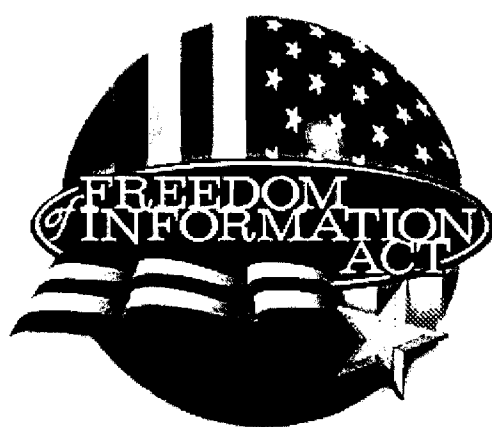


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March 22, 1935.

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

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to previous correspondence
concerning the Buick Sedan abandoned at Atlantic City, N.J.
by Alvin Karpis.

Kindly be informed that on this date I
received from U.S. Attorney Charles D. McAvoy, Philadelphia,
Pa., a copy of his petition directed to the Honorable George
A. Welsh, Judge of the Federal District Court for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania, praying that Buick Sedan,
Motor #4949155, Serial #2783525, which was abandoned by
Alvin Karpis at Atlantic City, N.J., be turned over to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation for the use of said Bureau,
together with copy of the order of the District Court of the
United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, signed
by Judge Welsh, directing that this automobile remain in the
possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its use.

This car has been maintained in the possession
of the Philadelphia office and stored with the Bureau owned
automobiles in Fogel's Garage and unless instructions are received
to the contrary will be utilized by this office.

Very truly yours,

R.O. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **7-37**

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-20-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-16-35 to 3-17-35	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. SHANAHAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUG.; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237, FUG.; 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 - FUG.; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Volney Davis possibly contacting Miss Esther Williams, 119 North Topping Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Close watch being kept over that address by Bureau Agents. Occupants cooperating. Letters addressed to Subject from members of "Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club" in possession of this office. Letter from Davis, under alias G. L. Harper, received by manager, Beaumont Apartments, 3028 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, postmarked St. George, Utah, 2-29-35. Appropriate surveillance being maintained that address against possible return of Subject. Subject Davis possible participant robbery First National Bank, Neosho, Missouri, 3-2-35. Investigation set out. Russell "Spike" Lane, probable associate of Davis apprehended Kansas City, Mo. 2-22-35 by Bureau Agents. Complaint charging violation Sec. 246 Title 18, U.S.C. - Harboring - authorized and filed 2-23-35. Plea of Not Guilty entered on arraignment; bond \$10,000. Hearing continued to 3-22-35. Lane presently held Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri. Attempts being made to locate companions, one of whom might be Lloyd Doyle, I.O. 1208, subject in case entitled "Walter Holland, with aliases, I.O. #1200, et al - August Luer - Victim - Kidnaping (Extortion Through use of Mails)". Similar complaint against John Doe, alias Richard Roe alias "Leo", authorized and filed 2-20-35. Complaints charging Harboring Jess Doyle filed against Doris O'Connor 3-7-35, entered plea of Not Guilty, bond \$7500. Presently incarcerated Jackson County</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. P. Nathan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 8 1935	
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Jail. Hearing set for 3-22-35. Former husband of Doris O'Connor, Earl Stushlik, questioned 2-27-35 and presently held Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas. Exploded cartridge found his possession forwarded herewith to Bureau. Wanted notices on Fred Barker withdrawn Police Departments this district. Reports possible presence other Subjects this district apparently erroneous.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-21-35.

DETAILS:

The attention of all offices receiving copies of this report is directed to the letter from the Chicago Office dated February 14, 1935, addressed to all Bureau Offices, advising them of the application made by Volney Davis, under the alias George Lawrence Harper, to "The Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club, Box 1251, Denver, Colorado". With this letter was also enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter written by the Subject under date of January 14, 1934, which apparently should be January 14, 1935, together with a photostatic copy of the list of ladies names forwarded to Volney Davis by the Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club. In this letter it will also be noted that Davis has communicated with one Mrs. Esther A. Williams, 119 North Topping, Kansas City, Missouri, whose name appears on the above mentioned list dated November 1, 1934.

In this connection, a thorough investigation has been conducted by this office for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts of Volney Davis, with the thought in mind that he might still be corresponding with or contacting, in other ways, this individual or other members whose names are on the list of the correspondence club as being residents of Kansas City, Missouri, and other cities in this district.

Interview was had by Special Agent R. J. Brandt on March 12, 1935, with Mrs. Esther Williams, 119 North Topping Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who informed that subsequent to her writing to Davis under date of January 31, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, he had called by telephone on two occasions, these calls being made approximately February 4th and 5th. 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 uncertain as to the date of this occurrence, first fixing the date as being in the latter part of February but then stating it must have been quite some time prior to that. She could not definitely identify Davis' photograph, but did note a resemblance and picked the photograph from a group of pictures as being the one having this resemblance. These persons appear

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 him and immediately notify this office. This they promised to do. It might be noted that the father of Mrs. Williams is a railroad engineer employed by the Kansas City Southern Railroad in Kansas City, Missouri and the family is, from all indications, respectable. The Williams girl has been married and divorced, is 33 years of age, and has two children, ages 14 and 11. She is employed in Kansas City, Kansas at the present time with the Proctor-Gamble Company.

On the same evening she was interviewed she telephoned the Kansas City Office and advised she had received a call from a man whom she believed to be Harper, the known alias of Davis. She stated, however, that due to her nervousness she failed to carry out the instructions she had been given by Agent Brandt and had not made a date. During the conversation had with the caller, the latter advised her he would communicate again with her within the next day or two. She is positive she recognized the voice as that of Davis, whom she knew as Harper. She further states he recalled certain bits of their previous conversations which strengthened 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 a 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 Hanson and she understood it as Anderson. These facts were related to the writer and Special Agent Brandt on March 13, 1935, when Mrs. Williams and her mother and father were again interviewed. On this occasion they were painstakingly instructed that in the event another call was received asking the Williams girl to go out they were to immediately notify Agents who would be living in the vicinity so that appropriate measures might be taken to first ascertain the identity of the caller, and in the event the same proved to be Subject Davis that he might be taken into custody. They were advised of the character of the Subject wanted by this Bureau and were told that there was no need on their part to feel apprehensive about their own safety inasmuch as their cooperation in the manner indicated would prevent any harm from coming to them. On this occasion all members of the Williams family seemed very desirous of cooperating, the girl agreeing that should she receive another call she would go out with the caller, immediately advising us. It was also agreed that if such call was received Agents might await the arrival of the caller in the Williams' home.

Inasmuch as this home is approximately four miles from the Kansas City Office it would necessitate driving through a district having considerable traffic, arrangements have been made, with the authorization of Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau, to rent an apartment at 5701 St. John Avenue, the apartment being Number 8. This is situated slightly more than one block from the Williams residence. A telephone has been installed in this apartment, under date of March 13, 1935, and five Agents were stationed there during the night of that day, they being Special Agents O'Mahoney, Vandover, Bryce, Brandt and the writer. No calls were received by the Williams girl. Since that time Agents have been continuously stationed at this apartment during every evening

with the exception of March 16th and 17th, on which days and evenings the surveillance was maintained for 24 hours inasmuch as the Williams girl does not work at all on Saturday and Sunday, and therefore is in a position to receive calls at her home. On other days of the week the Agents above referred to are not kept there during the day, inasmuch as the girl works and does not return to her home until 6 P.M., of which fact Davis was so advised by her in the letter she wrote him.

It should be noted further that on the evening of March 17, 1935, at approximately 6:20 P.M. a call was received at Apartment 8, 5701 St. John Avenue, from the Williams girl advising that a man unknown to her and giving the name of Lord had just called her asking her for a date. In compliance with the instructions previously given her by the writer she stated, after first remarking to the caller she did not recall his name, that it would be permissible for him to call at her home at approximately 7:30. She was immediately advised by the writer that two men would proceed to her house and await the arrival of the man who had called on the telephone, at the same time appropriate surveillance would also be maintained outside of the house in the event an automobile containing more than one man approached her residence.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent O'Mahoney, immediately proceeded to Mrs. Williams' house, where they were further advised by her that the caller had stated that he had previously worked at Proctor and Gamble with Mrs. Williams, but that the same had taken place about two years before. Mrs. Williams further stated that he had made this explanation, stating he was not surprised she did not recall his name. It was agreed that in the event she did not recognize the caller upon his arrival, and in the event Agents likewise were not able to make any identification of Subject Davis, or any of his associates, she would agree to go out with him, it being understood that all movements of her and her escort that night would be very closely followed by the Agents maintaining the surveillance. She was further instructed that in the event the caller proved to be the Subject wanted by this Bureau he would be immediately recognized by the writer, inasmuch as the latter was among the Agents who effected Davis' apprehension at Kansas City, Missouri on February 6th and that he would be taken into custody. In addition, she stated in the event she did recognize the man as having been a prior employee of Proctor and Gamble she would accompany him and that subsequent surveillance by the Agents in that case would not be necessary.

At approximately 7:30 P.M., a man giving his name as Lord appeared at her home and was closely scrutinized by the Agents from a point where the latter could not be seen. It was immediately apparent to the writer that the same was not Davis nor could he be recognized as any of the known associates of Davis. After the usual greeting, Mrs. Williams left the room and contacted Special Agent O'Mahoney and the writer in the rear of the house, and stated she likewise could not recognize him, stating to the best of her knowledge she had never heard the name Lord before, nor had she ever seen him. Accordingly, she was instructed that as soon as they left the house to go to

a picture show, inasmuch as he had suggested the same and she had acquiesced, they would be followed at all times by the Agents to guard against any possible contact being made by the man giving his name as Lord with other associates of Davis.

Special Agent O'Mahoney and the writer then took their departure from the house by the rear entrance and entered a car which was parked on Topping Avenue a short ways north of the Williams house. Another Bureau Buick, containing Special Agents Bryce and Vandover, was stationed a short distance South of 119 North Topping, and Special Agent Brandt was stationed on the corner of Topping and St. John Avenue under the pretext of waiting for a street car. It had been noted by Special Agents Brandt, Bryce and Vandover that in approaching this house the caller had come on foot and was not followed by any automobile. After a short wait a Yellow Taxi drove up in front of 119 North Topping and Mrs. Williams, together with Lord, approached the cab and got it. The cab proceeded then to the Vista Theatre at 2613 Independence Avenue, to which point they were followed by the Agents above mentioned in two cars. At this point two people were seen to get out and enter the Motion Picture Theatre, and immediately thereafter they were followed by Special Agents Vandover, Bryce and the writer. This occurred at exactly 8:15 P.M. At approximately 10:10 P.M. the Agents departed from the Theatre, entered the Bureau car stationed directly across the street and noted the departure of Mrs. Williams and her male companion approximately ten minutes later. The two people shortly thereafter entered a Yellow Taxi and proceeded to her address at 119 North Topping, to which point she was followed by the three Agents mentioned above in a Bureau Buick, and also Special Agents Bryce and O'Mahoney in the personally owned automobile of Special Agent Vandover. At this point they were seen to engage in a conversation for a few minutes and then to walk up the street to a house at 144 North Lawndale, the residence of Mr. Elmer Williams, her brother. It was noted by further surveillance that apparently they then became occupied in a bridge game at that address, and, accordingly, no further surveillance was maintained on the evening of March 17th.

The watch on the above premises will be continued in the event further contact is attempted with Mrs. Williams by Subject Davis and it appears apparent at this time that ready cooperation can be had from the residence of 119 North Topping Avenue. Agents will be stationed in Apartment 8 at 5701 St. John Avenue until such action is deemed no longer necessary. This is being done inasmuch as on the occasion of the last call made by the person thought to be Davis he indicated that he would call again within a day or so.

Further results of this investigation will be duly reported. The person who had given his name as Lord stated he was employed at the present time at the Ford Plant, Kansas City, Missouri, although while in the hearing of Special Agent O'Mahoney and the writer he made no mention of his present address. Inquiries will be made by this office to check on this individual and to definitely ascertain that there is no connection between him and the

Subjects involved in the instant case. His description, obtained from personal observation, is as follows:

AGE	About 28 to 30
HEIGHT	About 5'6" or 5'7"
WEIGHT	About 130 to 140 pounds
COMPLEXION	Medium
HAIR	Chestnut, thin, slightly bald in front.
BUILD	Slight.

In connection with the Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club mentioned above, and of which the aforementioned Mrs. Williams is a listed member, several communications have been received at Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, addressed to Davis under the known aliases of Mr. George Lawrence Harper, George L. Harper and G. L. Harper. Five of these letters are from members of the above club, their names and addresses being as follows, together with the postmark of the letters:

Letter dated February 15, 1935, Denver, Colorado, postmarked the same day at 8:30 P.M., from Irma Humphrey, 724 24th Street, Denver, Colorado. With this letter was transmitted a picture of a girl, in all probability that of Irma Humphrey.

Letter dated February 19, 1935, Portland, Oregon, postmarked 4 P.M. on the same day, from Mrs. Jerry Woolensock, 2109 North West Northrup, Portland, Oregon.

Letter dated February 22, 1935, Minneapolis, Minnesota, postmarked 10 P.M., February 23, 1935, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from Miss Lucille Julkowski, 601 Adams Street, N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Letter dated March 7, 1935, St. Louis, Missouri, postmarked St. Louis, 8 P.M. same day, from Pearl Garber, 3232 Portis Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Letter dated March 13, 1935, Kansas City, Missouri, postmarked 10:30 P.M. same day, Kansas City, from Florence Long, 916 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

In all the above letters, from a close examination of the contents, it is at once apparent that none of these individuals had at the time of writing, any previous contact with the person known to them as G. L. Harper. However, it is deemed expedient at this time that appropriate investigation by the respective field offices be made at this time in this regard so that any information along these lines might be immediately transmitted to respective Bureau Offices. These letters are being placed in the file of the Kansas City Office

pending the request of the respective Field Offices for their transmittal in the event any of them might be of assistance in conducting an investigation at the home of any of the above members of the Correspondence Club.

With further reference to the Membership list of the Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club, mentioned earlier in this report, a thorough investigation of all members listed as residence of Kansas City, Missouri, has been conducted by Special Agent R. J. Brandt, of the Kansas City Office, and personal contact had with the individuals named, with the exception of Florence Long, 916 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Margie Henderson, Apartment 22, 701 Woodland, Kansas City, Missouri. It will be noted that the latter name appears on the second page of the photostatic copy transmitted to all offices of the members of the Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club. Several attempts have been made to interview Mrs. Henderson, but up to the present time this has been impossible due to her absence from home. The same will be done as quickly as possible, as well as a prompt contact with the above mentioned Florence Long.

In addition to the letters addressed to Harper from the above mentioned women, investigation at the Post Office at Raytown also revealed the receipt of letter dated February 6, 1935, 1423 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, written by E. P. Moriarty, Deputy Commissioner of the Motor Vehicle Department, Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, advising Harper as follows: "Your letter of the 4th to Jefferson City has been forwarded to us for attention as we have not yet sent the records to them so that the registration receipt could be mailed out. However, I am enclosing herewith a registration receipt covering your 1935 license plates number 43-218, and trust that this meets with your approval". With this letter was enclosed Missouri automobile registration certificate for 1934 Pontiac Sedan bearing 1935 Missouri license 43-218, and made out in the name of George L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri. It will be noted this is the registration certificate for the Pontiac automobile in possession of Davis at the time of his apprehension at Kansas City, Missouri by Bureau Agents on February 6, 1935. For further information concerning this car reference should be had to the report by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City 2-21-35.

There was also one Government postcard addressed to G. L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, bearing the postmark 3 A.M. February 9, Detroit, Michigan, being a printed advertisement from Thos. L. West, c/o Washington Training Bureau, Inc., Washington Boulevard Building, Detroit, Michigan. The attention of the Detroit Office is directed to the latter. It is thought that appropriate investigation at the above address may be productive of some information regarding Subject Davis, or some of his associates.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, on page 94 thereof, wherein is set out information relative to Apartment 209, at 3028 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. As is indicated in that report this was the residence of Volney

Davis and Edna Murray immediately prior to their respective apprehensions in Kansas City, Missouri and Pittsburg, Kansas, on February 6th and February 7th, 1935. Further reference to the above report will indicate that a 24 hour surveillance of that apartment was begun at approximately 11 P.M. on 2-9-35 by Special Agents A. E. Farland, N. O. Scott and E. M. Heavrin, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, who were stationed there, appropriately armed, to guard against the possible appearance of Volney Davis to recover, if possible, much of the clothing and other effects which he and Edna Murray were forced to leave behind in their hurried departure. An itemized list of these effects has been prepared by Special Agent E. M. Heavrin and will be set out later in this report.

It will also be noted from reference report, on page 94, that Mrs. Schupan, Manager of this apartment, has indicated her willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent with Agents of this office in appropriately watching this address in the event any of Davis' associates seek to make contact there. On March 4, 1935, Mrs. Schupan telephonically advised the Kansas City Bureau Office that she had received a letter from G. L. Harper (the name under which Subject Davis occupied Apartment 209 at the Beaumont Apartments), postmarked St. George, Utah, February 29, 1935. This letter requested that she store his baggage until such time as he could call for it or send for it. The letter bore date of February 17, 1935, but contained nothing which would furnish any clue as to Davis' present whereabouts. Mrs. Schupan was immediately interviewed concerning this matter, and arrangements made whereby she will store the baggage in question in the basement of the apartment building, and will promptly notify the Kansas City Bureau Office if she receives any further information or anyone calls for this baggage. She was furnished with the telephone number of the office, as well as the residence telephone numbers of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and that of Special Agents Andersen and Miller, in order that any information might be reported by her at any hour of the day or night.

In order to allow ample time for Agents to reach the apartment building if anyone calls there for baggage, Mrs. Schupan will pretend that the key to the locker in which the baggage is stored was last used by her husband, and she will then telephone to him in order to ascertain where the key can be found. It has been arranged that Mr. Schupan will immediately advise the Kansas City Bureau Office that someone is at the apartment building inquiring concerning the baggage in question. His wife has also furnished the aforementioned telephone numbers to the colored janitor at the apartment building with instructions that he slip out of the building and notify this office if anyone appears there inquiring concerning this baggage.

These facts were transmitted to the St. Paul Bureau Office under letter from this office dated March 6, 1935 pursuant to an interview had with Mrs. Schupan upon receipt of a letter by her under date of February 22, 1935 from John C. DeCourcy, Attorney, Commercial Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, requesting that clothing and other articles left in the apartment previously

occupied at 3028 Baltimore by Edna Murray and Volney Davis be packed and shipped to Mrs. M. D. Stanley, Cardin, Oklahoma.

Under date of March 4, 1935, the Bureau was advised by Air Mail, Special Delivery by this office of the receipt by Mrs. Schupan of the above letter from G. L. Harper. The letter and envelope were transmitted in two cellophane envelopes to the Division so that Laboratory analysis of the same could be made. The Salt Lake City Office was advised by telephone on March 4, 1935, concerning this communication and suggestions for appropriate inquiries at St. George, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada were made, it being noted Subject Davis has indicated an interest in places where construction work was being performed. Likewise in view of the statement in this communication that the writer was going to the Coast, it was suggested that offices in that section keep in touch with possible contacts of Davis. Under date of March 8, 1935, this office was advised by letter from the Bureau that the handwriting on the above mentioned letter was identical with that of Volney Davis, the report stating, in addition, that the physical condition of the stationery had been recorded for any comparison which might be desired in the future.

Regarding the investigation conducted pursuant to this information by the Salt Lake City Office, reference should be made to the report of J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, dated 3-8-35, where full details concerning the inquiries made at St. George, Utah and vicinity are set out.

