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

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BREKID ENDEAVORING TO TRACE MOVEMENTS MOON BAKER ASSOCIATE HACK  
MILLER AND TONY CAPPEXXXX CAPPEZIO, 2024 MILWAUKEE AVENUE, SUPPOSEDLY  
NOW HIDING OUT PARTY PROBABLY WANTED BREMER CASE. ADDRESS IS BOOKIE J  
NT IN QUESTIONABLE NEIGHBORHOOD. PARTY SUPPOSEDLY HIDDEN MAY BE VOLNE  
DAVIS. COVERING VARIOUS LEADS REQUESTED BY USA ST PAUL. INFORMANT  
[REDACTED] ENDEAVORING CONTACT PARTIES BELIEVED REMNANTS KARPIS BARKER GANG.  
OTHER LEADS BEING COVERED.

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JEH:RLM

March 22, 1935

Time-5:10 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TAMM

RE: Stoll Case.

Mr. Ulric Bell, Washington Representative of the Louisville Courier Journal, telephoned and advised that there is a rumor going around in Kentucky which has been sent back to Washington through inquiries to different newspapers including the Cincinnati Inquirer and the Herald Post in Louisville to the effect that through pressure applied on the Department by Ambassador Bingham, the Department has let up on its chase for Robinson. I advised Mr. Bell that the rumor was one hundred percent untrue, and that if anything, we are putting more pressure on it. I further stated that I did not understand why Ambassador Bingham would have anything to do with it.

I further advised Mr. Bell that I was in New York, and that there were some rumors in New York that Robinson was in Harlem passing some of the ransom money; that we were bearing down on that angle, but unfortunately the race riots came just a few days after this rumor; that this upset any rumor that he was in Harlem because it was not safe for any white person to be in Harlem.

I advised Mr. Bell that there were three cases that we were concentrating on at the present time, the Stoll Kidnaping Case, the apprehension of Karpis, and the apprehension of Raymond Hamilton, desperado of the Southwest. I stated that Karpis is the leading man left in the Bremer Case. Mr. Bell inquired if Hamilton was a killer and I stated that he was one of the worst killers, but that he wanted by the Bureau for robbing a National Guard Armory.

Mr. Bell stated that he did not put any confidence in the above rumor, but he did want to send some positive item to the effect that it was positively untrue. He further inquired if he could say that the number of men working on the Stoll Case had been increased. I stated that it would be perfectly all right for him to say that.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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March 22, 1935

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During my absence from the city your communication of March 11, 1935, relating to Cassius M. McDonald, was received at the Bureau and was not brought to my attention until I returned to the office. I regret that some delay has occurred in giving proper attention to your letter.

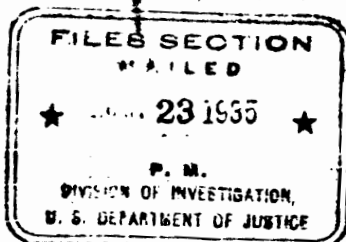
Cassius M. McDonald was taken into custody at West Palm Beach, Florida on February 7, 1935 and was subsequently removed to Miami, Florida, where he was held upon charges contained in an indictment returned against him in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935, charging McDonald and various other individuals with harboring Alvin Karpis in Florida. You will undoubtedly recall that Alvin Karpis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, and that Karpis has been a fugitive since that time.

I have been advised that Cassius M. McDonald was released on a bond of \$15,000 on March 12, 1935.

I have personally reviewed the facts involved in the charges against Cassius McDonald and am convinced that he is the individual who participated in the harboring of Karpis in Florida and actually assisted in the negotiation of a quantity of the money paid as a ransom to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. I am certain that this is not a case of mistaken identity and that Cassius McDonald actually participated in the offenses charged.

There appears to have been some error in the handling of the telegram which you addressed to Inspector James S. Ryan of the Bureau, in which you made inquiry concerning the charges against Cassius McDonald. I sincerely regret that your telegraphic inquiry did not receive a proper and immediate response.

I have observed from your letter of March 11, 1935 that [REDACTED]



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Assuring you of my appreciation for the cooperation and assistance which you have always extended to this Bureau, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

# THE ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING

HOWARD KAHN, Editor

Mar. 15-1935

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.,

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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Dear Sir:

This is going to be rather an odd request. As you know the trial of alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, gets underway here April 8. For the week before I am planning special layout page including photographs of the prisoners, department of justice, agents, district attorney, the judge to preside etc. I understand that there is considerable evidence on hand--more than in any other case your department has had to handle, due mostly to the ~~large~~ number of suspects, length of investigation etc.

Now what I would like is permission from you to take a photopg ray of the evidence--not of the writing but just as it is stacked up. The acting agent in charge here, Mr. Coulter tells me he has not the authority. ~~Massama~~ If I could get an okay from you I certainly would appreciate it.

If possible I would appreciate a memo from you--not to be quoted if you wish so--as to the estimate cost in rounding up the Karpis-Barker mob, the number of lives it cost etc.

I always have cooperated with the department as your two assistants, Mr. Nathan and Mr. Clegg can verify.

If possible I would like your okay on taking pictures of the prisoners we have in jail here--Bolton, Farmer, Edna Murray, Doyle, Barker and a few others.

Thanking you in advance I remain yours truly

*Louis H. Gollop*  
Louis H. Gollop

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March 26, 1935.

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Mr. Louis H. Collop,  
The St. Paul Daily News,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Collop:

Upon my return to the city your communication dated March 15, 1935 was called to my attention with regard to your request to photograph the evidence as well as the perpetrators of the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota.

