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November 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1252;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim-
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector S. P. Cooley dated October 31, 1934 addressed to the St. Louis Office in the above entitled case, wherein on page two it is noted that Fred Goetz and Byron Bolton were, at one time, associated with Frankie Diaz at Springfield, Illinois during the years 1925 and 1926.

There are enclosed herewith and to each of the offices indicated below photographic copies of the fingerprint card of one Frank Diaz, #27128, arrested August 8, 1927 by the Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, charged with suspicion-robbery. It is noted that Diaz gave as his residence Springfield, Illinois.

The St. Louis Office is requested to ascertain whether this individual is identical with the Frankie Diaz mentioned in the letter of reference.

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,Minn.

November 12,1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue 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.
St.Paul File No.7-30

It is respectfully requested that the St.Paul Division Office be furnished with a supply of one hundred each of the following identification orders:

ALVIN KARPIS, I.O.#1218
RUSSELL GIBSON, I.O.#1213
DR.JOSEPH P.MORAN, I.O.#1232.

mailed 100 copies each 11/16/34

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

November 13, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street,
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. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.# 1232;
ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St.Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Director's letters dated October 13 and 31, 1934, the former enclosing an anonymous letter addressed to the Director and postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1, 1934, which letter stated in effect that DR. MORAN was seen going into the residence of Donald Bennyhoff, 3018 Humboldt Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a few days previous to September 28, 1934.

Special Agent R. T. Noonan of this office on November 5, 1934 interviewed Donald C. Bennyhoff at his office, 110 Court House Building, Minneapolis, where Mr. Bennyhoff holds the position of Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Bennyhoff was shown the picture of DR. MORAN before being advised that an anonymous letter had been forwarded to the Division of the above information. Mr. Bennyhoff thought he had seen DR. MORAN some place but was unable to state where. After being advised of this information which was sent in the anonymous letter, Mr. Bennyhoff stated that he was at the present time running for Court Commissioner and for the past few months had had numerous people at his home, but he could not recall anyone who might resemble DR. MORAN.

On first thought Mr. Bennyhoff was of the opinion that Mrs. M. C. Engstrom, who lives at 3000 Humboldt Avenue, North, might have written this letter, as she is one of his competitors for the office of Court Commissioner and he considers her not of a particularly sound mind; however, after further discussion, when Mr. Bennyhoff learned that the name of Mrs. Mary Johnson had been mentioned, he recalled some recent trouble which he has had with Mrs. Harley A. Comfort, 3010 Humboldt Avenue, North, this woman residing only two houses South of

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Mr. Bennyhoff's residence. Mr. Comfort is in the bicycle business at 601 West Broadway in Minneapolis and is highly regarded in the neighborhood, but his wife is considered by Mr. Bennyhoff as a very peculiar woman. Mrs. Comfort is the owner of a vicious police dog which recently has been biting a number of the children in the neighborhood. One of Mr. Bennyhoff's children was bitten by the dog sometime in the month of September, at which time he and Mrs. Comfort entered into a serious argument, Mr. Bennyhoff threatening to obtain a court order to have the dog killed. At that time he understood that the Johnsons also had trouble with Mrs. Comfort over this police dog. He, therefore, feels certain that the writer of the letter is Mrs. Comfort.

Referring to Mrs. Engstrom, Mr. Bennyhoff advised that following the election he will be able to secure a letter from Mrs. Engstrom, and feels certain that he can also do so as to Mrs. Comfort, and will forward these letters to the St.Paul Division Office for comparison with the handwriting in the anonymous letter for whatever use may be desired of the same.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN. FILE NO. 7-11 1k

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BUFFALO, N. Y.	11/14/34	10/25, 25/34 11/12/34	J. P. MAC FARLAND

TITLE: 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

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE NOV 15 1934 2:24 PM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Police Departments at Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Albany, N. Y. have no record of local arrest of subjects. Wanted circular issued by State of Iowa, Department of Justice, in files of Schenectady Police. Temporary Wanted Notices left at said Police Departments.

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REFERENCE: Division letter, dated 10/13/34.

DETAILS: AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Special Agent J. D. Cunningham while at Rochester, New York contacted with Mr. Edward Burke, officer in charge of the Identification Unit of the Rochester Police Department, and left a set of the temporary wanted notices on the fugitives in this case being sought by the Division. Mr. Burke classified the fingerprints of the said wanted notices, searched his records, and advised that no identification was effected.

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Special Agent J. D. Cunningham contacted Mr. Edward Rhode, officer in charge of the Identification Unit of the Syracuse

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Police Department, and left a set of the temporary wanted notices on the fugitives in this case being sought by the Division. Mr. Rhode classified the fingerprints of the said wanted notices, searched his records, and advised that no identification was effected.

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Special Agent G. V. Doherty left a set of the temporary wanted notices with Mr. J. Conners, Assistant Chief of the Buffalo Police Department's Identification Unit. No arrest records were found on any of the fugitives being sought.