In view of the apparent desire of Subject Davis to recover his belongings, either by personal contact or some other means, it was thought advisable that actual surveillance by Agents of this office might be warranted. Under date of March 11, 1935, the Bureau was advised of the belief that two Agents might be assigned to duty at the Beaumont Apartments, at Kansas City, for a period of not to exceed thirty days in order that appropriate steps might be taken if Volney Davis or anyone representing him calls to obtain possession of Davis' personal effects. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Bureau, under date of March 13, 1935, setting out that action in this regard was left to the judgment of the Kansas City Office. However, the attention of all offices is directed at this time to letter to the Bureau from the Kansas City Office dated March 15, 1935, indicating that since March 11, 1935, when the request was first made for approval of the Bureau to assign such Agents to such surveillance, there has been a report indicating the possibility that Davis might communicate with a girl in Kansas City, namely - Mrs. Esther Williams, 119 North Topping Street, referred to earlier in the body of this report. The additional fact that five Agents are being used each night in an apartment near the residence of this girl was conveyed at this time to the Bureau; accordingly, at the present time it is hardly practical to keep Agents at the Beaumont Apartments, such action being deferred for the time being to await possible developments on the angle involving the Williams 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 at 3028 Baltimore Avenue. The 24 hour surveillance previously maintained at the above address, beginning 2-9-35 was terminated at approximately 4:30 P.M. 2-19-35. An itemized list of the property at that address has been prepared by Special Agent E.M. Heavrin and is contained in report of activities conducted by him and other Agents, as follows:

This investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agents A. E. Farland, H. O. Scott, H. A. Dietz, B. A. Bryce and E. M. Heavrin from 11:00 P.M., 2-9-35 until approximately 4:30 P.M., 2-19-35, at apartment 209, Beaumont Apartments, 3028 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri.

On the evening of 2-9-35 Special Agent in Charge Nathan instructed Agents Farland, Scott and Heavrin to institute and maintain a constant surveillance of apartment 209, Beaumont Apartments, 3028 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, which apartment had previously been occupied for a period of three months by Volney Davis and Edna Murray under the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harper, which name appeared printed on the mail box in the corridor of the apartment house.

A rigid twenty-four hour surveillance was maintained in this apartment by the above named Agents until Monday afternoon, 2-18-35, at which time Agent Farland was relieved by Agent Dietz. On the morning of 2-19-35 Agent Dietz was in turn relieved by Agent Bryce. At approximately 4:30 P.M., 2-19-35, the surveillance of said apartment was suspended and all Agents returned to the Kansas City office.

During the surveillance of this apartment a very careful meticulous search was made for any evidence which might be deemed appropriate to this case. An inventory was made of the personal belongings found in the apartment which is as follows:

- 1 Suitcase, brown - full of shirts (size 14 $\frac{1}{2}$), underwear, etc., laundry marks "Nich" and "G.H."
- 1 Gladstone bag, black - empty.
- 1 Zipper bag, tan - men's and women's shoes.
- 1 Small bag, tan - toilet articles.
- 1 Boston bag, small, black - road maps and U. S. Mail plate.
- 1 Week end case, black - flashlight, garage bill, pocket book.
- 1 Pullman trunk, tan - tools, cord.
- 1 Metal suitcase, dark - clothing.
- 1 Crusader Radio, Model 14, #13799, \$22.50 Katz Drug Company, 1130 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri (Climen Radio and Television Company, 1325 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.)
- 3 Corduroy pants.
- 1 Richman suit, gray.
- 2 Odd pants.
- 1 Pair men's riding breeches, brown wool.
- 1 Brown suit, Hart-Schaffner-Marx.
- 1 Gray suit, Hart-Schaffner-Marx.
- 1 Gray checked suit.
- 1 Pair brown pants.
- 1 Pair blue corduroy pants.

- 1 Brown sweater vest, man.
- 1 Blue bath robe, man.
- 1 Coat sweater, brown, man.
- 1 Leather jacket, zipper, man.
- 1 Button leather jacket, man.
- 1 Herringbone overcoat, blue gray (March & Weber, Chicago).
- 1 Ladies' top coat, brown.
- 1 Ladies' bath robe, blue.
- 15 Neckties.
- 1 Hat, gray, 6 7/8, man, from William's Store, 3924 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3 Ladies' berets.
- 1 Tweed cap, brown, man.
- 5 Ladies' blouses.
- 2 Dresses.
- 1 Umbrella, blue.
- 1 Pair men's pajamas, laundry mark "Nich".
- Various articles of soiled linen.
- 1 Pair men's black galoshes, size 7.
- 1 Pair men's bedroom slippers.
- 1 Pair ladies' shoes, black.
- 1 Pair men's black shoes.
- 1 Bundle soiled linen.
- 1 Drawer ladies' wash dresses and bath towels.
- 1 Drawer twelve men's shirts, laundry mark "C.H.", size 14 1/2.
- 1 Drawer ladies' handkerchiefs, hose, etc.
- 1 Drawer men's socks, handkerchiefs, etc.
- 1 Chain lock evidently purchased and put on by occupants.
- Various bottles of medicine which indicate occupant has a venereal disease.
- 1 Pair ladies' blue shoes (Boot Shop, Wichita, Kansas).
- 1 Pair ladies' red house slippers.

During the entire time this surveillance was in effect no one attempted to gain entrance to the apartment.

At this point it should be noted that on 3-2-35 the First National Bank, of Neosho, Missouri, was robbed by armed men totalling seven in number. It is deemed of particular significance that the modus operandi of the bandits in this robbery is closely similar to that of the men who, on 12-24-34, robbed the Okemah National Bank and the First National Bank, of Okemah, Oklahoma, pertinent details of which are recorded in the report of this Agent at Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-21-35, in the instant case regarding the cases entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA - BANK ROBBERY" and "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - OKEMAH NAT'L. BANK, OKEMAH, OKLA. - BANK ROBBERY" with Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma, the office of origin. Thorough investigation of this bank robbery was conducted by Special Agent L. S. Vandover together with Special Agents D. A. Bryce, W. B. O'Mahoney and W. I. Parry, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, and facts pertinent to the investigation conducted therein have been set out by Special Agent L. S. Vandover in memorandum form.

Inasmuch as numerous inquiries in Neosho, Missouri and vicinity were productive of the information that Volney Davis was possibly a participant in this bank robbery this memorandum is being set out in this report. On the basis of the information contained therein, the possibility of Davis having participated in this robbery will be borne in mind in further investigation to be conducted in the instant case, as well as that of persons thought to be his associates both at the present time and prior to his apprehension in Kansas City on February 6, 1935.

The memorandum submitted by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, of the Kansas City Office is as follows:

The following investigation was made by Special Agents L. S. Vandover, W. B. O'Mahoney, D. A. Bryce and Y. I. Parry, of the Kansas City Bureau Office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. S. Vandover in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NEOSHO, MISSOURI - BANK ROBBERY" dated 3-14-35, wherein it is set out that Joe Roark, of the Roark Realty Company, Neosho, Missouri, advised Agents that on 3-1-35 he observed Volney Davis on the streets of Neosho, Missouri, walking up and down in front of the bank. In this connection Agent secured a copy of a contract entered into on May 17, 1932, whereby Volney Davis purchased 40 acres of land on Route 1, Neosho, Missouri in the name of his parents, Rodney and Amanda Davis, from Joe Roark of the Roark Realty Company. Roark advised that Volney Davis, at that time, paid \$1500.00 in cash for this property. Roark related that Volney, after walking up and down in front of the bank, was met by a girl whom he described as follows:

HEIGHT	5'9"
AGE	Between 28 and 30
HAIR	Blonde
BUILD	Medium

Roark described Davis as follows:

HEIGHT	5'10"
WEIGHT	145 lbs.
AGE	30 to 33
COMPLEXION	Sandy light
HAIR	Sandy light
	Clean shaven
	Swaying walk, looked like he had been driving for a few days in view of the condition of his clothes.
DRESS	Brown suit, which was wrinkled.
	Gray topcoat.

This information was immediately forwarded to Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and he advised Agents to maintain a surveillance on the Davis home. It was deemed desirable that Roark, in view of the fact he was acquainted with the folks of Volney Davis, should contact the latter. On 3-4-35 Roark visited the Davis' farm under the pretense that he had a prospective buyer. Mr. Davis advised that he would sell his farm for \$2000.00. While there the only persons that Roark observed were Mr. and Mrs. Harness, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and N. B. Abney, Mrs. Davis' brother, and the baby of the Harness' which was born two months ago. Mrs. Harness was formerly Mildred Davis, a sister of Volney Davis. He also stated that during the general conversation with Mr. Davis he had learned the names of other members of the Davis' family. The names mentioned by Mr. Roark have already been

set forth in previous reports in this case and are incorporated on the identification order of Volney Davis. Roark further stated that he learned from Mr. Davis that the latter at one time operated a cafe at Reed's Spring, Missouri.

In this connection, investigation conducted at Reed's Spring, Missouri failed to furnish any information concerning the cafe allegedly operated by Rodney Davis. Persons contacted there stated that no person by the name of Davis ever owned or operated a cafe at that place.

In view of the fact that the photograph of William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, had been identified as being a participant in the robbery, together with the fact that Weaver is believed to have recently contacted one Viola Asher at West Plains, Missouri, investigation was conducted at West Plains, Missouri with a view of ascertaining whether or not Weaver had been seen in that vicinity recently.

Agents D. A. Bryce and W. B. O'Mahoney proceeded to West Plains, Missouri where Police Officer Walter Endicott and Chief of Police Crider were contacted. Chief of Police Crider stated he believed Mrs. Asher was residing at a point six or eight miles southwest of West Plains. Agents proceeded to this point and it was learned that Mrs. Viola Asher had moved the previous Friday, March 1st, to a point some three miles northeast of West Plains, Missouri. Inquiry in the vicinity of the residence formerly occupied by Viola Asher failed to furnish any information indicating that any strangers had been seen there recently.

Mrs. Viola Asher, contacted at her new residence, admitted knowing William Weaver but denied vigorously that she had seen him during the past year. She stated that she would be willing to furnish any information that came into her possession which might result in the apprehension of William Weaver to the Bureau. She was consequently furnished with the address of the Kansas City Office and the telephone number in order that she might immediately contact the office in the event she learned anything of value.

Through Joe Roark it was ascertained that Mildred Harness, Volney's sister, who is now living at the Davis home, about two months ago had a child. Agent Vandover then contacted Dr. E. C. Cullers, Neosho, Missouri, and he advised he is the family physician, having been retained for the past year by the Davis family. He was shown a photograph of Volney and he said to his knowledge he had never seen anyone resembling the photograph at the Davis home. He further advised he did not know they had a son. He was furnished with the telephone number and address of the Kansas City Office and advised that he would call, collect, should he see anyone at the Davis home resembling the photograph of Volney Davis, which was left with him.

Agents contacted Mr. Grant Biggs, who lives across the road from the Davis' farm, and he cooperated with Agents to the extent of allowing them partial use of his home to maintain a surveillance on the Davis' home. During the time that the Agents maintained this surveillance, as heretofore set out, nothing of value was observed. However, it was observed that Mildred Davis is in possession of a 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, which was sold between the 1st and 25th of April 1934. At the present time this car has 1934 Missouri license plates on it number 575-591, and has motor number 2875419.

It should also be noted that the Davis family does practically no farming and have only a little stock.

Upon discontinuance of the surveillance at the Davis' home, Agents left with Mr. Biggs a photograph and identification order of Volney Davis, together with the telephone number of the Kansas City Office, and he promised to immediately notify the Kansas City Office should he observe Volney Davis at the Davis farm, or should he notice any suspicious cars with foreign license plates.

Joe Roark was also given an identification order of Volney Davis, together with the telephone number of the Kansas City Office, and he also promised he would notify the Kansas City Office should he receive any information that Volney Davis was in Neosho or at the Davis farm. Arrangements were made with him that he would frequently visit the Davis farm looking to the possibility that Volney Davis may drop in there to visit his folks.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, particularly pages 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87. It will be noted that the section of the report indicated deals with information received from Jess Doyle and Edna Murray at the time of their incarceration in the Wyandotte County Jail, at Kansas City, Kansas, and investigation conducted pursuant thereto. It will be noted that both Doyle and Edna Murray had stated that Volney Davis had, on at least one or two occasions, contacted a person known as "Leo", residing at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in Apartment 8. Furthermore, the report of reference, on the pages indicated, sets out the fact that on the night of February 15, 1935, Special Agents O'Mahoney and Bryce, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, maintained a surveillance at this apartment and observed certain men leave, whose respective descriptions are set out in the report. This surveillance was continued by Agents of the Kansas City Bureau Office until February 28, 1935, which date, as will be noted from information set out later in this report,

was subsequent to the time that Russell "Spike" Lane was apprehended by Bureau Agents and other occupants of that apartment had apparently abandoned the same.

On February 19, 1935, during the course of this surveillance, Special Agent John L. Madala, of the Chicago Bureau Office, who at that time was in Kansas City for the purpose of questioning Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, communicated with Mr. E. A. Tamm for the purpose of obtaining authority to raid Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, and to apprehend all persons living therein. Mr. Tamm at this time declined to give such authorization, advising that in the absence of definite and specific information concerning these people the Bureau felt this office had no right to enter the above mentioned apartment and to arrest anyone on suspicion. Further, it was not believed that the information obtained from Subjects Jess Doyle and Edna Murray was sufficiently reliable to warrant such a raid at that time. Mr. Tamm suggested that further surveillance of this address be maintained in an effort to secure additional information concerning the true identities of the occupants in Apartment 8. When advised that it appeared likely that Volney Davis would contact the occupants in Apartment 8 in the event he reappeared in Kansas City, Mr. Tamm suggested that he would leave it to the discretion of the Kansas City Office as to whether or not this place should be kept under further surveillance, adding that conference should be had with the United States Attorney, of Kansas City, Missouri, relative to the filing of a harboring charge against "Leo" and his associates.

In response to these instructions Assistant United States Attorneys Randall Wilson and Samuel Blair were contacted by the writer, accompanied by Special Agents Bryce and O'Mahoney, on February 20, 1935, and authority obtained to file complaint against John Doe alias Richard Roe alias "Leo" charging violation of Section 246, Title 18, U.S.C. (Harboring Volney Davis). Immediately after the warrant was issued, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal Harry McDonald, entrance was effected to Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost, with the result that it was found to be unoccupied, although from the appearance of the apartment it seemed likely that the occupants might again return, inasmuch as considerable clothing and other personal effects were still there. A search was instituted at this time by the Agents of this office, the results of which will be set out later in this report.

Under date of February 23, 1935, the Bureau was advised, by telegram from this office, that the above mentioned complaint had been filed against John Doe alias Richard Roe alias "Leo" on the charge of harboring Volney Davis.

Acting on the authority of Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller, surveillance of this apartment by Bureau Agents was continued, although Agents were not actually occupying the apartment where the individuals sought had previously been residing. During all these activities close cooperation was had from the Carter family, including Mr. and Mrs. Carter and their son and daughter, managers of the apartments at 4915 Troost Avenue, who reported

to Agents any and all activity they detected in and around the apartment in question. It should also be noted that in the same apartment Deputy Sheriff Calloway, of the Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, was a resident. On the evening of February 22, 1935, the fact that men had been seen leaving the apartment in question was transmitted to Deputy Sheriff Calloway by Miss Carter. As soon as this had come to the attention of Miss Carter she had immediately gone to the telephone to apprise this office of the information, but at that point had met Deputy Sheriff Calloway and told him of what she had seen. Accordingly, thereafter it was deemed expedient by this office to allow Deputy Sheriff Calloway to work in connection with the case inasmuch as certain information had been given to him by the Manager's daughter. He immediately notified the Kansas City Bureau Office, advising that two men had been seen leaving the apartment at 4915 Troost and had gone from there to a beer tavern at 3407 Troost Avenue, to which place Calloway had trailed them. He stated that he knew nothing of any investigation being conducted concerning this apartment prior to Miss Carter's talk with him, which, according to Calloway, had occurred a few minutes before he called this office. He stated that he would wait at the latter address until he was contacted by Agents from this office.

Special Agent Parry and the writer, at approximately 10:30 P.M. on Friday, February 22, 1935, immediately proceeded to 3407 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in a Bureau Buick, having first been informed that Special Agents Scott, Clary and Bryce had left for the same place shortly before. The above car was parked on the East side of Troost, facing North, about 100 feet South of the entrance to the Tavern at 3407 Troost. Leaving Agent Parry in the car the writer went into the tavern and took a seat at the bar. The place was quite crowded but no one could be discerned at that time as being the individuals sought.

At this point, attention is again directed to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, wherein it is stated that the identity of the person referred to as "Leo" had never been definitely established. After ordering a glass of beer and observing as casually as possible the persons in the place, the writer left and went out to the car and then drove North to 34th Street, accompanied by Special Agent Parry, and then West to a point about 60 feet West of Troost, where the car was parked on the South side of 34th Street, facing East. The car being driven by Deputy Sheriff Calloway was at that time parked directly across from the Bureau car, on the North side of 34th Street, the same distance from the corner. Calloway stated that the men who had left the apartment at 4915 Troost were still inside the Tavern. The latter was in full view from the spot where the car was parked, and a minute or so later Agents Scott and Clary were seen to enter the front door of 3407 Troost. They were accompanied by Agent Bryce, who had already entered at the time Agents Scott and Clary were seen to go in. Leaving Agent Parry and Deputy Sheriff Calloway in the Buick the writer proceeded across Troost and again entered 3407 Troost; noticed Agents Bryce, Scott and Clary seated at a table and continued up to the bar. To avoid suspicion the

writer ordered another glass of beer and sat at the bar for three or four minutes. He then left and walked South on Troost about 200 feet, where he was joined about a minute later by Agent Bryce, who stated that he had spotted the man who appeared to be the individuals sought. Accordingly, both Agents went back to the Buick parked on 34th Street and decided to wait there until these people left the Tavern. Agent Bryce said that one of the men answered the description of Leo. It will be noted here that Agent Bryce was one of the Agents who had previously noticed persons taking their departure from Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost Avenue on February 15, 1935, which fact is set out in reference report.

At this point the writer left the car, walked about half a block North on Troost to a small restaurant and there contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller by telephone and advised him of all developments that had occurred up to that point. Upon returning to the car the writer was informed that a person answering the description of Leo had come out of 3407 Troost, accompanied by a woman carrying a black hand trunk, and that both parties had walked West on the South side of 34th Street, passing the Buick car in which Agents Bryce and Parry, together with Deputy Sheriff Calloway, were seated. Upon receipt of this information the Buick car was immediately turned around and the writer drove West on 34th Street to Harrison Street, which is the first street West of Troost, and turned South. A woman was seen at that point walking on the sidewalk, and carrying what appeared to be a black hand trunk. She was headed in the direction of Armour Boulevard, which is 35th Street. It was apparent at that time that the man who previously had been walking with her had disappeared in the short distance of less than half a block. Consequently the car was driven South to Armour Boulevard, East one block to Troost, and North on Troost to a point about 200 feet South of 34th Street, where it was parked on the East side of Troost. The writer, accompanied by Agent Bryce, immediately jumped out of the car, ran north on Troost, turned the corner of 34th Street and started up 34th Street in a Westerly direction on the South side of the street in search of the man who had accompanied the woman carrying the black hand trunk. The Agents passed a man going East on the South side of 34th Street, toward Troost, at a point midway between Troost and Harrison, and after passing by him for approximately 50 feet Agent Bryce said to the writer "That's him".