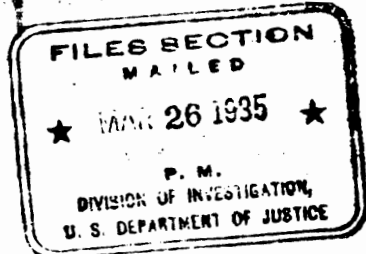
It has always been my policy to cooperate with newspaper reporters whenever possible. However, in the instant case I know you will appreciate my position when I inform you that the evidence collected with regard to this particular case is in the custody and under the control of the United States Attorney charged with the responsibility of trying this case.

The various individuals in custody charged with the offense in question are under the supervision of the United States Marshal for the St. Paul District with the consequent result that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not in a position to pass upon the request made in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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March 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

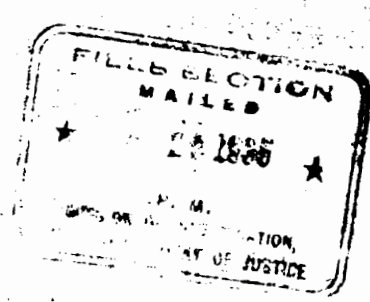
I am enclosing, herewith, for your information a copy of a letter dated March 15, 1935 received from Mr. Louis H. Gollop of the St. Paul Daily News, together with a copy of my reply thereto.

In the event any further inquiries are made at your office by Mr. Gollop concerning this case, you should, of course, advise him along the lines set forth in my reply to his letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 829460



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*[Handwritten signature]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/26/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/13/35	REPORT MADE BY: E. W. WEEKS
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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; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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Mae Fatheree, "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", correspondent, informs Volney Davis, under aliases, unknown to her and she fails to identify photographs of any Subjects.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Office to all Field Offices 2/14/35.

DETAILS:

Reference letter from the Chicago office contained an enclosure which contained a lead to interview Mae Fatheree, RFD 1, Box 34, Mobile, Alabama. Through the above address, Mae Fatheree was located at 815 Saint Francis Street, Mobile, Alabama, and she stated that she answered the advertisement of the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" of Denver, Colorado, furnishing her name to be added to their list, purely as a matter of fun; that afterwards, she received two letters, one from a man in California and another in Kansas or Nebraska, but that she did not answer or preserve them, and that she was now unable to recall the names. After being asked if the same was Harper or any known alias of Volney Davis, she replied in the negative and stated that she would be able to recall the handwriting if shown a sample. She was shown the photostatic copy of the letter written by Davis as Harper, and immediately informed that the same was not that of the persons who wrote to her but once. When shown the group photograph of the Subjects in this matter, she failed to identify the same as any person she knew or had seen. Miss Fatheree seemed very sincere throughout the interview and responded to all questions very quickly. She appears of a very poor family and with very little education, and is presently following her occupation of a trained nurse.

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ARRIVING MIAMI FIVE PM TOMORROW WILL ENDEAVOR LEAVE

MIAMI BY BOAT ARRIVING HAVANA MONDAY AM OR WILL LEAVE

MIAMI MONDAY AM BY PLANE HAVE NOTIFIED JACKSONVILLE

INSTRUCT MACKEE CONTINUE HAVANA BY PLANE MEETING ME THERE

WILL ADVISE FURTHER=

Mr. Gandy 9:05 PM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1935

Time - 10:20 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

*Edw D*

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Alt at the Jacksonville Office, he advised that Agents McKee and Hanson departed this morning for Havana, Cuba, where they will register at the El Presidente Hotel. Mr. Alt stated that he has forwarded to them all of the material which he has received from the Bureau which requires attention in Cuba.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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

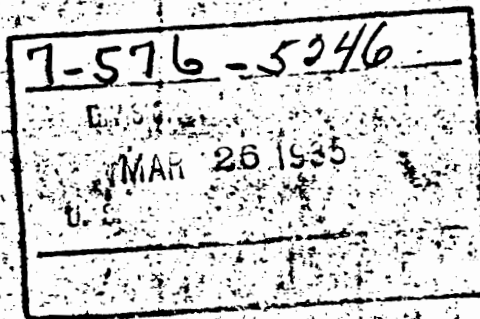
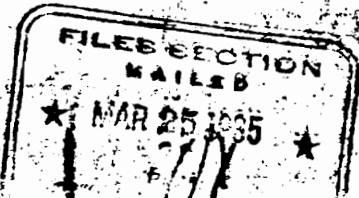
There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have this day furnished to the Attorney General, relative to the sentences imposed this morning on Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, who entered pleas of guilty to the indictments charging them in several counts with conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1935

Time - 10:20 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Alt telephoned from the Jacksonville Office and advised that this morning at Miami, Florida, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were sentenced to five years each in an institution to be designated by the Attorney General, on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis.

I remarked that it was my understanding that the maximum sentence under the harboring statutes was two years. Mr. Alt stated that he was under that impression also, but he had asked one of the Agents to confer with the United States Attorney about this point in order to avoid a come-back, and he has just received a call from the United States Marshal advising that the sentences as given above are correct; that is, five years each. Mr. Alt mentioned that there were two or three counts in the indictment against these women, and this may account for the length of the sentences. Mr. Alt further stated that there are no qualifications to the sentences; that is, no time suspended and no probationary periods.

Mr. Alt stated that they are bringing these women back to Jacksonville, and will leave Miami at 11:05 A.M., and will arrive in Jacksonville about 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:MFS

March 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to my letter of March 20, 1935, in which I advised the Bureau relative to the matter of obtaining a telegram from the Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, Florida, which was dispatched on December 29, 1934, to T. C. Blackburn (Fred Barker) Care Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, which is signed "Cash".

As the Bureau knows we desire to obtain possession of the original telegram, which is in long hand, to be forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the handwriting of subjects Cassius McDonald and Joe Adams, in an effort to determine which of these two persons actually wrote the telegram to show their intimate connection with Fred Barker.

