendants as to the fugitive status of Karpis by locating newspapers reflecting his photographs, published at Miami, Florida, Habana, Cuba, or wherever the defendants may have resided prior to January 16, 1935. As of possible assistance, you are advised that the Attorney General publicly announced on March 22, 1934 that Karpis and Arthur R. Barker had been identified as two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. At that time, or shortly thereafter, photographs of these two individuals appeared in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. The original indictment in this case was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, at which time the photographs of the fugitives again appeared.

A copy of this letter is also being furnished to Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago, whose attention is directed to the fourth paragraph of Mr. Granling's letter which makes reference to Page 101 of the report of Special Agent in Charge Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935. The phone call of November 6, 1934 from Miami to Chicago, Illinois, Harrison 3332, should be immediately traced, if it has not already been done.

A separate letter is being directed to the Nashville Office, instructing that expeditious attention be given the investigation at Etowah, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

cc-Birmingham (with copy of Granling
Connelley at Chicago let. 3/9/35)
St. Paul

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1935

Time - 4:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Hanson at the Birmingham Office, and advised him that Cassius McDonald had made the statement that Mr. Hanson had accused McDonald of trying to get Mr. Hoover's job. Mr. Hanson stated that he had absolutely not made any such statement; that McDonald had mentioned that he knew Mr. Hoover, and Mr. Hanson had asked him where he had met Mr. Hoover. McDonald did not directly answer this question, but stated that he did not think Mr. Hoover would know him now. Other than this, Mr. Hanson stated that the Director or his job was not mentioned in his interviews with McDonald.

I instructed Mr. Hanson to submit a letter to the Bureau setting forth in detail any conversations which took place between him and McDonald in which the Director or his job were mentioned. Mr. Hanson stated that he would do this immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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