Accordingly, Agent Bryce and the writer immediately wheeled around and went in the direction he had been going. When the Agents reached the corner of 34th and Troost the man above referred to was seen by the writer talking with another man in front of 3407 Troost, apparently excited, and then saw him hurriedly walk South on the East side of Troost toward 35th Street, followed by a tall man wearing a dark coat and a derby hat, who was in turn followed by another tall man dressed in like manner, all of whom had apparently just come out of 3407 Troost at the time the man answering the description of Leo had first come out. The writer immediately started diagonally across the car tracks on Troost Avenue in pursuit, and at that time the three men broke

into a run. At this point Agent Bryce went towards the door of 3407 Troost. The man answering the description of Leo, and the same who had been previously seen accompanied by the woman carrying the hand trunk, was about 3/4 of a block or a full block ahead and in the lead, followed by the other two men. At a point approximately 150 feet North of Armour Boulevard and on the East side of Troost is the Il Trovatore Cafe, near which the last man was seen to disappear. Upon reaching the entrance to this Cafe this person was grabbed by the writer, wheeled around and immediately informed of the fact that the writer was a Federal officer. He appeared to be slightly under the influence of liquor and made repeated attempts to get away. He also reached for his pocket but both of his arms were pinioned and shortly thereafter he was placed in a Bureau car which had pulled up alongside. This was done after Agent Bryce had come up from 3407 Troost and the man recognized by the writer to be Russell "Spike" Lane. This identification was possible inasmuch as the writer, through previous inquiries made at the Tavern in Leeds, Missouri, known as the Three Little Pigs, had seen Lane at that place where he was formerly the proprietor. Although being informed that he was in the custody of Federal officers he made repeated attempts to reach an overcoat pocket, which, upon search, revealed a loaded .45 caliber revolver.

Leaving Lane in custody of Special Agents Scott, Clary, Parry and Deputy Sheriff Calloway, immediate efforts were made by Special Agent Bryce and the writer to discover where the other two had gone, but attempts to locate them were unsuccessful. No information in this regard could be obtained at that time from Lane and after several attempts to discover the other two in the alley in the rear of the Il Trovatore Cafe and in the vicinity, Lane was taken to the Kansas City Office by Agents Scott and Clary, together with Deputy Sheriff Calloway.

Upon returning to the Bureau Office Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller was immediately advised by telephone of what had taken place. Lane was questioned thoroughly at the Kansas City Bureau Office by the Agents but refused to disclose any information relative to the two men who were with him except to say that both had been living at 4915 Troost, the one answering the description of Leo under the name of Charles Mitchell, and the other person under the name of Johnny Jackson. He stated he did not know anyone out there by the name of Leo. Further, he remarked that Mitchell had not been living there of late and that he, Lane, had only been there for about the last three weeks.

By reference to the reference report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, on page 85, it will be noted that Apartment 8, at 4915 Troost, was originally rented by a Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell the latter having moved into the building in August 1934. In addition, as the result of a search made of the above apartment prior to the apprehension of Lane, and the additional search made subsequent to his apprehension, facts of which will be set out later in this report, it was evident that another person had been living there whose identity has since been established as one Otto

Jackson, also known as Johnny Jackson, among other aliases. Further facts regarding this individual will also be recorded later in this report.

Acting upon information received from Lane that he had spent the previous two nights at the Amidor Hotel, which is located on the north-east corner of 33rd and Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, Agents O'Mahoney, Vandover, Bryce, Parry and the writer proceeded immediately to the Amidor Hotel, where inquiries were made concerning Lane and his associates. Lane had told the writer that he had registered there under the name of "Frank Orchard" which proved to be the truth, but no information concerning anybody else could be obtained at that time at the Amidor. In explanation of this Lane later said that the possible reason was that when Johnny Jackson had come there on February 20th or 21st he, Lane, alone had registered.

In regard to the Amidor Hotel, further investigation was made on February 25, 1935, by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, where the pictures of Lane and Jackson were positively identified as persons having come there on the following dates:

2-19-35 F. B. Orchard (admitted alias of Lane) Room 5, registered in 12:10 A.M.

2-19-35 J. W. Snead (thought to be an alias of either Lane or Jackson), Room 4, registered in 2:30 A.M.

2-20-35 L. Jackson, Room A1, registered in at 2:25 A.M.

2-21-35 - Orchard - Room 5, registered in 1:45 A.M.

2-22-35 - Orchard, Room A1, registered in 3:55 A.M.

At the time investigation was conducted at the Amidor Hotel by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, the picture of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., Subject in the case entitled "THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., with aliases, I.O. #1233, ET AL - MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL - VICTIM - KIDNAPING", was partially identified as that of J. H. Snead, above referred to. However, from further inquiries made it is apparent at this time that the above information was erroneous, although in subsequent investigation to be conducted by this office in the instant case, as well as the STOLLNAP case, this fact will be borne in mind.

After a lengthy questioning on the early morning of 2-23-35 Lane was brought, by the writer, accompanied by Special Agent L. S. Vandover and Deputy Sheriff John Kelly and Deputy Sheriff Calloway, to the Jackson County Jail where he was booked on a charge of investigation. At that time the writer was informed by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly that Lane was also wanted by him for questioning in the robbery of the Webb City, Missouri Bank, which offense had occurred on May 10, 1934, at Webb City, Missouri. Sheriff Kelly stated that Lane would also be held on that charge.

Immediately thereafter Special Agent Vandover, the two Deputy Sheriffs, and the writer proceeded to a disreputable hotel located at 6807 1/2 Independence Road, Kansas City, Missouri, where Lane, according to his own statement, had been residing, and it was found that Lane had simply been occupying a single room and nothing of value in this case was discovered. Later, on the morning of 2-23-35, the writer was advised by Deputy Sheriff Kelly that the State would prefer charges of Carrying Concealed Weapons against Lane. However, at this writing it appears that such charges will not be brought inasmuch as the Sheriff's Office has informed the writer that owing to the political influence which can be exerted in behalf of Lane on practically any State charge, the filing of any such complaint would be useless.

Description of Russell "Spike" Lane, as obtained from the Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, is as follows:

NAME	RUSSELL "SPIKE" LANE, alias Vernon Johnson, alias Joe Snead, alias Frank Orchard
AGE	35
HEIGHT	5'11"
WEIGHT	148 lbs.
EYES	Blue
HAIR	Dark chestnut
COMPLEXION	Medium
BUILD	Slender
OCCUPATION	Lather
MARITAL STATUS	Married - wife's name Maude; separated; Child - Emma Lane, residing 3519 Freemont Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
CHARACTERISTICS	Gold fillings in upper front teeth
F.P.C.	29 I 6 4 M 14
NUMBER	Sheriff's Office, Jackson County, Mo., 348

Under date of March 18, 1935, a request for the complete criminal record of Lane, together with that of Otto Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Number 22596, fingerprint classification 5 U 00 17 was made by this office. 17 R 10 13

In regard to the .45 caliber Colt revolver recovered from Lane's possession by this office, it was ascertained by telegram dated February 26, 1935, from the Washington Field Office that there was no record at the War Department of .45 caliber Colt's revolver, model 1909, number 32851. This office was further advised that the same was an obsolete type and had been sold to individuals properly endorsed; accordingly, any proposed action on illegal possession of Government property cannot be instituted against Lane. Further information in this respect is contained in the report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, dated at Washington, D.C. 2-26-35.

Facts concerning Lane were placed before the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri on February 25, 1935, and upon his authorization a complaint charging one John Doe alias Richard Roe alias "Leo" and Russell Lane, alias "Spike" Lane, with violation of Section 246, Title 18, U.S.C. (Harboring Volney Davis, alias G. R. Hansen, alias G. L. Harper), same being filed on the same date before United States Commissioner George Beardsley at Kansas City, Missouri. Upon being arraigned Lane entered plea of Not Guilty. His bond was fixed at \$10,000.00, in default of which he was placed in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, where he is at the present time incarcerated, the date of hearing being set for Friday, March 22, 1935, before United States Commissioner George Beardsley.

In connection with charges being preferred against Lane, it should also be noted here that a warrant for Lane's arrest, charging him with participation, on May 10, 1934, in the robbery of the Webb City Bank, Webb City, Missouri, has been issued and filed by J. T. Aldridge, Justice of the Peace, Jasper County, Missouri, bearing the date of February 26, 1935. From information forthcoming from the Sheriff's Office at Jackson County, Missouri, the writer has been informed that action on State charge of bank robbery will be held in abeyance until disposition of Federal charges concerning Lane is made.

It should be noted here that a search of the property recovered in Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, which was made both before and after the apprehension of Lane on February 22, 1935, revealed, among other things, a quantity of nitro glycerine, Lane having admitted, after being incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail, that certain bottles in the kitchen of the above apartment contained such high explosive. Accordingly, until February 26, 1935, at which time the bottles presumably containing nitro glycerine were removed from the apartment, a thorough search of the cupboard in which the same had been secreted had not been made. As the Bureau was informed, by letter under date of February 28, 1935, subsequent to a conversation had by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan with Mr. Tamm on February 26, 1935, Assistant United States Attorney Randall Wilson was contacted and suggested he knew of no way by which a release required by the Hercules Powder Company, before proceeding with the destruction of the nitro glycerine, could be executed by any Federal Agency. The assistance of the above Powder Company was enlisted to effect an extermination of the high explosive, and they, in turn, had signified their desire to have a release executed in order that any injury resulting in a premature explosion of same would not be held to their account. However, subsequently, through contact with Sheriff Thomas Bash, at Kansas City, arrangements were made whereby this release was signed by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly, of Mr. Bash's office, and on the afternoon of 2-26-35 the bottles presumably containing nitro glycerine were removed from the apartment and taken to the magazine of the Hercules Powder Company, near Kansas City, Missouri, and there exploded by use of dynamite caps and fuses under the direction of the Explosive Expert of that Company, Mr. Peacock. Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, and Deputy Sheriff John Kelly were present at the time. Agent Andersen advises that two of the bottles, containing something over one pint of fluid,

were found to contain nitro glycerine, and did explode. The third bottle failed to explode, Mr. Peacock advising it was not nitro glycerine. The latter has promised to furnish this office with a report concerning his findings in this matter.

In addition to the numerous articles recovered from Lane's apartment, which will be set out hereafter in this report, a more thorough search of the cupboard where the nitro glycerine was stored, revealed at the time of the removal of the bottles a receipt for a safety deposit box at the Parsons Safety Deposit Company, 1804 Broadway, Parsons, Kansas, which was tucked away beneath or behind one of the bottles of nitro glycerine, and which had not been previously found due to the apparent danger from handling these containers. This receipt showed the rental of Box 130 at the above company on January 8, 1935 for the period of one year by one F. W. Wilson.

Immediate inquiries were made at Parsons, Kansas, by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, of this office, where it was found that this Safety Deposit Company is operated by an elderly woman in the rear of a mercantile establishment. Upon interview she informed the Agent that on February 17, 1935, a burglary had occurred in her establishment, during which approximately 40 safety deposit boxes, including number 130, had been entered by boring out the lock, and all contents removed. This woman had no information or description of the person renting the box, advising that her ledger which contained information of this character, had also been stolen during the burglary. Through inquiry at the Parsons, Kansas Police Department, Agent Vandover determined that it was the opinion of that Department that this robbery was a local job. This office will be advised of any information of interest developed by the Parsons Police in this matter.

An itemized list of the property found in Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, containing those things which give any possibility of producing information upon investigation of the whereabouts of any of the Subjects in this case, together with their associates, are being set out as follows:

An envelope addressed to Mr. Locke Johnson (since found to be an alias of Johnny Jackson), 2824 Utah Street, St. Louis, Missouri, postmarked 6-29-32 at 3 P.M. from the American Central Insurance Company, Mrs. J. H. Skinner, Agent, Jonesburg, Missouri.

A notice from the Kansas City Star which was taken under the name of A. Jackson.

Letter postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, 6:30 P.M. July 13, 1934, from P.O. Box 7, Leavenworth, addressed to Mr. James B. Swearingen, 3519 Gould Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Receipt for city license number 51577, 1935 Missouri tags 68-177, 813 Spruce Street, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-1-35, motor number 16E4616.

State of Missouri Certificate of Title for motor vehicle number 3583824, issued for a 1929 Geo Sedan, Motor number 16E4616, for Calvin Sims, 813 Spruce Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Pencil notation of the Kansas City Marble & Tile Company, 3029 Roanoke Road.

Another notation "Madison Block Pharmacy, 3021 Southwest Boulevard. 11:30 - 12:30 Saturday".

One hack saw.
One combination punch.
One ball peen hammer.
Dynamite fuses; percussion caps; small quantity of powdered dynamite, prepared for boiling "soup".
Quantity of food, including coffee, butter, eggs, corn meal, etc;
Numerous toilet articles, including shaving cream, unguentine, asperin, etc. in medicine chest in bathroom.
Five tooth brushes.
Two State of Illinois maps.
One pamphlet entitled "Sexology", Number 10, Volume 1, dated June 1934, edited by Sexology Magazine, 725 West Broadway, New York City, by David Keller, M.D. Editor.
Two holsters.
Two .45 caliber bullets.
One .38 caliber bullet.
One Motor Vehicle Driver's license 18718 bearing date January 39, 1935, issued to Charles E. Owens, Montrose Hotel, with description: Brown Hair; Hazel eyes; male; 6'; 150 pounds.

One brown small trunk, army locker.
One black brief bag.
Pair men's black shoes.
Two pairs of men's white sport shoes;
One pair of Seersucker pants;
Bundle of men's dirty clothing (socks, underwear, handkerchiefs, etc.).
One pair of light gray trousers; one brown hand bag;
One black pasteboard suit case;
One large cardboard box packed with numerous articles of women's clothing: dresses, sport hats; sport shoes, etc.
One light brown Stetson Hat.
One gray felt hat, size 7.
One gray cap, size 7;
One blue "Parkway" felt hat.
One gray "Famous Brand" hat;
Three pairs of gray trousers;
One Richman Brothers black Chesterfield coat;
One Richman Brothers brown double-breasted suit with two pairs of trousers;
One light brown suit, Kansas City Custom Garment Company;
One light brown topcoat, Eagle Clothing Company;

Two ladies dresses, one black, and one blue and gray;
 One Richman Brothers light blue checked suit with two pairs of trousers;
 One blue serge suit, Weiner & Hilton make, marked "Dalton";
 One gray Gaberdine suit;
 Two pairs of women's bloomers;
 One blue bathing suit;
 Six men's shirts, size 15, marked with name "Dalton";
 One pair of blue pajamas;
 Eight men's neckties.
 Several small cards of the tavern known as the Three Little Pigs with
 the following notations on the back thereof:

1. Linwood 1003 - Victor 9843.
2. Grand 2846 - Roland.
3. Harrison 4656 and Harrison 4657 - Gertie.
4. Harrison 4657 - Gertie.
5. Westport 6359 - Pap.
6. Victor 9659 and Lo. 0181 and Linwood 9854.
7. Victor 3928 1118 B East 12th.

It should be noted at this point that careful consideration
 is being given to the above telephone numbers and addresses for any possible
 information regarding the whereabouts of Davis or his associates which may be
 obtained therefrom.

One piece of cardboard measuring approximately 2" x 4", containing
 numerous symbols which might indicate a record of the activities
 at a certain spot, possibly a bank, between the hours of 6:20 A.M.
 and 8:50 A.M. From a close examination it also appears that
 it indicates the report made after the surveillance of a bank
 prior to a well planned robbery. This piece of cardboard is
 being transmitted to the Bureau with the request that a search
 be made of the modus operandi files so that the same might be
 compared with the known activities of bank robbers in the past
 and for other suitable purposes.

One small scrap of paper containing the following notation: "C.
 Glover, 1340 North West 17th Street, Oklahoma City".

One empty envelope bearing stamp permit, addressed to Literary
 Digest, 354-360 4th Avenue, New York, New York, on the back
 of which is the pencil notation "627 Gaylord Apartments, 27
 Troost.

Concerning the above Oklahoma City address, attention of the
 Oklahoma City Office is directed thereto, and a request made that immediate
 attention be given thereto and the appropriate inquiry made. This action is
 particularly desired at this time inasmuch as it is thought quite possible that

Lane and his associates were participants in the robbery of the two National Banks at Okemah, Oklahoma on December 24, 1934.

One receipt dated 12-18-34 made out to Mr. Mitchell for \$5.00 for rent of apartment number 8 at 4915 Troost, on account, signed E. E. Arnold.

Receipt of the National Bond & Investment Company dated 12-31-34, Received of Hilliard Motor Company and Jess Swearingen \$38.98, being an installment, most likely, on the payment of a motor car.

A small piece of white paper measuring about 3" x 4" containing the following formula:

Acid tanic	Zeta Tan
Acid boric	Zeta Pi
Cocoa butter	240 Grs.
Mix 12 suppositories.	

One-half of a picture postcard containing the printed name "Rosedale Baths and Hotel, 301 South Mills Street, Rosedale, Kansas, on which is the following pencil notations:

Kansas City Marble & Tile Company, 3029 Roanoke Road;
Madison Block Pharmacy, 3021 Southwest Boulevard,
11:30 - 12:30 Saturday.

Kansas City, Missouri motor vehicle license tag for 1935 Number 8401.

A scrap of paper containing the inscription "F.C. 574."

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Personal card of E. C. Foster, Sales Department, Noel V. Wood, Inc., 24th and Grand, Kansas City, Missouri.

Card for the Club Hotel, 1124-26 East 15th Street (Second Floor) Kansas City, Missouri.

Card of the Industrial Machinery Company, 641 Southwest Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas, on the back of which appears, as well as can be made out, the following: "Danville 1927 Jean Friend Dooley. Billie Rosditcher, new place."

Scrap of paper about 7 inches long, 1 1/2" wide containing the following: "H. W. Willsey, J.P., Lees Summit, Mo. Be 2294 - Nick.

Card for Three Little Pigs, on the back of which appears "Emma Lee, Snyderhof Hotel, Room 419, Call after 2:30 P.M.

Cardboard check called "Inspectors Rejection" of the Ternstedt Mfg. Co., on the back of which appears the following: "James Whaton, 3765 East 28th St." "D.L. 11003301211, We. 8151" - 0753 Li 10 Avery".

One portion of snapshot of a girl measuring approximately 1" square.

One snapshot measuring approximately 2" x 3" picturing a man in overalls between two horses. The inscription on the back: "Otto, Kate & Jack".

Snapshot measuring about 2" x 4" of a man resembling picture of Otto Jackson, referred to in this report.

Snapshot super-imposed on a postcard of regular size, the snapshot appearing to be about 2 1/2" x 3" in size, of a man, identity unknown, appearing to be approximately 55 or 60 years of age.

A black leather note book, approximately 2" x 4 1/2" in size issued by the Florsheim Shoe Shop, 1009 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo. with one notation on the first sheet of paper, as follows: 2:15 A.M. Friday 21-481. 35 15th Blue - Truck.

Letter addressed "Friend James" dated Leavenworth, Kansas, Friday, 13th, 1934, evidently letter taken from the envelope postmarked Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, mentioned above, and signed "Chas." The contents thereof relate to no persons specifically whose activities are connected in any way in this case. It deals for the most part with inquiries made as to old friends, one particular item which might be of importance being: "I loose my case on June 14th, and now I haven't any more chances. Not until later on anyway: "Peggie" will stop by and see you for a few minutes when he goes through: send me one of those pictures and the other two to Billie Westbrook, Box C, Dwight, Ill. Poor kid is having it tough, is Locked up Permanently now. Was denied Parole, Her Date is now 1940; unless some one can Visit her and find out what she Wants; and it takes a Lawyer to get in to see her: Did you read of that "Louse Can" in Ark. killing that girl a few days ago. What has the world turned to? "Open Season" on everyone I guess."

In addition, it will be noted Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, is the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

One 1934 Missouri automobile certificate, register number 586111 made out to Jess B. Swearingen, 3519 Gould, Kansas City, Missouri dated 11-8-34 for 1934 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number PE22014.