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, today advised that on March 25, 1935, Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter, at Miami, Florida, signed an order directing the Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, to produce before the Clerk of the District Court, Miami, Florida, the original telegram.

Judge Ritter in signing the order declined to make it returnable prior to Monday, April 1st, 1935, on which date the Western Union Telegraph Company must show cause why the telegram should not be delivered, if it is not in fact, produced before the Clerk.

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If we fail to obtain the telegram through this procedure, it appears to me our only recourse then, will be to appeal to the General Offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company at New York City.

The Bureau will be kept advised in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - St. Paul  
Connelley.

Jax # 7-24



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1935

Time - 1 <sup>31</sup>/<sub>1</sub>

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office, I advised him that Agents McKee and Hanson have proceeded to Havana, Cuba to conduct an investigation of information furnished by the State Department to the effect that Alvin Karpis was seen in a certain bar there.

Mr. Connelley mentioned the request for additional investigation in Cuba which has been received, and stated that he presumed these Agents would take care of this at that time.

Respectfully,

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

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-26-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-25-35	REPORT MADE BY: G. B. NORRIS      GBN:F
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1237; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Browning 12 gauge automatic shotgun #92870 sold by Browning Arms Co. St. Louis, Mo. to Em-Roe Sporting Goods Co. Indianapolis, Ind. date of sale not available.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. W. Arms, New York City dated 3-23-35.			
DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  R. E. Gardner of the Browning Arms Company stated that his company was formerly located at Ogden, Utah and used the name of Brown- ing Brothers in Utah. He stated that his records show that Browning 12 gauge automatic shotgun #92870 was sold to Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company of Indianapolis, Indiana; however, that the date of the sale does not appear on the records. The only information available is to the effect that the gun was sold to this company in Indianapolis. He stated that the gun is probably ten or twelve years old and that it was probably sold to the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company in 1928. He stated that he bases these conclusions on the fact that the serial number is an old number.			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:  INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE, at Indianapolis, Indiana contact of- ficials of the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company for the purpose of deter- mining what disposition was made of this gun by the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company.			
PENDING.      DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. E. Vetter</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5250		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1935
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P.O.Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O.#1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREM R.  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to report of Special Agent R.D. Brown, Chicago,  
Illinois, dated 10-17-34, on page 18 of which it is shown that a Mr.  
and Mrs. Stein, living at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois,  
during either March or April of 1934, observed ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER  
in one of the hallways in the building in the above noted address,  
BARKER being in a drunken condition and his fingers bandaged.

Please inform this office, at your earliest convenience, the  
first name or initials of Mr. and Mrs. Stein and any change of address  
in the event they have moved from 7269 South Shore Drive. This informa-  
tion is desired for the assistance of the United States Attorney at St.  
Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

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D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 218  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM HEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY GAYLER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE KATON with aliases, I.O. 1241  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Please refer to report of Special Agent M. A. Taylor, Little Rock, Arkansas, March 13, 1935, and particularly page 3 thereof, in which reference is made to MONROE WOODS, the next door neighbor to W. T. BOWLING, the latter's wife SUSIE BOWLING being a sister of Phoenix Donald alias Heaver, and particularly the information contained in the paragraph referred to as to the appearance of certain cars stopping at the Bowling home during the late hours of the night or early morning.

In this connection it is my opinion that if the information furnished is correct this would warrant a very close check of the information indicated, by suitable surveillance or otherwise, in order to determine who these parties are that are contacting the Bowling family, in an effort to obtain some lead as to the location of Heaver, as to whom we have very little definite information at this time.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOS. P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.  
1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with  
aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER  
with aliases, I.O. 1249; MYRTLE  
EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
OLIVER ALBERG with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd is today in receipt of a letter under date of March 23, 1935, from L. L. Dickman, Secretary to Edward G. Bremer, Victim in the above entitled case, advising that Mr. Bremer has not received the pictures of the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois, he expecting the Division to furnish him with a set of such pictures.

We have previously forwarded two such sets of these pictures to the St. Paul office, and we are attaching hereto, to the St. Paul office copy of this letter, an additional set of these pictures, with the suggestion however, that they not deliver these to Mr. Bremer unless the Bureau desires that such action be taken.

It is my opinion that possibly if these pictures are furnished to Mr. Bremer he may be inclined to indiscreetly exhibit same among his friends, and possibly tie himself up by making some statement which might be used against the interests of the Government, under cross examination of him later when he is to testify in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr Connolly  
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April 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

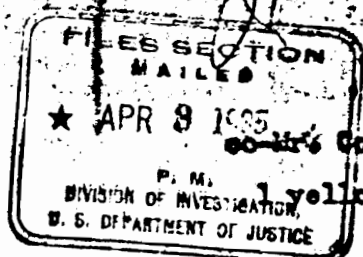
Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley addressed to the Bureau under date of March 26, 1935, copy of which was furnished your office, advising of the receipt of a letter addressed to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, under date of March 23, 1935, by L. L. Dickman, Secretary to Edward G. Bremer, Victim in the above entitled case.

It is noted that Mr. Bremer, through his secretary, expects to receive pictures of the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois. Unless some good reason is shown to the Bureau why a set of these pictures should be furnished to Victim Bremer, the pictures should not be furnished to him without first obtaining the authorization from the Bureau.

You should arrange to have Mr. Bremer discreetly interviewed with a view to ascertaining the purpose for which he desires the pictures.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.



cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1935.

Time - 2:40 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

After Agent McKee had succeeded in making reservations to proceed to Miami by way of the Eastern Air Transport Company leaving Washington, D. C. at 11:15 P.M. today and arriving at Miami at 6 A.M. tomorrow morning, March 24, 1935, I telephoned to Mr. Alt at Jacksonville and instructed him to make reservations on the Pan American Airways plane leaving Miami for Habana, Cuba on Sunday morning.

I then telephoned to Mr. Hanson at Birmingham who stated that he would leave Birmingham at 4:00 P.M. by plane arriving in Miami at 11:15 P.M. tonight and would meet Agent McKee at the airport the following morning. If he is not able to make the plane trip he will leave Birmingham at 4:50 P.M. this evening and will not arrive in Miami until tomorrow evening. He stated that he would wire the Bureau the time of his departure so that appropriate arrangement can then be made by Agent McKee.

Respectfully,

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

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March 27, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic instructions of Mr. Newby of the Bureau on March 25, 1935, the surveillance of Miss Alice Conrad, who is residing with her sister, Mrs. Carlo Moratti, at 54 West 36th Street, New York City, was again established and is presently being maintained by four Agents from the New York Bureau Office.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of any developments as a result of this surveillance.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. Fay  
Special Agent in Charge

CC-E. J. Connelley  
St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

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

Reference is made to your notation on the letter of the Chicago office, directed to the St. Paul office under date of February 28, 1935, requesting that Elmer Farmer be interviewed concerning information obtained from a confidential informant to the effect that the activities of the Agents of the Chicago Bureau office are known to former members of the Capone syndicate and other Chicago gangsters.

Both Elmer Farmer and Byron Bolton have been interviewed relative to this situation and deny any knowledge of such an arrangement whereby the members of the Capone syndicate are kept posted on the activities of Bureau Agents.

Respectfully,

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

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

REGISTERED MAIL

March 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. MURRI-  
SON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. EARS,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 22, 1935  
in the above entitled case, requesting that all originals of  
signed statements obtained by various agents attached to this  
office be forwarded to your office in order that the same may be  
available for the assistance of the United States Attorney at  
St. Paul. Pursuant to this request, there are enclosed herewith  
the originals of signed statements taken from the following named  
persons:

JAMES J. WILSON, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September  
25, 1934.

PAUL WARMON, dated at Chicago, Illinois September 15, 1934.

WYNOL BUNDETT, dated at Chicago, Illinois September 15, 1934.

GLADYS MITA SAWYER, dated at Chicago, Illinois September 15,  
1934.

EUTH WILDT, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 11, 1935.

HAROLD V. ALDERTON, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 18,  
1935, given to Special Agents W. R. Lorry and R. N. Frank,  
together with a sketch of the hideout at Bensenville.

HAROLD V. ALDERTON, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 18,  
1935, given to Special Agents R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan.

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CLARA GIBSON, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 18, 1935.  
EDWARD REID MOSCHEL, dated at Chicago, Illinois January  
18, 1935.

MRS. EDWARD REID MOSCHEL, dated at Chicago, Illinois Jan-  
ary 18, 1935.

HUTMAN C. BAUCKE, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 18, 1935.

MILDRED CLARK, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 12, 1935.

ELMER FARMER, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 18, 1935,  
given to Special Agent K. R. McIntire.

ELMER FARMER, dated at Chicago, Illinois January 20, 1935,  
given to Special Agents M. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan

In addition to the above statements, there are also  
enclosed herewith original signed waivers executed by Harold G.  
Alderton, Elmer Farmer, and Bryan Bolton, the first mentioned  
dated January 18, 1935 and the latter two dated January 17, 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM HEATER 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; OLIVER A. BENC with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
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TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
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Reference is made to your letter dated March 15, 1935,  
attached to which were two copies of the report of Special Agent  
O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 3/15/35, in the above entitled  
case.

In the above referred to letter you suggested that copies  
of this report be photostated or mimeographed and sent to each  
field office not designated as receiving copies as shown on the  
title page. The photostating of a report of this length, requir-  
ing so many copies, would be so expensive that the cost would be  
prohibitive, and the stenographic situation at this office is not  
such that the copies can be made here. It is, therefore, suggested  
that the Omaha Bureau office have the required number of copies  
made and furnished the various field offices.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit,  
Michigan, dated 9-25-34, on page 32 of which it is noted that the fol-  
lowing arms were found in an apartment occupied by WYNONA BURDETT and  
HARRY CAMPBELL, at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio:

- 1 Thompson sub-machine gun with vertical finger-grasp,  
model #1921, number destroyed;
- 1 100 round machine gun drum loaded with .45 calibre  
ammunition;
- 1 .32 Colt automatic pistol #459861, with which was an  
extra clip fully loaded;
- 1 .45 Colt automatic, Government model pistol, #C151733,  
with two extra loaded clips;
- 1 .45 Colt automatic Government model pistol, #C162757,  
with two extra loaded clips;
- 500 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition in addition to the  
ammunition in the guns and clips.

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The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota has requested that  
this office be advised immediately by the Detroit Office as to the iden-  
tity of the agent who can testify as to the finding of the above mentioned  
articles in said apartment. Further, the identity of the party who can  
testify as to their shipment to the Bureau at Washington, D.C., and the

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identity of the party who can testify as to their receipt at the Bureau. The United States Attorney further requests that the above enumerated articles be forwarded to the St. Paul Office to be used in the trial of this case and that the St. Paul Office be advised as to the identity of the party who can testify as to the shipment of these articles from the Bureau to the St. Paul Office.

Handwritten note: *See page 1*

Reference is now made to pages 33, 34, and 35 of the above mentioned report and specific reference is made to items #1, 2, 2-A, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26. It is respectfully requested that the Detroit Office immediately advise the St. Paul Office as to the identity of the agent who can testify as to securing the above mentioned items from the apartment of WYNONA BURDETT at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. It should be arranged that this agent will be able to produce, at the trial of this case in St. Paul, the above enumerated items and testify as to his securing said items from the apartment of WYNONA BURDETT. It is requested that the Detroit Office immediately advise the St. Paul Office in the premises so that the information can be submitted in a summary report now being prepared at St. Paul.