One State of Missouri Certificate of Title dated 1-26-35 for 1935 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number PJ42423 made out to Jess B. Swearingen,

3519 Gould, Kansas City, Mo. title number being #421204. Certificate of Title also bears notation that the motor vehicle described is subject to the following lien: \$545.72, Hilliard Motor Company, Independence, Missouri 1-22-35.

One invoice Hilliard Motor Company, 218 North Osage Street, Independence, Missouri dated 1-22-35 made out to Jess B. Swearingen, Kansas City, Missouri, salesman being Mr. Miller, setting out trade-in of a 1934 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number PE22014, Certificate of Title number 4180657, and the purchase of a 1935 Plymouth Coupe, serial number 1050207, motor number PJ42423, total price being \$680.00, additional item itemized as Hilliard Motor to pay off National Bond \$584.70; third item "finance \$15.00", total being \$1279.70.

Also a receipt number 741934 issued by the Sinclair Refining Company Service Station, Number 8, Kansas City, Missouri, made out to M. W. Earnest, dated 10-8-34, address 3504 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for Plymouth car, license number 558-677, speedometer reading 11267, serviced by T. Lee. Salesman or foreman being E.M. Smith. Charles : \$1.45 for 5 quarts of oil and 75¢ lubrication of chassis plus Federal Lubricant Tax 5¢, Total \$2.25.

At this point it should also be noted that the following property was recovered from the person of Russell Lane on the occasion of his apprehension on February 22, 1935:

Currency:

Two (2) \$100.00 bills, numbers:

Federal Reserve Bank notes, 10th District:

Serial Number J00043740A;

" " J00141704A;

Three (3) \$10.00 bills, Federal Reserve Notes, 10th District, Serial Numbers:

J04594345-A

J04068800-A

J09574573-A.

One (1) \$10.00 bill, National Currency, First National Bank of Pierce, City, Missouri, serial number A0001984225.

Silver: One (1) 50¢ piece; one (1) 25¢ piece; One (1) nickel;
Two (2) pennies - Total 82¢. Grand Total \$240.82.

One (1) Green Conklin fountain pen;
One (1) Monitor green automatic pencil;

One (1) diamond stick pin, about .35 Carat, apparently White Gold or Platinum setting.

One (1) cheap collar pin;

One (1) Match King Cigar Lighter;

One (1) small crew driver with yellow glass handle;

One (1) gold Masonic ring with diamond weighing about .30 Carat.

One (1) watch chain and pocket knife;

One (1) Ball open face pocket watch, 19 Jewels, adjusted works,

B404672; 14K Gold Filled case number 7484004;

Five (5) red glass dice with white spots;

One (1) leather covered note book;

Four (4) keys;

One (1) piece celluloid.

One (1) Counterfeit dollar bill, silver certificate, No. U83017036-A.

In addition to the keys mentioned above it will also be noted that a group of keys was also recovered from Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which are also being held in the Kansas City Bureau Office.

It will further be noted that the above mentioned counterfeit dollar bill was turned over to the United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, Kansas City, Missouri on March 1, 1935.

Inasmuch as Lane, during the time he was questioned by Bureau Agents, had informed that he had been driving a 1935 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number PJ42423, Missouri Certificate of Title for which car had been found among his effects at Apartment 8, 4915 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, an investigation was conducted by the writer at the office of the Hilliard Motor Company, Independence, Missouri on 2-26-35, and later at the office of Mr. Robert C. Hyde, Adjuster for Insurance Companies, 1004 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. Furthermore, Lane had further stated that shortly prior to his arrest the above car had been smashed up near Independence, Missouri, and was then towed to the garage of the Hilliard Motor Company at Independence, Missouri, for repairs.

At the above Agency Agent contacted Mr. H. P. Phillips, General Manager of the Hilliard Motor Company, and while there also conferred with Mr. Hyde, Insurance Adjuster. On 1-22-35, from the records of the Hilliard Motor Company, it was learned that Lane bought the car under the name of Jess B. Swearingen, which name, it will be noted, appears on Missouri Certificate of Title Number 4221204, the address being given as 3519 Gould, Kansas City, Missouri. Gould Street is now known as Fremont and the address, 3519 is situated about two blocks distant from the Tavern known as the Three Little Pigs, formerly operated by Lane, and, as will be recalled by reference to matter contained earlier in the body of this report, a known habitat of the criminal element.

It was further ascertained in Independence, Missouri, from invoice 3554, dated January 22, 1935, that on the date of purchase of the above 1935 Plymouth Coupe, Lane had traded in a 1934 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number

PR22014, obtaining a trade-in allowance of \$500.00. The invoice further shows that the price of the new car was \$680.00, plus an item of \$584.70, which is billed as "Hilliard Motor to pay off National Bond", plus a third item of \$50.00 for finance charges, totaling \$1279.70. Mr. Phillips, the General Manager of Hilliard Motor Company, further stated that the purchaser of the above car was known to him only as Jess B. Swearingen, but when shown a picture of Russell Lane, readily identified the same as that of the man known to him as Swearingen. He stated, as was apparent from the invoice records, that he had had prior dealings with Lane and at no time knew of his criminal tendencies.

From Mr. Hyde, of Rodda & Hyde, Insurance Adjusters, it was learned that on 2-19-35 Lane had made a report of his accident, stating that the same had occurred on 2-15-35 at about 2:15 A.M. on 15th Street, just west of the bridge which spans a small creek known as Blue River, adjacent to the Eastern city limits of Kansas City, Missouri. He was proceeding West at the time, and, according to his own statement, ran into the back of a truck which he claimed was parked on the highway. Lane's report further narrated that the truck bore Missouri 1935 license plates T-21-481 and was a transport truck with trailer. Furthermore, in his statement, Lane, under the alias of Swearingen, claimed to be 42 years of age and an employee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad as an iron driver. These facts were all given to Robert C. Hyde on the occasion of Lane's report of the accident which, as will be noted above, was 2-19-35.

On or about February 20, 1935, Lane had again appeared at Hyde's office in Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he was accompanied by another individual whose name was not given but whose description is as follows:

AGE	About 30 to 35
HEIGHT	6'1"
WEIGHT	200 lbs.
HAIR	Dark
EYES	Blue.
BUILD	Heavy, walks very erect.
	Good looking, smooth shaven.
COMPLEXION	Florid.

It will be noted that the above description tallies in practically every respect with that of the known description of Otto Jackson, with aliases, a close associate of Lane.

Further information gleaned from the records of Mr. Hyde is to the effect that on 12-1-34 Lane had had another collision in his 1934 Plymouth Coupe bearing 1934 Missouri license 586-111. The report of this accident, which is in the files of the insurance adjusters, namely - Rodda & Hyde, states that the car was alleged to be the property of Mr. J. B. Swearingen with age given as 38 and address at 3519 Gould. The accident had occurred at 17th and Holmes,

Kansas City, Missouri, involving a second car, a Chevrolet 1934 Sedan, 1934 Missouri tags 561-193, the property of H. McCord, and being driven by one Clifford Venerable, 3029 Harrison, age 31, a negro. In this accident Venerable was hurt, having been cut over the left eye and he was subsequently treated by Dr. Dillman, General Hospital Number 2. The report also carried the name of Otto Jackson as being Lane's companion on this occasion, but no address was given for Jackson. The investigating officers were Majors and Brennan, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. Also one G. Lippincott, 2850 Harrison, age 49, telephone number Victor 6564, was listed as a witness.

Further investigation by this office is being conducted in response to these facts and these persons, with the thought in mind that the same may be productive of further information concerning Lane and his associates. A suitable specimen of Lane's handwriting has been procured through the courtesy of Mr. Robert C. Hyde and the same is being forwarded to the Bureau for suitable analysis.

It should be noted that in connection with the interview had on 2-26-35 with Mr. Phillips of the Hilliard Motor Company, the latter mentioned the name of one Hubert E. Miller employed as a salesman for the above Company in the Sheffield Store, near Independence, Missouri. This was given in response to inquiries made by the writer concerning a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, which, during the time of surveillance of the apartment at 4915 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri was being maintained, was seen in that vicinity. A check of 1934 Missouri license tags 551-690, which were on the above car, revealed that the same was listed under the name of O. B. Flaherty, 3621 Forest Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, at which address subsequent inquiries revealed no person by that name lived there.

Mr. Phillips, however, offered the information that there was an O.B. Flaherty with whom his company had had prior dealings, and that on such occasions the business was transacted with the above mentioned Mr. Miller. Accordingly, it is at this time noted that interview with the salesman Miller might possibly be productive of some information in respect to the various purchasers of cars through the company by which he is employed. Same will be done as quickly as possible.

It might also be noted that Mr. Randall, an associate of Mr. Hyde in the office of the Insurance Adjusters, at the address given above, also has supplied the information that a friend of Lane's, name unknown, is supposed to be presently working at a bookie establishment at 1118 McGee. This matter will also be given appropriate attention, as well as further investigation at 3519 Freemont Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the address of J. B. Swearingen.

From Mr. Hyde it was learned there is a party by the name of J. F. Swearingen living at that address, thought to be a brother-in-law of Lane's. Several attempts have been made to interview him, but on each occasion people residing at that address have been absent from home. Mr. J. F. Swearingen is presently employed, according to Mr. Hyde, at a creosoting plant in Leeds, Missouri.

In respect to the 1933 Plymouth Coupe, mentioned above, bearing 1934 Missouri license plates 551-690, which have been traced to O. B. Flaherty, mentioned above, the same car was reported to have been seen in the vicinity of 4915 Troost at an earlier date bearing 1934 Missouri license 193-468. Result of inquiries in this connection disclosed that the above tags had been issued to one Glenn M. Teel, 2814 McNair Street, St. Louis, Missouri for a Hupmobile car, Motor Number A44758.

Further inquiries through the Motor Vehicle Department of the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, disclosed the further fact that the Missouri Certificate of Title number for this car is 1685682, the records further stating that it had been purchased at the Weber Motor Company, 1901 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on 2-7-27, the purchaser paying cash.

The attention of the St. Louis Office is being directed to this matter so that appropriate investigation can be made concerning the above mentioned owner of 1934 Missouri tags 193-468. The attention of the St. Louis Office is further directed to the fact that it is possible that the above mentioned tags were seen on a 1933 Plymouth Coupe other than the one reported to have been owned by O. B. Flaherty, mentioned above. Also, due to the poor light in the vicinity of 4915 Troost it is possible that the numbers quoted above are not the actual ones seen. However, it is deemed expedient at this time that attention be given this matter so as to exhaust all possibilities.

Concerning the further investigation conducted relative to Lane and his known associates, inquiries in Independence, Missouri and vicinity have been productive of certain information, which has been set out in memorandum form, which memorandum is included in this report, as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents R. C. Reed and the writer on 3-7-35 and 3-8-35:

On the evening of 3-6-35, a telephone communication was received from Mr. H. F. Phillips, a police officer connected with the Department of Police at Independence, Missouri, to the effect that in connection with the recent apprehension by Bureau Agents of Russell "Spike" Lane, which occurred on February 22, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, there was certain information to be had regarding the latter's associates, who had resided in Independence, Missouri, and who had numerous contacts there. In response to this information, the above Agents interviewed Police Officer Phillips on 3-7-35 and were advised that information had come into his hands to the effect that Lane, together with associates known as Johnny Jackson, Whitey and Bud Tatem, had been frequent visitors at a place known as the Van Horn Inn, which is situated a mile or two west of Independence, Missouri, on the road leading into Kansas City. Mr. Phillips offered this information in the hope that it might be of assistance in locating persons known to be recent associates of Lane and whose present whereabouts are now unknown. In addition, he stated that most of these facts had been conveyed to him by one Jess Foster, a gambler living in Independence, Missouri, but who in the past had often been of assistance to Phillips in numerous cases.

About six or eight weeks prior to the visit of the above Agents, according to Phillips, the safe of the Puckett Fruit Company in Independence, Missouri, had been blown open, indications being that nitroglycerine had been used. The suspects in this case were, and still are, Lane, Jackson, and the person known as Whitey. Bud Tatem, above referred to, was supposed to have been the man who fingered the job. However, as far as Phillips knew, Tatem had left the vicinity shortly after, although the other three were known to have visited the vicinity of Independence subsequent to this robbery. Jess Foster had given this information to Phillips and stated that early in the evening on which this robbery occurred, he had seen these four men at the Van Horn Inn, and in addition to identifying Jackson and Lane, had given the following description of the man referred to as Whitey:

About 30 years of age
weight 140 pounds
height about 5 ft. 8 or 9 in.
light hair (blonde)
fair complexion.

It will be noted by reference to the report of Special Agent R. B. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, 2-21-35, that this description tallies in practically every respect with that of Subject Volney Davis.

In addition, from information given Special Agents John L. Madala of the Chicago Bureau office and the writer during the time that Edna Murray and Jess Doyle were incarcerated at the Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas, Davis was in all probability an associate of these men, who at that time were living at 4915 Troost, at which address Davis had been a visitor.

Further reference to the statement made by Edna Murray, which is contained in the above mentioned report of the writer, discloses that she also paid a visit to the above address, namely, 4915 Troost, on the evening of 2-6-35, in search of Davis. It will be recalled that this was the day on which Volney Davis was apprehended by Bureau Agents at the United Motor Service, Inc., in Kansas City, Missouri, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

At attempt was made on the same date to contact Jess Foster, with the assistance of Mr. Phillips in Independence, Missouri, but he could not be located. The Agents conducting this investigation returned to the Kansas City Bureau office and were later notified on the evening of 3-7-35 by telephonic communication from Mr. Phillips that Foster had been located and shortly after, the latter, in company of police officer Phillips, appeared at the Kansas City Bureau office and was questioned by Special Agent R. G. Reed and the writer. He stated that he resided in Independence, Missouri, and had known Russell Lane, Jackson and one Everett Pendleton, an associate of the other two men, for quite some time. Foster had been employed during the summer of 1934 at the Tavern known as the Three Little Pigs in Leeds, Missouri, where he acted as an assistant bar-tender, and also worked at the dice table, which was conducted at that place. It will be recalled by reference to prior reports emanating from this office that the Three Little Pigs in Leeds, Missouri, has been thought to be a tavern frequented by many questionable characters, and has been the scene of under-cover work by Agents of this office during the past six months. At that time, Lane was the proprietor of the Three Little Pigs, having purchased the same in April or May of 1934 from one Arch Ramsey; Lane in turn had sold it to a man named Pickett in August or September of last year, altho he is not now operating this tavern. According to the information in Foster's possession, the same is now closed. While employed there Foster stated that he had seen the following individuals, in addition to Russell Lane: Charley Mitchell,

- about 35 years old
- 175 pounds
- 5 ft. 6 in.
- dark complexion
- dark hair
- stocky build
- long face
- looks Italian or Jewish (this man was also seen on

one occasion by Foster at the Van Horn Inn.)

One Leo
about 45 years old
5 ft. 9 in. tall
165 pounds in weight
light hair
light complexion
thin face
wearing thick glasses.
Thought to be near-sighted.

These persons, according to Foster, were always in the company of Spike Lane and Johnny Jackson, whose descriptions have been hereinbefore set out.

After his employment at the Three Little Pigs had terminated in the summer of 1934, Foster worked at the Van Horn Inn, situated in the outskirts of Independence, Missouri, where Lane and Jackson were frequent visitors. It was there that he saw for the first time the person known as Whitey, the same being (as well as he could remember) on or about January 31, 1935. It will be noted by reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated 2-21-35, and the report of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, dated 2-11-35, that this was approximately one week before the apprehension of Davis in Kansas City, Missouri, as hereafter mentioned. On that date, Whitey was accompanied by Lane and Jackson, on which occasion Foster overheard a conversation between Lane and the other two, in which Lane was doing the speaking, and in which he made the utterance to the effect that Whitey was an escaped convict. He again described the person known to him as Whitey, which description tallied in every respect with that of Volney Davis.

Foster also volunteered the information upon being shown a picture of one Everett Pendleton that he knew the latter since he was a boy and stated that he had been residing quite recently in Independence, Missouri, but was thought to have moved within the last week or so to Kansas City.

Concerning the individuals above referred to as Charley Mitchell and Leo, Foster had not much information to offer, except that they were known to be associates of Lane and Jackson.

It will be recalled by reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated 2-21-35, that the above mentioned individuals are recorded as being occupants of Apartment 8, at 4915 Troost, at which place Davis had been a visitor prior to his apprehension in Kansas City, Missouri, as has already been set forth. Mitchell, according to Foster, was also an associate of one Don Baker, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department

No. 22337 and had been running around with a girl friend of Baker, who went by the name of Doris, last name unknown. The latter was reported to have been living at the Chase Hotel, which is situated between 8th and 10th Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. This was around the 15th of January. Doris was described as follows:

About 25 years old;
5 ft. 4 in. tall;
130 pounds in weight;
dark hair - bobbed;
dark complexion;
fairly nice looking.

In addition to the information set out above regarding the associates of Lane, Foster mentioned that on one occasion at the Van Horn Inn, when Lane had apparently been partially under the influence of liquor, the latter had talked to him stating that he had a lock box containing approximately \$50,000.00 in the South Side Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. The South Side Bank is situated at 3838 Main Street in Kansas City, Missouri, where a thorough investigation was conducted by the writer to ascertain whether this statement of Lane was true.

On 3-8-35, Mr. A. H. Smith, Cashier; Mr. Ollie Blades, Teller, and Miss Bender, who is in charge of the Safety Deposit Box Vault, were interviewed at length by this Agent, and a thorough check made of all deposit box holders. During this search, the numerous aliases employed by Lane in the past were borne in mind, but the examination disclosed the fact that apparently Lane had meant some other bank, or had been deliberately lying.

A thorough check was made of all addresses given by box holders in the South Side Bank, in the event a record might be found of one residing at 4915 Troost Avenue, or in the vicinity. However, these inquiries also produced negative results.

Pictures of Lane and his associates, together with other people involved in this case, were exhibited to the above mentioned employees of the South Side Bank, but no identification could be effected.

Numerous keys recovered from the apartment formerly occupied by Lane at 4915 Troost were also shown to these employees, in the hope that identification of the safety deposit box key might be made. However, efforts in this respect were likewise unavailing.

By reference to the city directory and telephone book, it has been discovered that there is situated at 3040 Prospect Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the Southeast State Bank, which it is thought might possibly have been the bank referred to by Lane, inasmuch as Foster stated that at the time the statement was made, Lane was obviously under the influence of liquor and was not speaking clearly. Consequently, a thorough investigation will be conducted immediately at the latter bank for the purposes of obtaining any further information along these lines.

For a matter of record, it should also be noted that an additional associate of Lane is one George L. Good, known as "Slim" Good, who operates a beer tavern and hotel in connection therewith, at 6807 1/2 Independence Road, Kansas City, Missouri. As has been reported in the body of this report, this is the same address at which investigation was conducted in the early morning of February 23, 1935, by Special Agents L. S. Vandover and the writer in the company of Deputy Sheriffs Kelly and Byrne, in the Sheriff's office at Kansas City, Missouri, immediately after the apprehension of Lane.

In reference to the Southeast State Bank, situated at 3040 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, mentioned in the above memorandum, inquiries made by the writer at that place of Mr. Wechsler, Vice-President, revealed that "Spike" Lane had in the past transacted business there but had never carried an account of any kind nor owned a Safety Deposit Box. Mr. Wechsler stated that the only accommodations ever given to Lane were the cashing of numerous checks brought in by him, and only then when the said checks were payroll checks issued by either the Ford Plant or the Chevrolet Plant. It will be recalled that while operating the Three Little Pigs in Leeds, Lane catered to many of the employees of the Chevrolet plant, which was situated a short distance from the above tavern. Mr. Wechsler also added that he had been informed of the questionable character of Lane and his associates, two of whom he knew by name as Pickett and Ramsey. No further information regarding these individuals could be obtained from Mr. Wechsler, and it was definitely established by a close examination of all Safety Deposit Boxes by the writer, accompanied by Mr. Wechsler, that none of the keys found in Lane's possession were for any Safety Deposit Box at the Southeast State Bank. Photographs of all known associates of Lane's and other Subjects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Wechsler but no identification could be effected, other than the picture of Lane himself.