Reference is again made to the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34, on page 22 of which it is shown that the apartment of ALVIN KARPIS, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was raided by agents of the Detroit Office. Page 23 discloses that a letterhead of A. W. HEBER BRAND ORGANIZATION, INC., 971 Dennison Avenue, Cleveland, etc., etc., was recovered. The Detroit Office is requested to advise as to the identity of the agent who can produce this paper at the trial in St. Paul when testifying as to having secured it from the above mentioned apartment. Page 24 of the above mentioned report discloses that two loaded clips for a .380 automatic pistol were also found. The Detroit Office should advise the St. Paul Office immediately as to the party who can testify as to the finding of these clips and what disposition was made of these clips. Page 25 of said report discloses that one, Mickey Mouse Watch, in a box wrapped in tissue paper with the following printing, "To Bobby Strutz from Dolores", was found in the apartment above noted. The Detroit Office should advise as to the identity of the party who found this article and the party who can introduce same in evidence. Page 26 of the above mentioned report discloses the finding of a business form postcard, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 10, 1934, etc., etc.. The Detroit Office should advise as to the identity of the agent who found this card and who can introduce same in evidence. Page 26 also discloses a business postcard from the East Ohio Gas Company, etc., etc. The same information should be furnished the St. Paul Office. Page 26 also discloses that one receipt from the Frankel Company, etc., etc., was also found at the above mentioned apartment and the same information should be furnished the St. Paul Office. Similar information should be furnished the St. Paul Office with regard to the last four items mentioned on page 26 of the above mentioned report. Similar information should be furnished the St. Paul Office with regard to the second and third items mentioned on page seven of the above report.



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It is respectfully requested that the above matters be given expeditious attention so that they may be incorporated in the summary report now being prepared at the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 29, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

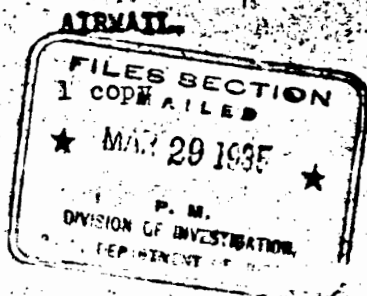
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1935 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, Harboring and Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act, your file No. 7-30. There are being transmitted by railway express, under separate cover, certain firearms and exhibits mentioned in the above letter, which were forwarded to the Laboratory for examination. These items are as follows:

- 1 Thompson sub-machine gun, model #1921, number obliterated (restored number 195).
- 1 100 round machine gun drum loaded with .45 calibre ammunition.
- 1 .32 Colt automatic pistol #439861.
- 1 .45 Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #C151735.
- 1 .45 Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #C162757.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1935

Time - 4:00 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

With reference to Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, who have just been sentenced to serve five years each in an institution to be designated by the Attorney General, Mr. Bennetts of the Bureau of Prisons telephoned to inquire if we have any special interest in these two women. I told him that we have no special interest in these women, other than the fact that both of them are associates of rather desperate men; that they have been associating with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who are two of the most desperate characters in the United States at the present time.

Mr. Bennetts wanted to know if there are any State charges against these women, and I informed him that there are none.

Mr. Bennetts stated that it was thought that they would be sent to Milan Penitentiary at Milan, Michigan.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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March 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

ALL FIELD OFFICES  
DIVISION HEADS

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith mimeographed copies of the reports submitted by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935 and February 25, 1935, respectively. The Bureau desires that each Special Agent in Charge familiarize himself with the detailed information contained in these reports respecting the modus operandi of the fugitives, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, so that in the event these individuals, or any of their associates, should appear in your district, you will be prepared to act promptly and intelligently in the matter.

Under date of October 13, 1934, the Bureau transmitted temporary "wanted" notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of various members and associates of the Barker-Karpis gang. You were instructed to have an agent personally call upon the Chief of Police or person in charge of the identification bureaus, located in the larger cities in your district, and furnish them with a copy of the temporary "wanted" notices, requesting that if any information was received by them respecting the whereabouts of these individuals, your office should be promptly notified. You were also instructed to maintain flash cards so that the temporary "wanted" notices could be withdrawn at the proper time.

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On February 2, 1935 the Bureau directed a letter to all field offices, requesting that the temporary "wanted" notices of Fred Barker, with aliases, Division No. 59163, be withdrawn. Since that date, Jess Doyle, Division No. 99402, and Edna Murray, with aliases, Division No. 9397, have been apprehended. There have been issued by the Bureau Identification Orders on: Harry Campbell, with aliases, Division No. 419856; Volney Davis, with aliases, Division No. 400441; William Weaver, with aliases, Division No. 17920; Harry Sawyer, with aliases, Division No. 421335, and Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, Division No. 337474, which, of course, will supercede the temporary "wanted" notices previously distributed by the Bureau. It is, therefore, desired that all of the foregoing mentioned temporary "wanted" notices now be withdrawn from the various police departments in the same manner that they were left with those police departments, and that the Bureau be advised by letter when this has been done. To permit these temporary "wanted" notices to remain in the files of the local police departments will undoubtedly result in confusion. Mere notice to disregard these "wanted" notices will also be confusing. Therefore, the Bureau's instructions should be strictly followed.



SAC, Birmingham.  
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There should be left on file with the various police departments the temporary "wanted" notices issued by the Bureau on Clyde Ximerick, with aliases, Division No. 77961, and Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, Division No. 95780. These two individuals are not under indictment in connection with this case. The Bureau is interested, however, in ascertaining their whereabouts, inasmuch as they are possible contacts for the remaining members of the Barker-Karpis gang. With reference to Fitzgerald, your attention is directed to the letter of the Detroit Office, addressed to the St. Paul Office under date of February 23, 1935, a copy of which was furnished to each field office. You are instructed to place with the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in your District an appropriate "stop" notice with respect to the Buick sedan described in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 1935, and addressed to the St. Paul Office.