On March 15, 1935, Officer Phillips, of the Independence, Missouri Police Department, mentioned above, called by telephone and advised that his contact informed him that one D. L. Piggiot (possibly Pickett), who formerly tended bar at the Three Little Pigs, now reported to reside at

38th and Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, would undoubtedly be able to furnish information concerning one "Leo". Phillips' informant seemed to think Piggiot would be willing to give such information, stating, in addition, that the latter was reported to own a home at 3200 East 30th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. However, it is believed, according to the informant, that his place of residence at the present time is 3800 Benton. Immediate attention will be given to the above matter by this office.

On March 8, 1935, a request, by telegram, was made of the St. Louis Bureau Office to ascertain the personal history of the relatives, contacts and associates of Otto Jackson, mentioned above, as a close associate of Russell Lane. In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, dated at St. Louis, Missouri 3-12-35, in which is set out the fact that Otto Jackson is identical with Laskco Johnson, alias John Conway, who formerly resided in St. Louis, Missouri, and was an associate of Lloyd Doyle, subject of Identification Order number 1208. The report further narrates that Jack Mitchell is thought to be identical with Doyle, while the identity of one "Leo" was not established. Photographs of Doyle, Johnson, Ray Obern, Emil H. Hildebrandt and George Paul were transmitted to this office at that time.

The report further indicates that no information is available at the present time with reference to the present whereabouts of Johnson or Doyle.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information an investigation was conducted by Special Agents Bryce and Reed on 3-13-35 at various apartments in the vicinity of Armour and Troost, where, it will be noted by reference to matter contained earlier in the body of this report, Lane was apprehended on the evening of 2-22-35. The photographs of Lloyd Doyle, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department number 25010; Laskco Johnson, alias Otto Jackson, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department number 33942, Emil H. Hildebrandt, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department number 9265, Ray Obern, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department number 16578, George McDonald Paul, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department number 28871, Mrs. Vivian Chase, I.O. 1199 and Walter O'Malley, I.O. #1200 were exhibited to the Carter family at 4915 Troost, at which place Mr. Carter is the janitor and apartment manager. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carter identified the picture of Lloyd Doyle as the party known to them as Mitchell and the one who had rented Apartment 8. Picture of Laskco Johnson was also identified as the man who had last paid the rent at the apartment. No other identifications were positively made, although Mr. Carter stated he believed the photograph of Vivian Chase resembled the woman who was last seen with Jackson at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

On the same date the above mentioned photographs were displayed by Agents to Joe Forte, proprietor of 3437 Troost, which is a cafe. He simply said he knew "the fellow you boys picked up" but when asked his name said he did not know it. He finally admitted recognizing the pictures of Doyle and Jackson but said he had not seen them since the arrest of "Spike" Lane. He

signified his willingness to immediately notify the Kansas City Office if they again put in their appearance at his place.

The same procedure was followed at the Amidor Hotel, mentioned earlier in the body of this report, where these photographs were displayed to Mrs. E. E. Montgomery, who identified only the picture of Jackson.

In the neighborhood where the individual known as Mitchell was last seen by Bureau Agents the above photographs were displayed to the following apartment house managers without any identifications being made:

Mrs. A. W. Lake, 3424 Harrison;
Mrs. John Donovan, 3428 Harrison;
Mrs. Guthrie, 3425 Harrison;
Mrs. Grace Hillis, 916 East Armour;
Mrs. Cormat, Assistant Manager, Bainbridge Apartments,
912 East Armour;
Mrs. Gladys Hein, Senate Apartments, 1015 E. Armour;
Mrs. Ada Hines, 3401 Harrison
Mr. H. J. Simmons, Wrenwood Apartments, Armour & Harrison.

At 918 East Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Hinde were shown the above photographs and stated that they believed the photograph of Doyle resembled a man who had been visiting two women living in Apartment 36 at that address. These women were going under the names of Miss Treva Webb and Miss Hallie Daganette, both being about 30 years of age. Miss Webb, according to the manager, appeared to be working every day but the other woman was often absent for several days, and at other times would simply remain around the apartment. The rent has always been paid promptly in advance. No further information as to the two women was obtainable due to the fact that no references were required of tenants in the building at the time they secured the apartment. Mrs. Hinde further stated she understood from conversation had with Miss Webb that the latter's brother ran a chicken barbecue farm somewhere near the outskirts of Kansas City.

In identification of the photograph of Doyle both Mr. and Mrs. Hinde were almost positive that he was the man who had been visiting these two girls during the past several months. Mrs. Hinde had observed him in their apartment on occasions around the first of the month when she would go to collect the light bill. She had also seen him come in frequently of an evening, almost invariably around 7 P.M., stating that she thought he had come in almost every other day. He had never been seen to come in with any of the girls or go out with any of them, but generally stopped in the hallway and rang the bell to this apartment before going upstairs. Furthermore, Mrs. Hinde stated that he seemed to be very alert, glancing around quickly every time she opened her doorway into the hall and always had one hand in his pocket. She described him as being quite short, about 35 years of age, and of swarthy complexion. On one occasion, during cold weather, she had seen him in the

lobby with a very elderly woman, who appeared to be very cold and whom he invited inside the door until a taxi, which had been called, arrived. Mrs. Hinde was told that this old lady was the man's mother. She stated that the woman spoke English very brokenly and gave the impression that she was of Italian extraction.

Later the same day, namely March 14, 1935, about 6:45 P.M., Agents Heavrin and Reed, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, were allowed by Mrs. Hinde to use her front room to observe any person entering in an effort to look at this man. About 8 P.M. it was decided that he had already effected entry if he had come in; accordingly, Mrs. Hinde went to Apartment 36 to report a telephone call to the occupants which had been placed by Agent Heavrin as a ruse, at which time Mrs. Hinde ascertained that this man was already in the apartment with Miss Dagonett, Miss Webb not being present. Mrs. Hinde stated she had an opportunity to take a good look at this man and reiterated positively, when again shown a picture of Doyle, that he was the person then in Apartment 36.

The above facts were telephonically furnished Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan by Agent Reed, and instructions were received not to attempt to apprehend this man until Agent Bryce, who was then engaged on a plant in another spot in Kansas City looking towards the apprehension of Volney Davis, had an opportunity to observe this man and to see if it was the same individual he had seen in a beer joint on Troost Avenue, the night of Lane's apprehension, which was 2-22-35. It is also noted that Agent Bryce has also identified the photograph of Doyle as being that of the person seen by him on the above date, and who is believed to be identical with the person known as Mitchell.

Further inquiries concerning the above apartment were made the following evening by Special Agents H. E. Andersen and D. A. Bryce, of the Kansas City Bureau Office, in the hope of obtaining a glimpse of the man visiting the above mentioned two girls but the same could not be done, no one putting in an appearance.

Subsequently, contact was made with the apartment house manager by Special Agent Reed, of this office, the latter having left photographs with Mrs. Hinde for the purpose of showing the same to the colored janitor. She stated, upon interview with Agent Reed, in addition to her identification of Doyle's photograph the same had also been identified by the colored janitor. However, in checking on this information later Agent Reed found that this report was not true, inasmuch as the colored janitor picked out an entirely different photograph, one having no bearing on this case, as the person he thought was visiting the girls in the apartment. At this time, both from the faulty identifications made and the actions and demeanor of the managers at the above hotel, it is thought that not much credence can be placed in the stories obtained at the above apartment. The attitude of the apartment house managers suggests that they are desirous of being amateur detectives, and for this reason it does not appear probable that the person visiting the two girls is Lloyd Doyle.

However, further investigation along these lines will be conducted so as to remove all doubt.

Concerning the description obtained from the above people of this man, reference should be had to page 85 of the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-21-35, wherein is set out the description of the person known as Mitchell who resided at Apartment B, 4915 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri. It will be noted that there is a strong similarity in the description of both men.

In response to a letter from the Kansas City Bureau Office to the St. Paul Office under date of March 6, 1935, enclosing photographs of Russell "Spike" Lane, with aliases; Otto Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department number 22596 and Everett Leroy Pendleton, Kansas City Police Department Number 21005, this office is in receipt of a letter from the St. Paul Office under date of March 14, 1935, advising that during the afternoon of March 14, 1935, the photographs of the above mentioned individuals, together with that of Lloyd Doyle, with aliases, I.O. 1208, were exhibited to Jess Doyle in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. After viewing these photographs very carefully Doyle stated they were not the pictures of any person known to him, and that he was positive not one of them was the photograph of the person known as "Leo", who was a friend of Volney Davis. As he had previously indicated in statements made to the writer and Special Agent John L. Madala, at the Wyandotte County, Kansas jail, during the time he was incarcerated there, he again remarked that he only saw this Leo on one occasion in Volney Davis' apartment. Further reference to the above letter will show that Doyle expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Bureau, and in the event the photograph of "Leo" was secured and exhibited to him he would identify it if he possibly could. He further is of the opinion that he will be able to recognize Leo's picture if the same can be procured.

At this point it will be noted for matter of record that Jess Doyle and Edna Murray were removed to St. Paul, Minnesota in the custody of the United States Marshal on 2-16-35. Original signed statements and waivers of removal of Davis, Doyle and Edna Murray were forwarded to the appropriate Field Offices on 2-21-35.

It will also be noted at this time that subsequent investigation in connection with Russell "Spike" Lane and John Doe, alias Richard Roe, alias Leo will be duly reported in the file entitled "RUSSELL 'SPIKE' LANE with aliases; JOHN DOE alias Richard Roe alias Leo - HARBORING", which file is being opened by this office.

Further reference is made to report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, Missouri, dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, particularly on Page 6, wherein the facts surrounding the apprehension of Doris O'Connor, alias Mrs. Vinita Stacey by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on 2-5-35, are set out. Since that time this woman has been incarcerated in the Jackson County

Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, on State charges of Assault with intent to commit murder on the person of Frances Taylor, alias Mrs. Rush, the woman's companion of Jack Langdon, also mentioned in the report of reference as a possible associate of Volney Davis. On March 7, 1935, this office was informed by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly, of the Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, that strenuous efforts were being employed to obtain Doris O'Connor's liberty on bond. Accordingly, the facts surrounding her past association with Jess Doyle, and particularly to that time subsequent to the return of the indictment against Doyle and others in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, were placed before the United States Attorney, at Kansas City, Missouri, and authorization for the filing of a complaint charging violation of Section 246, Title 18, U.S.C. (Harboring Jess Doyle) was obtained. On 3-8-35 Doris O'Connor was arraigned before United States Commissioner Thompson, Kansas City, Missouri, on the above complaint, at which time she entered a plea of Not Guilty and her bond was set at \$7500.00. Hearing in this case is set for 3-22-35, and she is presently incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail in default of bond. Numerous attempts have been made prior to this date to elicit information from her regarding her past activities and associations with Subjects involved in this case but she has remained adamant in her refusal to give the same. As in the case of Russell "Spike" Lane, et al, a separate file is being opened at this time by this office entitled "DORIS O'CONNOR with aliases - Harboring".

In this connection, attention is directed to the report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, on page 81 and succeeding pages, wherein facts relative to the activities of Preston Paden, the son of Edna Murray, and Earl Stuchlik, the former husband of Doris O'Connor are set out. It will be noted, by reference to the above report, as well as to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-2-35, that Preston Paden is the present owner of a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1935 Missouri tags 37-618. On the early morning of February 25, 1935, the above car was seen parked in a parking lot on the East side of Broadway between 12th and 13th in Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney and the writer. Surveillance was maintained by Agents of this office over this car from the early morning of 2-25-35 until approximately noon 2-27-35, at which time Earl Stuchlik entered the car and drove around the streets of Kansas City. He gave the impression of endeavoring to confuse anyone who might be following him and consequently, after proceeding some distance, he was stopped by the writer and Special Agent M. Kremer, and accompanied them to this office for questioning.

Stuchlik denied possessing any information concerning Volney Davis, claiming not to have seen him since the year 1927, although he admitted he had seen Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor in McPherson, Kansas during November, 1934. He stated that he had been at the Missouri Hotel, which is situated on 12th Street, between Central Avenue and Broadway, in Kansas City, Missouri, for about three days, accompanied by Preston Paden, and that they had been on a drunk with some girls. It should be pointed out at this time that on the

occasion the above car was first observed, inquiries were made by the writer at various hotels in the vicinity of 12th and Broadway with the result that at the Missouri Hotel it was found that there was a registration under the name of "E. Stewart", which name was known by the writer to be an alias used by Stuchlik, as will be noted by reference to the report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-2-35.

Stuchlik stated that Paden had been away from the hotel since the preceding day but was expected to return on February 27, 1935, and that he and Paden had planned to proceed to Topeka, Kansas on that date.

A thorough search was made of the Chevrolet car by Special Agents Andersen and Farland of this office, which search disclosed a flashlight which had been taped over the lens with a very small opening, and which was apparently so prepared for use as a burglar's implement. There was also found beneath the seat of the coupe a beer bottle which contained a very small quantity of fluid which appeared to be nitro glycerine. This bottle was removed from the car, taken to a safe place, and there exploded by firing a bullet from a .38 caliber super automatic pistol into the bottle. This operation was handled by Agent Andersen and the writer, it being noted that when the bottle was struck there was a puff of smoke arising from it, indicating that the contents of the bottle had been nitro glycerine.

After thoroughly questioning Stuchlik it appeared undesirable to release him and the Sheriff's Office in Kansas City, Missouri was contacted, and desired to hold Stuchlik on a charge of possession of burglar's implements. At that time it was thought that there was a possibility that an identification of Stuchlik might be made in connection with recent safecracking jobs in Kansas City, Kansas and vicinity.

In an effort to locate Paden in order that he might be questioned in this matter, Agents of the Kansas City Bureau Office were continuously stationed in the rooms occupied by him and Stuchlik in the Missouri Hotel from the afternoon of 2-27-35 until the morning of 3-1-35. During that time he did not return to his room, it being thought at the present time that immediately upon the notice appearing in the press concerning the apprehension of Stuchlik and the discovery of what appeared to be nitro glycerine in the Chevrolet Car, that he took his departure from Kansas City so as to prevent his arrest. Stuchlik and Paden, who had registered under the name of Leroy Parks, had checked out of the hotel but had not removed their baggage. During part of the time the Agents were in the Missouri Hotel they were accompanied by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly. This procedure appeared desirable in view of the fact there was no Federal charge against Paden, and that there was the possibility that he might create some disturbance should he return to the room.

In addition to the articles mentioned above found in the Chevrolet car, there was also discovered an exploded shell, apparently from a .32 caliber automatic pistol. The same is being transmitted to the Bureau for purposes of analysis, it being noted that a comparison with the two .32 caliber automatics

recovered from Edna Murray and Volney Davis might be productive of information of value.

Prior to the removal of Stuchlik to the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, a thorough check of all property in his possession was made by Bureau Agents and the serial numbers of all bills in his possession taken. Upon comparison with the bills listed in the cases on file where ransom money was paid, it was found that the same were not a part thereof.

It will also be noted here that the bills found in the possession of Russell Lane at the time of his apprehension were not part of any of the money paid as ransom in any of the cases on file in this office.

Shortly after his incarceration in the Jackson County Jail, Stuchlik was removed to the Wyandotte County Jail in Kansas City, Kansas, at the request of Probation Officer Lindsey, Kansas City, Kansas, inasmuch as Stuchlik at the present time is under a five year probationary sentence for counterfeiting, having been sentenced at Topeka, Kansas. At that time he was convicted on two counts, he being sentenced on the first count to spend six months in the Shawnee County Jail, Topeka, Kansas, which sentence he served. By contact with Probation Officer Lindsey, it has been ascertained that within the next week or two Stuchlik will be brought before Federal Judge Hopkins so that the question of whether or not his probation will be revoked will be passed upon. In the meantime numerous attempts are being made to elicit further information from Stuchlik concerning his past association with Subjects in this case, it being thought that in many respects he has not told the truth to Agents of this office. It is also deemed possible at this time that in the event the probation of Stuchlik is not revoked he may be of some assistance in the role of informant. This question has been discreetly brought to his attention and he has promised to immediately get in touch with Preston Paden so that Agents of this office may quickly contact and question the latter. He stated that if he were released he would immediately go back to McPherson, Kansas, where, prior to his arrest and up until January 2, 1935, he and his brother, Vern Stuchlik, together with Preston Paden, had been operating a beer tavern a short distance South of McPherson, Kansas, on Highway 81. Further investigation regarding Stuchlik and the possible benefits which might be obtained from employing him as an informant will be duly reported.

A check of the telephone calls and telegraphic communications at the Missouri Hotel during the time Stuchlik and Paden were staying there has revealed that on 2-23-35 two wires were sent, charged to Room 308, which was the room occupied by Paden and Stuchlik. They were both sent by Hugh Larimer, Stuchlik's attorney, who was at the Missouri Hotel for a day or two. One was sent to his wife, Ruth Larimer, Topeka, Kansas, and the other to Mr. Collins, in Topeka, but no information of value could be obtained therefrom.

On 2-22-35 a check of the telephone records revealed Stuchlik had called Hugh Larimer of Topeka, 2-6486, the charges being 75¢.

A description of EARL STUCHLIK, alias E. Stewart, is as follows:

AGE	40
HEIGHT	5'7 1/2"
WEIGHT	150 lbs.
COMPLEXION	Medium
EYES	Dark Chestnut
HAIR	Brown (sandy)
F.P.C.	9 ROI 9
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With respect to Hugh Larimer, the attorney representing Stuchlik, it should be noted that the same man is also the attorney retained by Harry and Mary Stanley, against whom complaints charging the Harboring of Volney Davis and Edna Murray have been filed, as will be noted by reference to report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35.

On March 19, 1935, Larimer appeared at the Kansas City Bureau Office and discussed in general the status of the case against his clients, Harry and Mary Stanley, and also Earl Stuchlik. During the course of the conversation he mentioned contacts of the Stanleys as Jack Rich and Leo Harris, alias Clyde Glovers of Kansas City. Rich, he said, was an exconvict from the Leavenworth Penitentiary, while Leo Harris was a bootlegger and gambler. It has occurred to this office that Leo Harris may be identical with the individual known as "Leo", whom this office has been attempting to locate. Accordingly, inquiries with reference to this person will be made as quickly as possible.

The 1933 Chevrolet Coupe recovered from the possession of Earl Stuchlik at the time of his apprehension is now in possession of Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, Kansas City, Missouri, as well as the following items recovered from Room 308 at the Missouri Hotel, which might possibly be productive of subsequent information in regard to both Stuchlik and Paden:

50¢ in a roll of pennies;
\$5.00 in rolls of dimes;
\$3.00 in rolls of nickels.

This office is in the possession of a receipt signed by Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, by Roy L. Fisher, Deputy, under date of March 1, 1935, for the above property.

Regarding investigation conducted by this office in respect to Harry and Mary Stanley, it should be noted they are at the present time incarcerated in the County Jail at Wichita, Kansas, awaiting trial at the next term of court. Regarding these Subjects reference should be had to the file entitled "HARRY C. STANLEY - MARY STANLEY - HARBORING".

In regard to information supplied the Kansas City Office concerning the possible presence in this district of Harry Sawyer, Myrtle Eaton and Alvin Karpis, investigation along these lines has been conducted by Special Agents L. S. Vandover, R. G. Reed and the writer.

On February 14, 1935, while Special Agent L. S. Vandover was at Excelsior Springs, Missouri on other matters, Dr. H. D. Poe, of the Reserve Police Corps, advised that Francis Parl, Manager of the Francis Hotel, had reported the following incident to him on the same date:

About 6 P.M. on February 9, 1935, a party registered at the hotel under the name of George Kapanistos and was described as follows by the manager of the hotel:

AGE	40 to 45
HEIGHT	5'8"
WEIGHT	175 to 180
COMPLEXION	Medium
	Pleasant manner;
	Well dressed, wearing gray felt hat,
	carrying heavy grip and brief case.

This party engaged a single room and it so happened the room had a closet which extended clear through to the connecting room. The roomer discovered that this closet had no lock on it and asked the manager to put a lock on the closet, stating he wished absolute privacy. Dr. Poe advised that this party stated to the manager he was expecting a Western Union telegram, and on February 15, 1935, a telegram came to the party, collect. The delivery boy reported to the manager that the telegram stated "Lay low, all has not blown over yet and may not". Dr. Poe was of the opinion that this individual greatly resembled Harry Sawyer wanted in instant case.

At the local Western Union Office at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Agent checked the records and found a telegram was sent from Galveston, Texas to George Kapanistos, Francis Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, as follows:

"TIMES ARE HARD PLAY SAFE HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHEN BETTER

/s/ Chris Safos

Agent then waited in the lobby of the hotel until this party left his room at about 6 P.M. on the same date. Agent was in a position to get a good look at this party and it was definitely determined by Agent that he was not Harry Sawyer.

On 2-18-35 Special Agent W. E. Miller, of the Kansas City Office, received a telephone call from Dr. Poe at Excelsior Springs, Missouri that this party was proceeding by bus to Kansas City, Missouri and that he was positive that this individual was Harry Sawyer. Special Agents L. S. Vandover, W. B. O'Mahoney, R. P. Shanahan and H. A. Dietz, took this party into custody and brought him to the Kansas City Bureau Office and there he stated his name

was George Kapanistos, of the Gem Restaurant, 2608 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and that he resides at the Troost Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

Agents questioned George Kapanistos about the telegram that was received by him from Galveston, Texas and he advised that he had previously wired Chris Safos, of Galveston, Texas, as to whether it would be advisable to open a restaurant in Galveston and that he received an answer advising that conditions were bad and it was not advisable to open a restaurant at the present time.

Agents then checked the telephone and city directories and definitely ascertained this party resides at the Troost Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and is perfectly legitimate. He was therefore released.

On 2-28-35 the Kansas City Division office received a letter from Karl O. Ranney, Postmaster at Osawatomie, Kansas, advising that he had in mind a woman in Osawatomie, Kansas, who had been living there under the name of Myrtle King, who resembled the photograph of Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I.O. #1241. In this letter he stated that Myrtle King came to Osawatomie, Kansas, some time during the fall or early winter of 1933; that she had two children, a girl and a boy approximately ten and twelve years of age, and when she first arrived in town she rented a post office lock box for a short time but later got all mail through general delivery, never calling for it herself but invariably sending the little girl for it.

Special Agent R. G. Reed contacted Mr. Ranney at Osawatomie, Kansas, on the same date relative to the above information. Mr. Ranney stated that he had not personally seen Myrtle King but that his clerk, N. S. Cowden, was the person who had observed the resemblance between the photograph of Myrtle Eaton and Myrtle King of Osawatomie. Mr. Ranney stated that he had not observed where mail for Myrtle King originated from. The records of the post office were examined which indicated that box #333 was rented by Myrtle King on 12-1-33 and that the rent was paid to 3-31-34. The records disclosed no further information.

N. S. Cowden, clerk, was interviewed and several photographs of Myrtle Eaton displayed to him but he was unable to identify any of them as being the same as Myrtle King of Osawatomie. He stated that he had not seen Myrtle King since she had first rented the lock box above referred to. He stated that she was living with a man named Lee Henning, who has a brother, C. A. Henning, 1147 South 4th Street, Osawatomie, Kansas, the latter having lived all his life at Osawatomie, Kansas, and who has been employed for years in the Missouri Pacific shops at Osawatomie, Kansas. He stated that Lee Henning was employed by the City Relief Administration. He had no further information indicating the whereabouts of Myrtle King during the past year and a half other than he presumes she was living at home with Lee Henning during this period of time. He advised that Lee Henning and Myrtle King lived in a house owned by W. S. Atkinson, proprietor of the Atkinson and Grizzell Meat Market and Grocery Store, Osawatomie, Kansas.

W. S. Atkinson was contacted and advised that Lee Henning and a woman whom he presumes to be his wife rented a house from him at 305 North 4th Street approximately two months before. He stated he had no information concerning Lee Henning other than that he was employed by the City Relief Administration and when not so employed chopped wood for a living and that he seemed to be a hard working man; that no complaint had come to him from the neighbors relative to the conduct of Lee Henning and Myrtle King; that he lived in another part of town and did not know whether they had

any visitors. He was shown a snapshot of Myrtle Eaton which he positively identified as being the wife of Lee Henning. He also advised that this woman had two children, a boy and a girl, ages about thirteen and fourteen, but he was unable to furnish any further information as to the residence of Henning and the latter's presumed wife at Osawatomie.

Bert Demestus, Chief of Police, was interviewed at which time he stated that Henning was unknown to him except by sight although he understood that he was a brother of C. A. Henning, a Missouri Pacific employee; that C. A. Henning had a very good reputation and had lived at Osawatomie, Kansas, practically all of his life but that he understood Lee Henning came from some place in Kansas and that his supposed wife also was a Kansas girl. He advised that Henning and the latter's supposed wife had never caused any trouble, never associated with the underworld element of Osawatomie, Kansas, and so far as he knew had never had any visitor of that kind; that they own a Model T Ford Coupe; that Henning and his wife apparently are steady people, Henning working for the Relief Administration, also chopping wood and his wife taking in washings.

Don Pipper, 307 North 4th Street, Osawatomie, Kansas, next door neighbor of Lee Henning and Myrtle King, was contacted and advised that Lee Henning and the latter's presumed wife had lived next door to him for about three months; that they appeared to be a hard working couple and had difficulty in making both ends meet; that they appeared to live very frugally and that Henning's supposed wife was very shabbily dressed, took in washings, etc. He stated that he understood that Lee Henning and this woman came from some place in Kansas; that they had been in Osawatomie, Kansas, for about a year. He stated that the two children were named Earl King and Lela King, ages fifteen and thirteen years respectively, and that Earl King attended high school and Lela King attended junior high school. He stated that he had never seen Henning or his woman go anywhere except to work and that they apparently had no visitors except other relief workers in Osawatomie, Kansas. He was shown all available photographs of Myrtle Eaton and he stated although there was a resemblance, the supposed wife of Lee Henning was not the same person as Myrtle Eaton.

The above facts were telephonically furnished Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and he suggested that, if possible, the fingerprints be obtained from Myrtle King of Osawatomie, Kansas, in order to definitely establish whether or not she might be Myrtle Eaton. Accordingly, Agent again contacted Bert Demestus, Chief of Police, and necessary arrangements were made to interview Myrtle King and she was interviewed at her home in the presence of Lee Henning at which time she willingly allowed her fingerprints to be taken. These prints were classified as follows:

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A comparison with the fingerprints of Myrtle Eaton as shown on I.O. #1241 indicates that the fingerprints of Myrtle King are entirely different from the fingerprints of Myrtle Eaton.

Agent noted there was a slight resemblance between Myrtle King and photographs of Myrtle Eaton but it was very slight. Myrtle King advised that she has been living with Lee Henning since she separated from her husband and that her maiden name was Myrtle Sherer; that she was born in Kelly, Kansas, and has been living at Corning, Kansas. Her description is as follows:

Name - Mrs. Myrtle King, nee Myrtle Sherer
Age - 37 years
Weight - 117 pounds
Height - 5 feet 4 inches
Weight - 126 pounds
Build - medium
Hair - brown
Eyes - gray
Complexion - medium
Criminal record - claims none

The fingerprint record of Myrtle King is being retained in the Kansas City file for further reference.

Lee Henning advised that he has lived all of his life in Washington, Kansas, until the past year and a half when he moved to Osawatomie, Kansas, in order to seek help from his brother, C. A. Henning; that he has known Myrtle King since she was a small girl and that when she appealed to him for help he opened his home to her and her two children and she has been living with him for the past year and a half.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on March 3, 4 and 5, 1935:

Detective Frank Hanna of the Auto Theft Bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, was interviewed on the above dates by the writer, in response to information received from him on March 3, 1935, to the effect that he had picked up one Lawrence Rankle, at 11th and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, in possession of a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1935 Missouri License 383 527. At the time these facts were transmitted to this office, Hanna had also advised that he thought the car was a stolen automobile, and that Rankle had been reported to have bragged considerably of late that he was an associate of Alvin Karpis. On March 3, 1935, Hanna also stated that Rankle was known as a Kansas City character, and that information had also come into the detective's hands to the effect that Rankle had recently been reported to possess approximately \$23,000 in currency on his person.

Contact with Detective Hanna disclosed that most of the detective's information had come from Mr. Beckerdite of the Hazlett-Beckerdite Used Car Agency, situated at 15th and Brooklyn, Kansas City, Missouri, who had stated to Officer Hanna that on numerous occasions, Rankle, sometimes accompanied by another person, description not known, had appeared at his place of business and had been in the possession of quite a large amount of money. In addition, Hanna offered the information that it was thought that recently Rankle had been seen in the possession of a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, which had borne on different occasions three different license numbers, namely:

1935 Missouri License 383527

1935 Nebraska License 6-5041

1934 Kansas License 1-10350.

Information has been received from the Motor Vehicle Department of the office of the Secretary of State at Lincoln, Nebraska, in response to inquiries made by the Auto Theft Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, that the above described Nebraska tag had been issued to one Carl Tarnholm of Wahoo, Nebraska, on a 1932 Chevrolet Roadster, Motor Number 3-092,858. No record of any theft of this car had been received in Wahoo, and further inquiries indicated that possibly the above described license plates had been seen on a car other than the one reported to be in the possession of Rankle. Further inquiries also disclosed the fact that the Missouri and Kansas tags above mentioned were rightfully in his possession at the time.

Further investigation was conducted at the Used Car Agency at 15th and Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Beckerdite, upon interview, stated that no specific facts were in his possession concerning Rankle, except that vague rumors had come to him that he possessed as high as a thousand dollars on one or two occasions, and that he once had seen Rankle carrying two automatics, both in shoulder holsters. When asked as to any other pertinent information which might connect Rankle with Subjects involved in the instant case, Beckerdite had no information to offer, and could not even disclose any facts which might indicate that Rankle had committed any offenses other than, of course, that of carrying concealed weapons. He promised, however, to instantly convey any further information he might receive to this office, so that appropriate attention might be given to the same. Identification Orders of Subjects in this case were given to him, and it is thought that co-operation can be expected in that quarter.

Rankle himself was interviewed on the following day by the writer and stated that he resided at 480 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and was employed in his step-father's grocery store at 482 Walnut Street, his step-father's name being D. Landau. He admitted having been in trouble before, but stated that he had never been convicted of any crime, and that when the facts had been disclosed on the occasions of his former arrests, he was immediately dismissed. He added that on 2-5-35, he had reported his Chevrolet car as stolen, which car at that time bore 1934 Kansas License Plates #1-10350. In explanation of the Kansas tags, he stated that he had purchased the car from the Plymouth people in Kansas City, Kansas, situated on Minnesota Avenue, for \$225.00, in the latter part of 1934 and had simply left the 1934 tags (Kansas) thereon. However, on the night that the alleged theft of his car was reported, he had entered into a mock marriage ceremony with one Peggy Young, apparently a prostitute working in the neighborhood of 12th and Cherry Streets in Kansas City, a girl whom he had run into the same evening, he being under the influence of liquor. He stated that when he awoke, the car was gone and not having given permission to anyone to take it, he had reported the car as stolen and subsequently discovered that she had simply taken the car, at which time the report of the theft of same was revoked. From information at the Police Department, Auto Theft Bureau, Kansas City, Mo., it is thought that little credence can be placed in the story of Rankle, altho no facts were on hand to connect him in any way with the individuals in this case. Rankle himself stated that he did recognize the name of Alvin Karpis and categorically denied that he had ever carried a gun or was ever in the possession of a great amount of money. His record as revealed by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department discloses that

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Rankle's description as obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department is as follows:

25 years old
5 ft. 8 in. tall
135 to 140 pounds
blue eyes
medium complexion
brown hair
Marital status - married - wife's name, Sarah Levine
3255 Oak Street; living
with her parents.

Fingerprint Classification: 1 2 3
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From the information obtained from Officer Hanna of the Auto Theft Bureau and from Mr. Beckerdite of the Hazlett-Beckerdite Motor Agency, it is thought that no information can presently be obtained in regard to Rankle as far as any connection with the members of the Karpis-Barker gang is concerned. However, in further investigation to be conducted by this office in this case, the possibility of Rankle's being a contact for people wanted by this Bureau will be borne in mind.

For matter of record, investigation conducted by Special Agent A. E. Farland, of the Kansas City Bureau Office on 2-5-35, relative to the apprehension of Doris O'Connor by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on a charge of assaulting with intent to commit murder on the person of Frances Taylor, alias Mrs. Rush, the same is being set out in this report.

Likewise, for the same purpose, the result of the investigation conducted at Parsons, Kansas, by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, on February 26-1935, relative to receipt for one Safety Deposit Box number 130, under the name of F. W. Wilson, at the Parsons Safety Deposit Vault, Parsons, Kansas, which has been mentioned earlier in the body of this report, is also being set out in this report, as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
A. E. Farland:

On the morning of Wednesday, 2-6-35, the Kansas City, Missouri, morning papers published an article to the effect that a woman giving the name of Mrs. Helen Rush, 3411 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, had been brought to the St. Joseph's Hospital about 4:30 P.M., 2-5-35 in a taxi driven by one E. J. McDaniel, who gave his address as the Troost Arms, Apartment 322. This woman had been very badly shot by a woman who was later apprehended and who gave her name as Mrs. Vinita Stacey. Mrs. Stacey was later brought to the Police Station.

Upon reading this article Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan stated that the picture resembled some one wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent called at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and ascertained that Mrs. Stacey was being held, but up to that time her fingerprints had not been taken. The files of the Kansas City Bureau office were examined and the photograph of Doris O'Connor, together with fingerprints, was taken to the Police Department for examination. The fingerprints of the party giving the name of Vinita Stacey were immediately taken and compared with the fingerprints taken from Kansas City file 7-37, serial 1103, and found to be the same. Vinita Stacey at first denied that she was the same party but later admitted to Agent that she was Doris O'Connor and that photograph #6993 in the Kansas City Bureau file was a photograph taken of her by the New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department a number of years ago. She was again photographed and copies of her photograph taken by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, #22790, together with one copy of her fingerprints, were furnished Agent and have been placed in the Kansas City file. Vinita Stacey refused to make any statement as to the cause of her shooting Mrs. Helen Rush.

Accompanied by Lieutenant Gordon, in charge of the Fingerprint Bureau of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Agent called at the St. Joseph's Hospital and interviewed the party giving the name of Helen Rush and her fingerprints were taken. Upon taking her fingerprints she admitted that she had been apprehended by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department in 1933, being charged with extortion; that she gave the name at that time of Frances Taylor; that she had been arrested with one Delores Ballard, believed to be her sister, and an ex-convict named John M. Langdon, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #18176. She was questioned as to who had shot her and would not make any statement.

In the office of the St. Joseph's Hospital their records reflect that Helen Rush, 3411 Gillham Road, age 36 years, had been received in the emergency ward at 4:30 P.M., 2-5-35, having been brought there in a taxicab.

Dr. E. T. Johnson, who attended Helen Rush, stated that she told him her name was Helen Langdon; that she had been shot by a woman at 3411 Gillham Road and that she lived at 3411 Gillham Road; that he found a .380 caliber bullet on the cot where she was laid out in the operating room. This bullet was handed to Lieutenant Gordon of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Dr. S. C. Casebolt of the hospital staff, who was attending Helen Rush at that time, stated that her condition was very grave; that she had been shot in the abdomen and that she had a fifty-fifty chance to recover.

At the hospital, while Agent was there, Mrs. B. Coffman called there to visit Helen Rush. She stated that she was her mother and that she resided at 119 Lafayette Hotel; that she was employed at the Country Club Laundry and had been for the past seven years; that her daughter she believed was married to a man by the name of John Rush; that on the night of 2-5-35 she received a phone call from a man, who gave no name, and he told her that she had better go to the St. Joseph's Hospital; that her daughter had been shot four or five times and he then hung up.

At the Police Department the copy of the fingerprints of Frances Taulor were handed this Agent and they have been placed in the Kansas City file.

Agent returned to this office and shortly afterwards it was ascertained that Doris O'Connor had been living with Jess Doyle, a subject in the Bremer case. Shortly after Agent's arrival at the office Agents of the Kansas City Bureau office brought Volney Davis, subject in the Bremer case, to this office. He was immediately taken to the office of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan where he was handcuffed by this Agent and later searched. \$1,143.40 was taken from his person, this money being in one hundred dollar bills, fifty dollar bills, tens, fives, ones and some small silver which was checked by this Agent and Special Agent W. E. Miller, the serial numbers being taken. An automatic pistol was also taken which was placed in the files of this office. During the time that Volney Davis was held in this office Agent questioned him. He appeared to be willing to answer any question. He was asked where he had obtained the money that he had on his person, \$1,050.00 of it being taken from a zipper belt that he wore, and he stated that he had stolen it. He stated that he expected to be taken back to McAlester, Oklahoma, penitentiary where he had been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder; that he had escaped at one time, was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, about thirteen days after his escape and returned; that upon his return he was placed in solitary confinement where he was kept for over six years, this under the warden who is now in charge of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He stated that he had intended to leave that morning for the Coolidge Dam in the

State of Washington; that he intended to get himself a girl and go up there and hide out as he understood that was a good place to go at this time. He informed Agent that he had been in Kansas City, Missouri, since before Christmas, 1934; that he had send a number of Christmas cards out which he had addressed in Kansas City, Missouri, but that he had got into his car and driven to Chicago where he had mailed them. He stated that he had recently mailed a letter to his mother at Neosho, Missouri, writing the letter in Kansas City, Missouri, and that he had driven his car to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he had the letter mailed. He stated that some time ago he made a trip to Neosho, Missouri, at the request of "Doc" Barker and that he had handed "Doc" Barker's father, George Barker \$500.00, money given him by "Doc" Barker. He stated that he had been in several jobs in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, with Jess Doyle but would furnish no information as to what jobs they had pulled off. About 3:00 P.M. the same date, 2-6-35, Agent accompanied Special Agent in Charge Nathan, Agent Trainor and Agent Stakem to the Kansas City, Missouri, airport with Davis where Agent Trainor and Agent Stakem boarded an airplane with Davis for Chicago.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. B. Vandover.

On 2-26-35 C. B. Peacock and J. P. Porter, of the Hercules Powder Company removed approximately slightly over one pint of nitro-glycerine from 4915 Troost Avenue, Apartment 8, Kansas City, Missouri. The following receipt was found by this Agent behind one of the bottles of nitro-glycerine in the pantry under the sink at this address:

PARSONS SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT
1804 Broadway
Parsons, Kansas.

Parsons, Kansas, Jan. 8, 1935

Received from F. W. Wilson
One 50/100 Dollars, for Rent of Box No. 130 in the PARSONS
SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT
From 1-8-1935 to 1-8-1936.

\$1.50 plus 15% Rev. Tax. /s/ K. Lonberger

Manager.

It should be noted here that this receipt was not found prior to the removal of the nitro-glycerine because the same was concealed behind a bottle of nitro-glycerine and these bottles were not handled by any Agents of the Kansas City Office.