In the event any of the subjects or their associates are located in your District, you should immediately notify Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, and the Bureau, before taking any action in the premise. This instruction should, of course, be disregarded in the event an emergency situation arises where it appears necessary to take any of the subjects into custody before notifying Mr. Connelley or the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #818988



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

In reply refer to  
Le 237.11-Heller, Nathaniel/24

March 22, 1935

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Referring to my letter, dated February 21, 1935,  
concerning the recent presence in the Republic of Cuba  
of Alvin Karpis, a fugitive from the justice of the United  
States, I desire to advise you of the receipt of a telegram  
dated March 19, 1935, from the American Ambassador at  
Habana, Cuba, in which it is stated that the fugitive was

reported to have been seen in "George's Bar" on Friday  
night last.

If you desire the provisional arrest and detention of  
Karpis with a view to his extradition on any of the charges  
covered by the treaty in force between the United States  
and Cuba and will so inform me in due time, at the same time,  
that his warrant of arrest is outstanding, I shall be glad  
to send an appropriate instruction to the Ambassador.

Sincerely yours,

(s)  
Cordell Hull.

The Honorable

Homer S. Cummings,  
Attorney General

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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In reply refer to  
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March 22, 1935

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

With reference to my letter of March 22, 1935, conveying a report from our Embassy at Habana to the effect that Alvin Karpis was said to have been recently seen at Habana, the Embassy has now requested to be furnished with photographs and a description of the fugitive.

I should, accordingly, be appreciative of any material which may be available in this connection for transmission to the Embassy.

Sincerely yours,

(s)

Cordell Hull.

The Honorable

Homer S. Cummings,

Attorney General.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated March 22, 1935, your file No. Ls 127.11-Heller, Nathaniel/14, there are transmitted herewith copies of Identification Order No. 1219, reflecting the fingerprints, photograph and descriptive data of one Alvin Karpis. This individual was indicted with several others at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

I am taking the liberty of transmitting herewith the following Identification Orders issued on other individuals who were associated with Karpis in connection with this crime:

Identification Order No. 1232 - Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1236 - Harry Campbell, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1237 - Volney Davis, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1238 - William Weaver, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1239 - William J. Harrison, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1240 - Harry Sawyer, with aliases
"    "    "    No. 1241 - Myrtle Eaton, with aliases

In the event any information is received relative to the whereabouts of the above named individuals, it will be appreciated if you will immediately advise this Department.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Horatio Quay  
Attorney General.

Enclosure No. 831970.

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

3-20-1935.

TO: Director  
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Mr. Edwards  
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transmitting ID 1218 on Karpis

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

March 27, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, 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;  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL;;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Chicago file 7-82.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, Washington, D. C., dated February 27, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case. It is noted in the last paragraph on page 7 of this report that a black hand-bag was being forwarded to this Office by registered mail under separate cover, to be exhibited in the Chicago Bureau Office district for identification.

A review of the files in this case fails to disclose any record of the receipt of this bag, nor do they reflect any indication that the bag in question had ever been in the possession of this Office.

Please be advised that the St. Paul Bureau Office has requested that this bag be immediately forwarded to them for evidence in the trial of this case. However, a thorough search for same in this Office has been without results.

It is kindly requested that the Bureau files be checked to determine whether a bag was actually forwarded to this Office and under what date it was sent. If it develops that the bag has not been transmitted to the Chicago Bureau Office, kindly forward same to the St. Paul Bureau Office.

It is also requested that the St. Paul Office carefully search through their files and exhibits in an effort to determine whether the bag in question is located in that Office at the present time.

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Very truly yours,  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

Date 7/27 1935.

To: ☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Appel  
☐ Mr. Blackburn  
☐ Mr. Conrad  
☐ Mr. Donaldson  
☐ Mr. Hardison  
☐ Mr. Harrington  
☐ Mr. McSwain  
☐ Mr. Parsons  
☐ Mr. Pickering  
☐ Mr. Renneberger  
☐ Mr. Schilder  
☐ Q. Tamm  
☐ Chief Clerk  
☐ Files  
☒ Stenographer  
☒ Mr. *Handwritten initials*

*Noted*

E. P. Coffey.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
March 25, 1935

Air Mail - Special Delivery

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1919 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 -  
FUGITIVE  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1235  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237 -  
FUGITIVE, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Miss Margey Henderson, 901 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, whose name appeared on the list of women published by the Cat Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado, was recently interviewed by an Agent of this office to determine whether she had been in touch with Volney Davis, who used the name G. L. Harper and had been corresponding with her as a woman on that list. At the time of an interview she promised that should she receive any communications from Harper she would notify this office. Miss Henderson appeared at the Kansas City office on March 23, 1935, and presented a letter postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, Englewood Station, March 6, 1935, bearing return address 6624 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois, which letter is signed by Clarence Anderson. The letter is written in long-hand with green ink and same is quoted for your information, as follows:

"6624 Sangamon Str.  
Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 26th, 1935

"Dear Friend:- I am not so sure just how interesting I can make this letter, for it sure is a hard job writing to some one you have never met, but I'm going to do the best I can and then trust to luck that you find it interesting enough to make you want to answer it.

"You see I have only lived here in the city for a little over a year now, and I've sure tried mighty hard to make friends, but for some reason haven't been very successful. So now it looks like, for the first time in my life I have to admit being a failure. So want you please come to my little SON OF A BITCH MAR 28 1935 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE ONE

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rescue and accept me as a friend, if you do pal I promise you'll never regret it.