On the same night Agent Vandover immediately proceeded to Parsons, Kansas and on the morning of 2-27-35 contacted Katherine Lonberger, the manager of the Parsons Safety Deposit Vault, 1804 Broadway, Parsons, Kansas, and she advised that on 2-17-35 the vault was broken into and Safety Deposit Box number 130 in the south section was entered, along with approximately 45 other Safety Deposit Boxes. She advised that the handwriting on the receipt is her handwriting but she could not remember anyone by the name of F. W. Wilson.

She also stated that during the robbery of the Parsons Safety Deposit Vault the ledger book was taken by the robbers and therefore she could not give any information whether this box had been entered since the time it was rented on 1-8-35.

Agent Vandover was then advised that the key to box 130 has number 119 on it. It should be noted that Katherine Lonberger is 70 years of age and no accurate information could be obtained from her. However, Agent personally examined the vault and definitely ascertained that box number 130 had been broken into along with numerous other boxes.

Agent then contacted Earl W. Johnson, Chief of Police, Parsons, Kansas, and he stated that the modus operandi used by the robbers on the night of February 17, 1935, has all the resemblance of a local job. He stated that the robbers used the key which was hidden behind the piano to enter the vault. He also stated that entry into the building was made through a barber shop directly opposite the Safety Deposit Vault. The police obtained numerous fingerprints from the Safety Deposit boxes which were broken into and have eliminated all but two sets of latent prints, by comparing them with those local individuals who had Safety Deposit boxes at this place. He advised that he would send photographs of these latent prints to the Kansas City Office so this office can make any comparison they so desire with fingerprints of well known robbers and Subjects in this case to ascertain whether they had any connection with breaking into these safety deposit vaults.

Chief Johnson, on the suggestion of the writer, also stated he would place a man in the Parsons Safety Deposit Vault so as to take any party in custody who came to open box number 130.

In a dresser drawer at 4915 Troost Avenue, Apartment 8, there were also found by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan a number of keys on a ring, one of which resembled that of a safety deposit box key. It was definitely ascertained from Katherine Lonberger that this key was not the key to box 130.

Agent then contacted W. C. Crawford of the Parsons Commercial Bank, Parsons, Kansas, and he advised this bank had rented no safety deposit boxes to any unknown individuals, and further, that the key in question in no way resembled the keys used to open safety deposit boxes of this bank.

Agent likewise contacted W. O. Haubold of the First National Bank, and J. J. Flynn, of the State Bank of Parsons, Parsons, Kansas, and both of these individuals advised that the key in question in no way resembled the keys used for the Safety Deposit boxes in their respective institutions.

This ring of keys is being retained in the Kansas City Office and is being marked as recovered from 4915 Troost Avenue, Apartment 8, in view of the fact that they may be of some value in the future.

In response to Bureau letter dated February 2, 1935, instructing this office to withdraw from the local police departments in this district wanted notices prepared and issued by the Bureau on Fred Barker, which were furnished to this office with Bureau letter dated October 13, 1934, same has been done through communication with the following Police Departments:

Kansas City, Missouri;
Kansas City, Kansas;
St. Joseph, Missouri;
Jefferson City, Missouri;
Springfield, Missouri;
Joplin, Missouri;
Wichita, Kansas;
Topeka, Kansas.

All offices receiving copies of this report are urged to
examine the same carefully for leads in their respective districts.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Jax FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4-5/11/35	REPORT MADE BY F. F. Yearsley
TITLE: 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 WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No mail for anyone by name of Angus or subjects of this case, with aliases, has been received at General Delivery, Tampa, Florida, and no one has inquired for such mail. William J. Harrison unknown Tampa Dog Track. Person at Pensacola, Florida, suspected as subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, proved to be Charles Knutsen of Canby, Minnesota, who is wintering here for his health. Another person reported as being subject Alvin Karpis and in the vicinity of Ocala, Florida, has left for parts unknown, but it was rather definitely established suspect is not Karpis. Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette transferred from Miami, Florida, to Duval County Jail, Jacksonville, Florida, March 5, 1935.</p> <p>P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 1, 1935. Telegram to Buffalo Office, dated Jacksonville, Florida, March 4, 1935. Telegram to Jacksonville Office, dated Buffalo, New York, March 5, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Since the submission of the reference report, Agent has been in constant touch with H. Vincent and J. H. Jones, Clerks, General Delivery, Tampa, Florida, Post Office, and to date there has been no mail received for anyone by the name of Angus or anyone</p>			
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using the names or aliases of any of the subjects of this case. Further, there has not been received as far as known, any mail forwarded from Box 295, RFD #7, Toledo, Ohio, or from the Casino Club at that address.

On many occasions those who attend the dog races at Tampa have been observed at which times no one resembling William J. Harrison has been observed. Further, George Mangan, Tampa, Florida, who is well acquainted with the various known hoodlums of Tampa and who frequents the local dog track, has advised that no one corresponding to the description or photograph of Harrison has been observed by him at the various "hang outs" frequented by Mangan. The local dog track is operated by one J. H. Ellis and he has been observed frequently and has not at these times been contacted by anyone resembling William J. Harrison. Due to the political set-up at Sulphur Springs, where said dog track is located, it is impossible to contact anyone within the training or operating staff concerning this matter in a confidential manner, as such contact would immediately be referred to J. H. Ellis and his self-appointed officers, which include Fred Thomas, well known "crook" and friend of the underworld. It is known that if the fact that William J. Harrison is being sought reaches Thomas and Harrison should appear, he would be supplied with the information and thereafter protected by Thomas, who would for a sum of money do most anything to aid Harrison. Fred Thomas is a former Tampa Police Department, Chief of Detectives.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson and Roswell E. Smith:

The following investigation which was conducted at Pensacola, Florida, is based upon a long distance telephone call from Mr. Newby of the Bureau under date of February 20, 1935. He stated that the Bureau was in receipt of a letter from Wm. C. Riley, Aero News Company, Post Office Box 1329, Pensacola, Florida, to the effect that he, Riley, had observed a man calling for St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, who resembled photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Wm. C. Riley was interviewed by Agent Donaldson at his newsstand located at 113 North Palafox Street. He verified the above information and stated that he had also informed Mr. Gene Forsyth, Director of Public Safety, for this City, of the matter. As a result he stated that Mr. Forsyth had checked up on this suspect and established that he was not Dr. Moran.

Mr. Forsyth, when interviewed at his office, confirmed Riley's statement and furnished Agent Donaldson with a memorandum on his findings. It contains the following information, which Agent later verified: The suspect is Charles Knutsen of Canby, Minnesota, 46 years of age and maintains a room at 5 East DeSoto Street. He produced identification to show himself to be a member of the DAV, Camp No. 610, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, No. 155-30. He also belongs to Masonic Lodge No. 103 at Canby, Minnesota, and the American Legion at the same place. Knutsen is driving a 1930 model Whippet Coach with 1935 Minnesota license plates #16-333, motor #422160. Knutsen was observed to be considerably gray and talks with a very noticeable Scandinavian accent and his prints do not correspond with those of Dr. Moran.

On the morning of March 5, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt received a long distance telephone call from one P. F. Chester a constable at Ocala, Florida, stating that he had information which led him to believe Alvin Karpis was in that vicinity and had been seen around town at various times during the past five weeks, driving a Model A Ford Coach and doing coin tricks for local negroes.

Special Agents R. B. Donaldson and Roswell E. Smith were dispatched at once to Ocala, where they contacted Mr. Chester. He recited a hearsay story about a young man who he heard had been in and out of Ocala for the past several weeks and who had been staying at an unknown place in the far side of the County. There was nothing in the information possessed by Mr. Chester to form a real basis for his conclusion that the man was Karpis. In the course of his story Chester admitted that he heard a further rumor that the unknown person was wanted somewhere for murder or some other charge and that there was a \$750 reward for his arrest and in the same breath he admitted that he would like very much to collect said reward. It seems that up to the time of this interview informant had made no independent effort to trace the matter out although he knew of same some several days. He also informed Agents that he is not on speaking terms with the local sheriff and chief of police and requested that neither of these officials be apprised of his efforts.

Accompanied by Chester, Agents called at the home of Joe Collins, a farmer, some 6 miles West of Ocala (RFD #2, Ocala). Collins stated that two weeks ago, in the morning, he went to a nearby turpentine still on business and while there saw a stranger who was loitering, apparently,

The stranger approached him and inquired whether Collins would let him hang around his home for awhile. It seems that the stranger had made inquiry for a job around the still, but there was present only some negroes. Collins says he got mad at the man and threatened him in some manner then left. He has since heard from the negroes that after he left the stranger made some remarks about him and pulled a pistol from his zipper jacket. Collins has not seen the man since. He gave a description of the man, stating he judged him to be from 22 to 28 years old, weighing around 160 lbs., with blue eyes and chestnut sorrel hair which grew rather low about the forehead. Also he noticed a scar or some similar marking on one side of the man's face. A number of Identification Orders were exhibited to Collins. At first he said his eyes were too bad to tell much about pictures, but finally looked through the group and picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis, stating positively this was the man.

At Martel, Florida, one mile from Joe Collins' place, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rheinisch, Jr., were interviewed. They conduct a filling station. They state that this stranger came here on February 18, 1935, driving a 1928 model A Ford Coach and purchased 5 gallons of gasoline. The car had a Florida license, number not noted. He inquired the distance to Ocala, saying he was going there on some real estate matters and that he was from East Chicago or east of Chicago. He did not have a Southern accent and did not appear to be a man employed at outside work. At 9:00 PM the same evening he returned again and wanted 2 gallons of gasoline. He bought a package of Wing Cigarettes, made some mention of being mixed up with gangsters in Southern Florida. These people have not since seen the man. They describe him as being a young man, decidedly blonde especially hair, weight 145 to 165 lbs., light blue eyes, fair skin. His hair was cut very high. Photographs were again displayed and Mr. Rheinisch was inclined to pick out Karpis, but was not so certain, while Mrs. Rheinisch rather definitely picked out Harry Campbell.

F. P. Fennell and son Harold operate a Sinclair Oil Station on the highway near Romeo, Florida. They stated that a strange man with a 1928 model A Ford Coach, some 2 weeks ago, had been around here; that he was a stranger and seemed to have some money and inquired several times for outside newspapers. He made several purchases of gasoline and one Sunday engaged in a small poker game with Harold and several other local boys. He has not been seen since and these men do not know where he stayed when in this vicinity. They describe him as age 24 to 30 years, weight 150 to 170 lbs., 5 feet 10 inches tall with grey eyes and no face scars. When shown Identification Orders, Mr. F. P. Fennell was not

certain about any particular one, but thought the photograph of Volney Davis resembled the stranger, while Harold Fennell, who was in the poker game, stated emphatically that Raymond Hamilton's photograph was without a doubt a likeness of the man. He likewise definitely stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis was not the man. The informants say they heard that the man tried to get a job on the tung oil grove in this vicinity, also that he had left these parts for Gulf Hammock, Florida. These informants figured that the man was some sort of a crook, but they could get no line on him.

Inquiry was next made at Carvins' Tung Oil Grove, address of which is Morriston, Florida, RFD. W. C. Hart, foreman, was interviewed. From him it was learned that he is personally acquainted with all white help employed here and further, no one has recently been employed. He has not heard of any stranger as described herein applying for work of any kind nor has he seen any such person hereabouts.

At the J. C. Partin Farm, near Romeo, Florida, Agents found that neither Mr. Partin nor his son were at home. It was reported along the line that these men had seen the suspect and that the younger had rode to Ocala one night with him. Two white men working in the field on the farm stated they had heard of this person and believed he worked on the farm a few days several weeks ago for one Styles Hoppins, who resides some five miles North of here, but had left there as he could not do farm work and his whereabouts or destination was not known.

Agents reached the conclusion that the suspect is not Alvin Karpis in view of the varying descriptions, conflict in identifying photographs and his general activity locally. Constable Chester stated that he would spend further time on the matter and if anything further could be learned he would notify the Jacksonville Office.

The following was supplied by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, stationed at Miami, Florida:

On February 28, 1935, the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, was requested to communicate with the United States District Judge at Miami, Florida, to request an order of removal for Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette from the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida,

to the Duval County Jail, Jacksonville, Florida, since, it was suggested accommodations for the safe incarceration of the prisoners may be more suitable, conditions and circumstances of their incarceration in the Dade County Jail at Miami not being conducive to the proper detention of their type of prisoner.

Accordingly Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, Florida, conferred with United States District Judge Halsted L. Ritter, and, on March 1, 1935, Judge Ritter signed an order of removal providing for the transfer of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette from the Dade County Jail, Miami, to the Duval County Jail, Jacksonville, Florida.

In accordance with the provisions of the order of removal, Deputy United States Marshal Frank Edwards, Miami, left Miami with prisoners Delaney and Burdette at 11:00 o'clock on the morning of March 5, 1935, aboard the Florida East Coast Railway, arriving in Jacksonville, Florida, at 6:20 that evening, where the prisoners were taken into custody of the United States Marshal at Jacksonville and incarcerated in the Duval County Jail pending their arraignment in the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, during the term of Court scheduled to convene on or about the first Monday in April, 1935.

Prior to the removal of prisoners Delaney and Burdette, and on the afternoon of March 4, 1935, one Albert J. Murrell, was taken into custody of the Sheriff when he was detected in conversation with Delaney and Burdette from the sight-seeing tower on the twenty-fourth floor of the Dade County Building, which is one floor below which women Federal prisoners were incarcerated. Immediately after his apprehension by Deputy Sheriff Desmond Kelly, Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling and Agent were advised and Murrell was interviewed at once in the Dade County Jail, at which time he offered the following information:

He stated that he is 28 years of age; single; a bell-hop and chauffeur by occupation, and last resided at 26 Whitney Place, Buffalo, New York, and where he was employed, as a bell-hop, at the Ford Hotel prior to coming to Miami in November, 1934. Concerning his presence in Miami, Murrell stated that he has been coming to Miami for the past three seasons; that on his trip in November, 1934, he drove one Joe Cohen whom he had met at the Elk's Club in Buffalo, and that Cohen was accompanied by one Charles Martin, a friend of Cohen's, residing at

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East Aurora, New York; that upon arrival in Miami, Cohen and his friend went to the Elk's Club and Murrell took a room at 428 Northeast Second Avenue; that he attempted to obtain employment, as a chauffeur, with Couture's Motor Service, Miami Beach, by whom he had been employed during the season of 1934; that inasmuch as Mr. Couture could not place him, he obtained employment as a dish washer at the Palm Island Club, a night club on Miami Beach, at the time of his arrest he was still employed there and was residing at the Tangerine Hotel.

When questioned concerning his conversations with Delaney and Burdette, Murrell stated that on Tuesday afternoon, February 26, 1935, he went to the sight seeing tower of the Dade County Building, Miami, and while there some women prisoners on the floor above called to him; that he entered into conversation with them at which time two of the women (Delaney and Burdette) informed him that they were the girl friends of Karpis the kidnaper; another girl, a blonde, told him her name was Jean Foster; that she was in jail on a vagrancy charge and that she was lonesome and requested that he come to visit her on visiting day. Murrell denied that any of the girls, and particularly Delaney and/or Burdette had given him any further information concerning themselves or that they had asked him to communicate with anyone for them. He further denied that he had communicated with anyone concerning the girls and disclaimed any association or acquaintance with any of the known members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He admitted that he again visited the tower a few days after his first visit; that he talked with the girls on general subjects, none of which he could mention definitely and before leaving advised the girls that he would visit them again. He denied, as on the first visit, that he had been requested by the girls to communicate with anyone for them or to bring them anything. On his last visit, the date of his apprehension, Murrell claims that he visited the tower primarily to talk with Jean Foster; that when he arrived, Delaney and Burdette advised him that Jean Foster had been released that morning and they did not know where she had gone. He claims that he did not have an opportunity to converse further since he was taken into custody.

Although questioned at length, Murrell consistently denied that he knows any members of the Barker-Karpis gang; that he has never seen any of them, other than Delaney and Burdette, and, to the best of his knowledge, had had no association whatever with the underworld characters or persons with whom they might have been intimate, either in Buffalo or Miami. With respect to his sojourn in Miami in seasons

past, Murrell stated that he was formerly employed as Chauffeur for one Sidney Graham, Detroit, Michigan, and that during the season of 1933, he drove Mr. Graham to Miami Beach and remained in his employ until after their return to Detroit; that he again drove Graham to Miami Beach during the Winter of 1934; that Graham returned to Detroit rather abruptly, because of domestic difficulties, and Murrell remained at Miami Beach, having received employment with Couture, on recommendation of Graham.

Upon completion of the above interview, fingerprints of Murrell were taken and forwarded to the Bureau by airmail by the Sheriff, Miami, Florida. The Buffalo Office was requested, by telegram, to ascertain Murrell's reputation and activities at Buffalo. In response to that wire, the Jacksonville Office was advised that Albert J. Murrell is an itinerant hotel employee and longshoreman, formerly a chauffeur to one Graham of Detroit, has no criminal record with the Buffalo Police Department and is unknown at #26 Whitney Place, Buffalo, where he claimed to have resided.

At Miami Beach, Florida;

Through inquiry of David Rosner, Manager, Biscayne-Collins Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, it was ascertained that Murrell was employed there as a dish washer for two days, February 22 and 23, 1935, when he was laid-off, because of lack of business. Rosner stated that, because of his brief employment, he could offer no information concerning Murrell, except that he considered his services satisfactory.

F. C. Couture, Proprietor, Couture's Auto Service, 825 Fifth Street, Miami Beach, stated that he has known Albert J. Murrell since the season of 1933, when he came to Miami Beach in the capacity of chauffeur for Sidney Graham, a wealthy business man from Detroit, Michigan. Couture stated that Graham is a man of good repute, although having the reputation of "sporting". He verified the information furnished by Murrell that he returned to Miami Beach during the season of 1934 as chauffeur for Graham; that Graham was in Miami Beach, but a short time when his wife, who had not accompanied Graham and who, Couture thought was in Detroit, had upbraided her husband for alleged indiscretions with women, and Graham suddenly returned to Detroit to reconcile his wife. Murrell remained at Miami Beach and at that time one Davis,

a multi-millionaire from New York City (now deceased), came to Miami Beach and rented a car from Couture. He desired a dependable chauffeur and Couture then employed Murrell whose services he claims were entirely satisfactory and Mr. Davis had expressed to Couture his pleasure with Murrell's services. After Davis returned to New York, Murrell remained in Couture's employment until the season closed, about April 1, 1934, when he left, stating that he intended to return to Buffalo. Mr. Couture stated that Murrell returned to Miami Beach during the early part of the season and sought employment, but since Couture did not have an opening at the time he could not hire Murrell. He further stated that he has seen Murrell frequently; that he has never observed him in the company of questionable characters and does not know that he has ever been involved in any trouble. Couture stated that his only criticism of Murrell is that he is "weak on women"; that he was frequently seen with women and apparently women were attracted to him.

Murrell was employed in the capacity of dish washer February 26, 1935, at the Palm Island Club, according to Leo F. Schott, Auditor. Further it was learned that Murrell stayed the night of January 18, 1935, at the Tangerine Hotel, a "flop house" at 940 North Miami Avenue. He also stayed at 428 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, from November 8, 1934, to January 15, 1935, Mrs. C. E. Foster conducts this address. At none of these places was any particular information gained regarding Murrell as no one knew his history.

No criminal record was found as to Murrell at the Miami Beach Bureau of Identification.

Through inquiry at the Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department, it was ascertained that Albert J. Murrell has no record of arrest, nor has he registered and submitted his fingerprints as required of transient employees, by City Ordinance.

Upon completion of the above investigation the matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, who stated that he would not institute prosecution against Murrell since it appears that he has no connection with the Barker-Karpis gang and his visits to the Dade County Jail sight-seeing tower were possibly induced by his desire to meet and talk with women. His release was accordingly requested and the Sheriff preferred no charge against him.

Subsequent to his release, Agent was informed by Deputy Sheriff Desmond Kelly that Murrell had informed him that Wynona Burdette had asked Murrell to buy a Tulsa, Oklahoma, paper for her, but that since he did not know where to get it, he did not make the purchase as requested. Frequent searches of the cells occupied by Delaney and Burdette according to attaches of the County Jail, failed to disclose the existence of any contraband.

The following description of Albert J. Murrell, as obtained from personal observation and questioning, is set forth for the completion of the file:

Name	Albert J. Murrell												
Age	28 (7/16/34)												
Height	5' 8"												
Weight	145 lbs.												
Build	Medium-slender												
Complexion	Medium												
Hair	Black, partially bald in front												
Eyes	Blue												
Teeth	Good												
Occupation	Bell-hop, chauffeur												
Marital status	Single												
Residence	26 Whitney Place, Buffalo, New York Tangerine Hotel, Miami, Fla.												
Relatives	Orion L. Murrell, Buffalo, N. Y., uncle. (parents deceased)												
Nationality	American (Born Mandan, North Dakota)												
Scars & marks	Top rt. index finger amputated; Tattoo: Cupit on pot, inscription "U.S.A.", rt. forearm, inner. Spanish girl, upper arm rt. Tiger head, upper arm, left.												
Criminal record	Claims none. No record Miami or Miami Beach, Fla., Police Departments.												
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Murrell's fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau, via airmail, by the Sheriff's Office, Miami, Florida, on March 4, 1935, and the Bureau is being requested, by letter, to furnish the Jacksonville Office with such criminal record for Murrell as may be onfile for completion of the file in this office.

Interviews with Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette prior to their removal from Miami which were conducted at the request of the Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, will be set forth in a subsequent report.

Disposition sheet as to Murrell is being forwarded to the Bureau.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:PAL

March 20, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218-
FUGITIVE; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number:	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
ALBERT J. MURRELL	SO, Miami, Fla. #24458	3/4/35	9 1 U IOO 1 U IOO 12

Jax #7-24

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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March 29, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218 - Fugitive; et al.;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

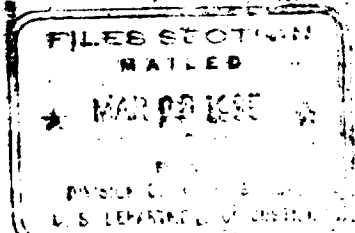
Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated March 20, 1935,
I am submitting below the record revealed through a search of
the identification files of this Bureau in the case of ALBERT
J. MURRELL.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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



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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Backus.....
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- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Smith.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 22, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is being transmitted herewith a small piece of cardboard measuring approximately 2" x 4", upon which are inscribed numerous symbols which seem to indicate notes taken prior to the commission of a bank robbery.

In this connection your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated 3-20-35, wherein it is indicated that the above piece of cardboard was among those articles recovered from Apartment 8 at 4915 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where recent investigation has been conducted by this office looking to the present whereabouts of Volney Davis and his associates.

It is requested that a search of the modus operandi file be instituted and information obtained therefrom speedily transmitted to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul
cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 22, 1935.

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Washington, D.C.

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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUGITIVE;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

There is being transmitted herewith one exploded cartridge, apparently from a .32 caliber automatic pistol, found in 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing Missouri license plates 57-618, which car was in the possession of Earl Stuchlik at the time of his apprehension by Agents of this office on February 27, 1935. It will be noted by reference to reports of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35 and 3-20-35, that the above car is the property of Preston Paden, the son of Edna Murray.

As will be noted by reference to report of the above Agent dated at Kansas City, Missouri 2-21-35, two .32 caliber Colt automatics belonging to Edna Murray and Volney Davis, respectively, have already been forwarded to the Bureau for purposes of analysis and comparison. It is, accordingly, requested that the exploded cartridge being transmitted herewith be examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it was fired by either of the two automatic pistols mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

March 11, 1935

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

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Miss Gandy

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:

[REDACTED] who has in the past supplied confidential information to this office which was correct and who is considered a highly reliable informant, was contacted with reference to Cassius M. McDonald with whom he was acquainted. He has advised that McDonald has long been regarded as a confidence man and fixer of the first water, of national scope, among the underworld where he is endeavoring to secure specific information as to McDonald's activities and criminal record which is not recorded by fingerprints.

[REDACTED] advised that Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald has been stopping at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit since March 1, 1935, and he informed Special Agent D. E. Hall of this office today that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] further advised that he did not want this information to be known to anyone other than Agent Hall, as coming from him, under any circumstances. He also advised that he believed if McDonald is held in jail for a reasonable amount of time, or until trial, he will make a complete statement as to his participation in this case and as to the participation and activities of all other parties involved of whom he has knowledge. [REDACTED] also believes that Edward N. Bernard, with offices in the Dime Bank Building, Detroit, has been retained as McDonald's attorney and he will probably proceed to Florida in a few days for the purpose of posting a cash bond for McDonald.

It is noted that the bond for Cassius McDonald has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000 and it is not known whether it would be possible to have this bond placed at a higher figure at the present time. However, the above information is being submitted to the Bureau only, in view of the highly confidential nature of the same, for such action as may be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 21, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

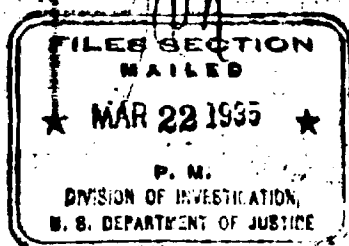
Reference is made to your personal and confidential
letter, dated March 11, 1935, advising of information obtained
by you from [redacted] b7c b7d

[redacted] It is observed
that recent developments reflect that [redacted] furnished you
with authentic information concerning the forth-coming release
of Cassius M. McDonald, under bond at Miami, Florida.

In view of [redacted] willingness to furnish this
Bureau with confidential information, it is suggested that you
discreetly cultivate the cooperation of [redacted] to the end
that you will be kept advised relative to under-world crime
conditions in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 3/22/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/18-21/35	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. KEATING
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1215 - FUGITIVE. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Newark, N. J. indicates that the Sawyers are not in that vicinity at this time. Reuben Bass alias Harry Evans now located at No. Long Beach, California. William Weisman contacts his wife regularly at Newark, N. J.; his address in New York not determined as yet. Identity of Lewis Brooks not established to date. He was not a defense witness in the Finiello murder trial at Elizabeth, N. J. in fall of 1930.			
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<p>Accompanied by Special Agent Suran of the Chicago Bureau office, the writer contacted Pat Quinn, Post Office Inspector at Newark, N. J. on March 18, 1935. Mr. Quinn stated that some time ago he received information that on February 5, 1935 Harry and Gladys Sawyer were at Kansas City, Missouri, and that they expected to return to St. Paul, Minnesota in</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. X. Foy</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-5172		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 25 1935
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the very near future. He advised that on that date Gladys Sawyer mailed a letter at Kansas City, Missouri, on the back of which was written 601 South 9th Street (no city) that this address later turned out to be the former address of Alice Conrad, with whom Mrs. Sawyer took up her residence shortly after her release from custody in September, 1934. Post Office Inspector Quian stated that he had never received the information that Sawyer was in the vicinity of Newark, N. J., and that this information was erroneous; that he received his information from a confidential informant who is an investigator but whose name he did not care to divulge. He advised that Post Office Inspector Adolph Wick at St. Paul, Minnesota received the same information as he did relative to Sawyer. In the event he should receive any information of value in the very near future pertaining to Sawyer and his wife, he will immediately communicate with the New York Bureau office.

[redacted] is now residing [redacted] b7c b7d

The writer recently had a letter from [redacted] in which he advised that his family and he were broke and on relief in California; that one of his children had tuberculosis and it was necessary for his wife to stay with the children in California, but that he was willing to proceed to Chicago or anywhere else if he could get the money to do so. He advised that he could be of great assistance to the Bureau on major matters throughout the country. It must be remembered that [redacted] is an important informant; that it was he who obtained the information as to the actual perpetrators of the Kansas City massacre which occurred in June, 1933. He is personally acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Harry Sawyer and, in fact, the majority of the major mobsters throughout the United States. From time to time he has supplied the Post Office officials with information which led to the solving of various mail robberies throughout the country.

[redacted]

Mrs. M. Weisman, the wife of William Weisman, is now residing at 211 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J., unlisted telephone number Waverly 3-5137. Through Lieutenant Tom Diamond of the Prosecutor's office at Newark, N. J., it was ascertained that William Weisman visits his wife's home on Chancellor Avenue three or four

times each week; that on some occasions he drives up in a Cadillac car with a chauffeur, sometimes in an old dilapidated Ford and on other occasions in a New York or New Jersey taxicab; that Weisman keeps very irregular hours, generally arriving at his home in the early hours of the morning.

Through Lieutenant Diamond it was ascertained the following telephone calls were made and telegrams sent from telephone Waverly 3-5137, between September 1, 1934 and February 21, 1935:

- September 1, 1934 • Western Union telegram to Harrigay, Fall River, Mass.
- September 10, 1934 • Long distance telephone call to Stanley Weisman, Columbia, Missouri, telephone Columbia 5245. Charge \$9.25.
- September 11, 1934 • Call to Ingersoll 2-0458, New York City.
- September 18, 1934 • Call to Mulberry 2365, which is located at 5603 St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. T. F. Sanders answered telephone and the party from Newark asked for Dr. F. F. Sanders.
- September 21, 1934 • Telephone call to Columbia 5245, Columbia, Mo., charge \$8.50.
- September 29, 1934 • Call to Columbia 5245, charge \$4.50.
- October 2, 1934 • Western Union telegram to Fall River, Mass., signed "Sister Rose and family".
- October 4, 1934 • Call to Evergreen 7-1481, New York, (Brooklyn).
- October 12, 1934 • Call to Orchard 4-5062, New York, N. Y.
- October 15, 1934 • Western Union telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Slanker, New York City. Symbols on telegram - 55-3.
- October 13, 1934 • Western Union telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wiseman, New York City. Symbols 30-2.

October 15, 1934 - Esplanade 5-7792, New York City.
 October 17, 1934 - Eldorado 5-3000, New York City.
 October 17, 1934 - Eldorado 5-3000, New York City.
 October 20, 1934 - Western Union telegram to Chicago, Illinois,
 signed "Mother".
 October 25, 1934 - Western Union telegram to St. Louis,
 Missouri, signed "The Weisman Family".
 October 26, 1934 - Western Union telegram to Chicago, Illinois,
 signed "Aunt Mayn".
 November 7, 1934 - Reversed long distance call from Columbia,
 Missouri, charge \$5.25.
 November 11, 1934 - Orchard 4-3062, New York City.
 December 5, 1934 - Butterfield 8-3533, New York City.
 December 17, 1934 - Essex 9558, Newark, N. J. Call made collect
 and transferred to Essex 2-5519, at which
 number someone talked to one Bob Sarg.
 December 20, 1934 - Sedgwick 3-5088, New York City.
 December 27, 1934 - Esplanade 5-7792, New York City.
 December 28, 1934 - Trenton, N. J., 3-0488.
 January 2, 1935 - Columbia, Missouri, 5245.
 January 1, 1935 - Eldorado 5-3000, New York City.
 January 5, 1935 - Western Union ^{wire} to St. Louis, Mo., signed
 "Ben and Shirley Weisman".
 January 5, 1935 - Western Union telegram to St. Louis, Mo.,
 signed "Uncle Bill".

January 5, 1935 - Western Union telegram to St. Louis, Mo., signed "Stef Goldfeder".
 January 10, 1935 - Esplanade 5-7792, New York City.
 January 11, 1935 - Esplanade 5-7792, New York City.
 January 11, 1935 - Cleveland 3-8303, Richmond Hill, L.I.
 January 12, 1935 - Cleveland 3-8303, Richmond Hill, L.I.
 January 18, 1935 - Western Union telegram to Columbia, Mo.
 January 19, 1935 - Sedgwick 3-5068, New York City.
 January 28, 1935 - Long distance call to 5245, Columbia, Mo., reverse charges \$5.90.

February 4, 1935 - Trenton, N. J., 2-4290.

February 8, 1935 - Cathedral 3-0965, New York City.

February 14, 1935 - Long distance call to Stanley Weisman, Columbia, Mo., 5245, charge \$10.75.

February 15, 1935 - Chelsea 2-4523, New York City.

February 17, 1935 - Chelsea 2-4523, New York City.

February 18, 1935 - Chelsea 2-4523, New York City.

February 21, 1935 - Western Union telegram to the Bridge Club Girls, Irvington, N. J.

A check-up of the local New York telephones disclosed the following:

Sedgwick 3-5068	-	Jack Leder	-	2526 Valentine Ave., Bronx
Esplanade 5-7792	-	Harry Shneiweis	-	1852 E. 4th St., Brooklyn
Cleveland 3-8303	-	Philip H. Bearkan	-	843E-120th St., Richmond Hill
Ingersoll 2-0458	-	Samuel H. Levy	-	3212 Church Ave., Brooklyn
Evergreen 7-1481	-	Worthington Holding Corp.	-	338 S. 3rd St., Brooklyn

Orchard 4-3062	Abraham Shenberg	18 Monroe St., New York City
Butterfield 8-3533	Abram H. Fromberg	182 E. 73rd St., NYC
Eldorado 5-3000	Waldorf-Astoria	50th & Park Ave., NYC
Cathedral 8-0965	Belle Levy	529 W. 111th St., NYC
Chelsea 2-4523	Betty Fouché	24 Jane St., NYC

Information pertaining to the numerous toll calls and telegrams sent from Waverly 3-5137 may be obtained on subpoena from Mr. A. Bittig, General Counsel, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, 240 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 12, 1935, in which is set out that Lewis Brooks alias Louis Brooks, who is a friend of subject Sawyer, proceeded to St. Paul on or about August 27, 1932, and obtained an apartment at 1018 Osceola Avenue, through Mrs. Gladys Sawyer; that it was reported at that time that Lewis Brooks proceeded to St. Paul in the interest of the defense in the trial of Al Silverberg and Jack Newman for the murder of Al Loeb, a New York gangster; that Brooks came to St. Paul from Philadelphia with three other men and it was thought that they were probably there for the purpose of intimidating witnesses or attempting to fix the jurors in the trial of the case which was in progress at that time; that it was reported also that Lewis Brooks was a defense witness at the trial for the murder of John G. Finiello, Prohibition Agent at Elizabeth, N. J., in the fall of 1930.

Records of the Finiello case in the County Prosecutor's office, at Elizabeth, N. J. were checked, and indicate that no person by the name of Lewis Brooks testified for the government or for the defense.

The true identity of Lewis Brooks has not been established by the New York office to date although it is reported by the Chicago office that it is apparent that Brooks and William Weisman are closely associated.

In the report of Special Agent J. D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 18, 1932 in the case entitled Frank Nash with aliases, I.O. 1166, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, there is set out a list of long distance calls made from the telephone of

Harry Sawyer at St. Paul, Minnesota. It is noted that on August 6, 1932, a call was placed at Columbus 5-3232, New York City. This number is listed in the name of J. A. Scott, 236 West 55th Street, New York City, business - postage stamps.

Mr. Frank Shea, Post Office Inspector of New York City, was contacted, and he advised that Scott is in the postage stamp business and that to date the Post Office Department had received no complaints on him and, as far as they knew, he was a reputable man. The Post Office Inspector advised that he would check up on Scott more closely to determine if he were dealing with any mobs or peddling stamps stolen from various post offices. When this telephone call was made to Scott from Sawyer's telephone, the writer recollects that there had been a lot of post office robberies in the northwest about that period.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE, through the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, 540 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., will obtain the listings of all long distance telephone calls and Western Union telegrams sent or received from Waverly 3-5137, which number is listed under the name of Mrs. M. Weisman, 211 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J. Mr. A. Bittig is the proper party to contact at the telephone company.

Will make arrangements with Lieutenant Tom Diamond of the Prosecutor's Office, Newark, N. J., to place a tap on Weisman's unlisted telephone, which is Waverly 3-5137, at Newark, N. J., in an endeavor to ascertain Weisman's connections in the vicinity of Greater New York.

Arrange to have a surveillance made of Weisman's house and, if possible, shadow him to ascertain where he is residing in Greater New York. He is reported to be living with one Nellie O'Connor somewhere in Brooklyn, N. Y. Nellie O'Connor was formerly a night club singer at Newark, N. J. Weisman was formerly connected with Vernon C. Miller, Harry Sawyer and the St. Paul mob in general, as well as being closely associated with mobs in Chicago and with the Haar Brothers at Savannah, Georgia. He is reported to be in the gambling racket at this time with one Abe Shonberg alias Goldberg.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

It is suggested that the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office communicate with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is an important informant who has given representatives of the Bureau a lot of good information on major gangs throughout the country from time to time. If handled tactfully, valuable information may be elicited from him as to the possible whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, Harry Sawyer and the other subjects who are wanted in this case. In making a contact with [REDACTED], mention this agent's name.

ST. PAUL OFFICE

Contact Post Office Inspector Adolph Wick, St. Paul, Minn., to determine the possible whereabouts of subject Harry Sawyer and his wife.

NEW YORK OFFICE

Will communicate with Post Office Inspector Frank Shea at New York City for further information relative to J. A. Scott, 236 West 55th Street, New York City, Scott being in the postage stamp business.

Will contact Inspector Michael F. McDermott, Third Detective District, 150 West 68th Street, Manhattan, telephone Trafalgar 7-7274, for any information he may have relative to the identity of Lewis Brooks alias Louis Brooks and, further, to establish if Louis Buchhalter alias Lepke is at this time in New York City. McDermott has a contact who advises him from time to time as to the movements of the Lepke mob.

PENDING

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Ala.
March 23, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 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

In connection with the above entitled case Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago Office telephoned this office at 8:30 P. M., on March 20th, stating that a letter had been received in Chicago on March 15th, addressed to some relatives of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, which letter was post-marked in Atlanta, Ga. Special Agent Brown also advised that it was known that Moran at the present time is traveling for some medical instrument company.

The Birmingham Office is conducting appropriate investigation in connection with the above information in Atlanta and during the investigation no information has been found concerning Moran's whereabouts in Atlanta, but there was found that the General Delivery clerk in the Atlanta Post Office had a forwarding address placed by one John Moran on Feb. 23, 1935, giving his forwarding address as General Delivery, Birmingham, Ala.

Inquiry was then made in Birmingham where it was learned from the General Delivery clerk that one John Moran on Feb. 25, 1935, had requested that his mail be forwarded to Warrenville, Ill., of which fact the Chicago Office was advised. There was also obtained from the General Delivery clerk in the Birmingham Post Office, a card that was filled out by John Moran on Feb. 25th, requesting that his mail be forwarded to Warrenville. The original of this card was secured and is attached hereto for a study in the Laboratory to determine if it is the handwriting of subject Joseph P. Moran. It is requested that the Bureau return this forwarding card after it has served its purpose in order that it may be returned to the Post Office Department in Birmingham.

It might be mentioned that as a result of further inquiry that was made in Birmingham, subject Moran has been tentatively identified as

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having called at the Childrens Hospital in Birmingham, on March 11th, at which time he claimed to be representing a surgical supply house in Nashville. The Nashville Office has been apprised of this and instructed to conduct an appropriate investigation in that city.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. Hanson, *Wls*
Special Agent in Charge.

ENC.

CC: Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill.
St. Paul

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Laboratory Report

Number: 7-576-5173

Specimens: One postal Change of Address card signed "John Moran", and dated Feb. 25, 1935.

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Date received: 3-25-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

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