"I will now endeavor and give you a brief description of myself. I am twenty nine years old, am five ft. nine inches tall and weigh one hundred and sixty pounds. Have light brown hair and blue eyes am Swedish descent. I don't happen to have any picture of myself right now, but I will have some taken and send you one later. In case you have a picture of yourself and could spare it, would you please send it to me.

"I like all sports, both indoor and outdoor but baseball and hockey are my favorites. I like to swim, play golf, skiing and ice skating. I like to dance, go to good shows and read, also go on fishing trips and good long hikes.

"Now for a little about my work and for whom I work. I am a shipping clerk for a large cereal concern, Washburn & Crosby and have worked for them for over eight years. I started in for them in my home town before I was twenty one years old and worked there till Dec. of 1933 when I was transferred here to the city.

"Now that you know this much about me would you answer and let me prove to your satisfaction that I can be a real true friend.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Anderson."

It is noted that while the writer of the letter stated he did not have a photograph of himself available at that time, there was a snapshot photograph of a man enclosed in the letter. The photograph is not a likeness of Volney Davis. However, this circumstance might not be of importance.

It is noted that the description furnished by the writer of the letter would in a general way fit Volney Davis. Also the name Clarence Anderson might be an alias used by Davis since he has been in the habit of using Scandinavian names for his aliases, especially the alias Hanson. Recently Esther Williams, 119 North Topping Street, Kansas City, Missouri, with whom Davis corresponded under the alias Hanson and who had received calls thought to be from Volney Davis, stated that during the second week of March, 1935, she

received a call from a man whose voice she believed to be identical with the party who formerly called her stating that his name was Hanson and on this occasion she understood him to say it was "Mr. Anderson" calling.

The envelope containing the letter and photograph, which was presented by Miss Henderson, had already been opened by her and the contents had been handled. However, the letter has not been handled since it reached this office nor has the photograph. The letter and its contents are being forwarded to the Bureau with two copies of this letter in order that a fingerprint analysis may be made. It would appear from casual examination that the handwriting might not be similar with that of Volney Davis although there is some similarity in the handwriting as compared with that of Davis when he wrote the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club at Denver, Colorado. A photostatic copy of his letter to that organization is in possession of the Bureau.

Agents of this office are conducting further interview with Margey Henderson at Kansas City and she is to be requested to reply to the letter, furnishing suitable details in order that further correspondence may be had with the writer of the letter and that party will be encouraged in his suit for the present. It is noted that certain details are given by Clarence Anderson indicating that he has worked as a shipping clerk for Washburn and Crosby in some smaller town, name not mentioned, and that in December, 1933, he was transferred by that company to its branch at Chicago, Illinois. It is indicated by Anderson that he has worked for Washburn and Crosby for over eight years. The Chicago office is requested to immediately make a discreet investigation through the Chicago branch of the Washburn Crosby Company to determine whether Clarence Anderson is a real individual employed by that concern and residing at 6624 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is also requested that inquiry be made to determine who resides at 6624 Sangamon Street in Chicago although no open approach at that address is desired, unless same seems advisable from investigation by you. It occurs that a party in Chicago desiring the companionship of a young lady would under ordinary circumstances scarcely be communicating with a girl as far distant as Kansas City. It is known that Volney Davis desired to make contacts with the women on the correspondence list adjacent to Kansas City and it is thought possible that he may be corresponding from some other point, possibly Kansas City, having his letters mailed through the address given in Chicago.

Please advise the Kansas City office at your earliest convenience relative to your findings.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau (2) —  
St. Paul

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/25/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. S. HOSTETTER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1237; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>Illinois Highway Road Maps published by H. M. Gousha Company, Chicago, Ill. Data therein compiled under supervision of each District Engineer. R. T. Cash, Elgin, Ill. and O. F. Coeke, Dixon, Ill., apparently competent District Engineers to produce road maps and testify to the condition of the roads appearing thereon.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from St. Paul Bureau Office, dated 3/19/35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.</b>			
<p><b>Mr. V. L. Glover, Engineer of Material, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, State Illinois, produced 1934 Official Map of the Illinois System of Highways, published on May 1, 1934 by H. M. Gousha Company, 536 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Glover advised that said map had been published under the supervision of the Illinois Division of Highways and contained data previously furnished by each District Engineer of the Division. He explained that consequently, it would be impossible for one District Engineer to introduce the entire Map, but on the other hand, each District Engineer would, in all probability, be a competent witness to introduce a map of his own district and testify from actual observation as to the condition of any road appearing thereon.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Glover further advised that that Section of the State of Illinois located North of a line drawn East and West through Joliet, Illinois was divided into two districts; that District Engineer R. T.</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. E. Vetter</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 29 1935</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>3 Bureau 2 St. Paul 2 E. J. Connelley (Chicago) 2 Chicago 2 St. Louis</b>		UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>ONE STAT. SECT</b> FILE	
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Cash, Courier News Building, Elgin, Illinois, was in charge of the Eastern District; that District Engineer O. F. Goetze, 410-416 First Street, Dixon, Illinois, was in charge of the Western District.

There is being attached to the copies of this report designated for the St. Paul Bureau Office a 1934 Official Road Map for Illinois State Highways published May 1, 1934. It should be noted that Mr. Glover has on this Map enclosed with a blue pencil line that District under the supervision of Engineer R. T. Cash, Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. Glover further stated that the above mentioned Engineers have in their possession a Map of each County in their District and also a Map of their entire District; that the condition of the roads appearing on these Maps have been recorded under the direct supervision of these Engineers and that they should be in a position to testify from actual observation as to the condition of the roads appearing thereon. He further related that these two Maps contained additional County roads not appearing on the Official Road Map for the State of Illinois.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Elgin, Illinois, will secure from District Engineer R. T. Cash, Courier News Building, a road Map of the District under his supervision, which indicates the condition of the roads thereon during January and February of 1934. It should be ascertained whether Mr. Cash is a competent witness to introduce and identify this Map and whether or not he would expect the fees of an expert witness.

The above information should also be obtained from District Engineer O. F. Goetze, 410-416 First Street, Dixon, Illinois.

Said investigation should be expeditiously handled, in compliance with the request of the St. Paul Bureau Office.

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Division of Investigation

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

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

APR 5 1935

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 8-25-34, page 12 of which shows that a notebook containing a get-away chart was located at 4419 West 172nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, by Lieutenant Gloeckner of the Cleveland Police Department, on or about September 5, 1934. Page 13 of said report discloses that this notebook was marked for identification by Lieutenant Gloeckner and the same was turned over to Special Agent W.E. Peters of the Detroit Office, who then turned the same over to the late Inspector S.P. Cowley, who, in turn, forwarded the same to the Bureau for scientific treatment.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 11-5-34, page 12 of which discloses that, "Twelve latent prints were developed on the pages of the notebook and two of them have been identified with the right thumb and the left thumb of FRED BARKER, our file #59163". For the assistance of the United States Attorney in this case, it is desired that you advise this office as to the identity of the person who can testify as to the receipt of this notebook at the Bureau and further inform as to the identity of the party who can testify as to the scientific treatment of this notebook and the identification of the right thumb and the left thumb print of FRED BARKER, together with such person who will be able to produce said notebook and testify to such finding.

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Reference is now made to the letter of the Detroit Office to the Director, dated September 19, 1934, disclosing that certain lifted fingerprints, taken from objects found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were forwarded to the Bureau on that date.

It is respectfully requested that the St. Paul Office be advised as to the identity of the party capable of testifying as to the receipt of the lifted fingerprints at the Bureau and also the party competent to testify as to the fingerprint examination and the identification of these prints as being identical with those of WINONA BURDETTE and GLADYS SAWYER. *Kohler*

With regard to the identification of the lifted latent fingerprints at the above noted addresses, reference is had to the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 11-5-34, page 11 of which quotes a communication from the Bureau dated October 2, 1934, as follows: "Of the five latent fingerprints appearing on lifts taken from articles at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, four have been identified as having been made by WINONA BURDETTE alias WINONA WALCOTT, our file #828772. The remaining latent impression has been determined to be that of GLADYS SAWYER, our file #828771."

Very truly yours,

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

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CC Chicago - Connelley  
Detroit

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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

4-12-1935.

TO: Director  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

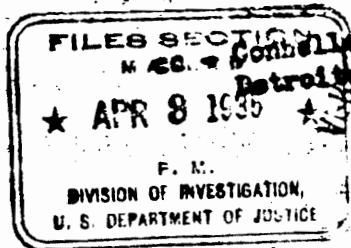
Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1935, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1213, Fugitive; Harry Campbell, with aliases, I.O. #1235; Volney Davis, with aliases, I.O. #1237, Fugitive; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232; William Weaver, with aliases, I.O. #1238; Harry Sawyer, with aliases, I.O. #1240; William J. Harrison, with aliases, I.O. #1239; Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I.O. #1241; Oliver A. Berg, with aliases, Fugitive; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction of Justice - National Firearms Act, your file 7-30.

The notebook containing a getaway chart recovered from 4419 West 172nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was received in the Laboratory and examined for latent fingerprints by Mr. A. Kohn who has prepared charts to substantiate the identification of the right thumb and left thumb impressions of Fred Barker found on this notebook.

The lifts of latent fingerprints taken from objects found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were received and examined by Mr. A. Kohn who has prepared charts to substantiate the identification of fingerprints found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard with those of Winona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 27, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 22, 1935 requesting that the United States Attorney be consulted with a view to cancelling the subpoena duces tecum on the property recovered at the location occupied by FRED BARKER and KATE BARKER at Oklawaha, Florida.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan was conferred with on the morning of March 25, 1935 regarding this matter and he stated as the facts now stand it does not appear probable or advisable to use any of the property as evidence in captioned case, but that the Government's subpoena duces tecum issued on the property would not affect the efforts to probate the estate inasmuch as it undoubtedly would have to remain open for a period of several months in order to give all interested parties sufficient time and notice to file their claims, and that he did not desire to withdraw the subpoena duces tecum until after the trial of ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, was completed at St. Paul, Minnesota. He advised that after the completion of the trial he would then consider the advisability of withdrawing the subpoena duces tecum on this property.

Very truly yours,

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

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MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/25/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>N. E. MARSHALL</b>
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Hal L. Norwood, former Attorney General of Arkansas, states Phoenix Donald, unknown to him and does not remember signing petition for parole.			
REFERENCE: Report Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, dated Little Rock, Arkansas, September 22, 1934.			
DETAILS: Hal L. Norwood, former Attorney General for the State of Arkansas, 408 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised he did not remember signing the petition for the parole of Phoenix Donald from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, on June 20, 1931; further, Phoenix Donald is unknown to him. Mr. Norwood stated that to the best of his memory, he signed this parole at the instance of John H. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, whose home is Mammoth Springs, Arkansas.			
John H. Caldwell, Auditor's office, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised Phoenix Donald is not known to him but that he is acquainted with W. T. Bowling, brother-in-law of Phoenix Donald at Salem, Arkansas, and at the best of his memory requested Mr. Norwood to sign the parole at the instance of Mr. Bowling. Mr. Caldwell stated he could furnish no information relative to Phoenix Donald, his family or past personal history.			
Inquiry in Little Rock, Arkansas, revealed Harvey Parnell, former Governor of Arkansas, who signed the parole of Phoenix Donald in 1931 is presently located at Halley, Arkansas.			
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The Little Rock office at Halley, Arkansas, will interview Harvey Parnell, former Governor, for any information he may have regarding Phoenix Donald and his past history and the reason for his signing Donald's parole.

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