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Special Agent M. W. Meekins left a set of the temporary wanted notices with Sergeant T. A. Straney, Bureau of Identification, Albany Police Department. No arrest record was found on any of the fugitives being sought.

AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

Captain J. J. Mageean, Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agent M. W. Meekins, who after checking his files informed that he had no original arrest record on any of the individuals being sought. A copy of Division Identification Orders #1218, #1219, and #1232 were found on file. No record of any nature could be found for Jesse Doyle, Myrtle Eaton, Edna Murray, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, or Volney Davis. However, the following were located:

Charles J. Fitzgerald - Division #95780 -
A State of Iowa, Department of Justice, Circular No. 67, dated 10/25/29. Memphis PD #3050
Atlanta US Pen. #4975
Little Rock PD #493
Kansas Reform. #457
St. Louis PD #10799
Toledo PD #9010
Kansas City #8035
Chicago #67708
Kansas Pen. #6621 & #9017

NOTE: From past investigative activities of Agent Meekins at Toledo, Ohio, when stationed in Detroit, Michigan, it is

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known that Fitzgerald was known to Inspector Hass of the Toledo Police, and that efforts were made to obtain information of Fitzgerald through an informant. This is on record in the Detroit office.

Fred Barker, with aliases - Division #59163
A wanted notice issued by the Sheriff's office, Howell County, Missouri

Clyde Nimerick, with aliases - Division #77961
A wanted notice issued by the State of Nebraska, Department of Law Enforcement, State Sheriff's Office, Fairburg, Nebraska.

Description: FPC $\frac{27}{28}$ $\frac{II}{II}$ $\frac{12}{12}$
Age - 36 years
Height - 5' 8"
Weight - 170 lbs.
Des Moines, Iowa #9024

Harry Campbell, with aliases - Division #419856
A wanted notice - Robbery with firearms
Sheriff's office
Payne County
Stillwater, Okla.

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DIRECTOR

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

6:30 P.M.

October 20, 1934

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Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Cowley called from Chicago and advised that the Uptown Bank desires to deposit $900 of the Bremer ransom money which they had been holding. I told Mr. Cowley that arrangements would be made this week with the Treasury Department to have this money taken up and destroyed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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REH:AEK

November 1, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In reviewing the file entitled EARL STUCHLICK with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, Division File No. 26-32572, I noticed the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 6, 1933, containing the statement that the fingerprint classification and description of one Roy Green, Kansas City Police Department No. 14004, were found to be identical with the fingerprints of Volney Davis, one of the principal suspects in the Bremer kidnaping case.

I referred to the tentative draft prepared for an Identification Order on Volney Davis and noted that the arrest of Volney Davis as Roy Green by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, did not appear in the criminal record previously furnished by the Identification Unit. I, therefore, telephoned Mr. McCarraghy and inquired whether the files of the Identification Unit contained a fingerprint on one Roy Green, Kansas City Police Department No. 14004. Mr. McCarraghy later advised me that he had found a record on Roy Green and I then asked him to compare the fingerprints with the prints of Volney Davis. He found them to be identical and, accordingly, furnished me with a corrected copy of the abstract of criminal record on Volney Davis, including the Roy Green arrest.

Furthermore, it appears that the Kansas City Office under date of March 22, 1933, requested the criminal record on Roy Green, Kansas City Police Department No. 1504 and under date of March 28, 1933 that office was advised that the fingerprint files reflected a record on Roy Green, No. 15404 arrested by the Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, January 21, 1925, charge, investigation; disposition not given. Apparently, the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department received this same information when the fingerprints of Roy Green were furnished, but under the circumstances I do not believe it would be advisable to correct the error at this late date.

Respectfully

R. E. Newby

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November 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Please refer to Mr. Newby's memorandum of November 1, 1934, addressed to you concerning the case of EARL STUCHLICK, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, particularly relative to the additional record disclosed in the case of Volney Davis, also known as Roy Green.

Our files contain a fingerprint card on Roy Green, received on February 9, 1925, from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, reflecting his arrest on January 21, 1925, charge investigation. It was this record not identified with the previous file upon the occasion of its receipt in 1925 which was not included in Volney Davis' record furnished to the Division in our memorandum of January 6, 1934. It is not possible to determine who searched the fingerprint card received in 1925. It is noted, however, in connection with the arrest at Kansas City that our files did contain a notation to the effect that Davis, who had escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on January 8, 1925, was returned on January 25, 1925, from Kansas City, Missouri, so some record of the Kansas City arrest was available elsewhere in our files.

The record of Roy Green was located on October 17th when Mr. Newby made inquiry relative thereto.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn. 12107 FILE NO. 7-22 BM

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Birmingham, Ala.	11-14-34	11-6 to 9,1934	J. D. Reynolds.

TITLE: 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.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information that a man resembling Doc Barker was at Guin, Ala. found to be mistaken identity. Records searched and wanted notices placed with Police Departments of larger cities in Birmingham district for various subjects in this case. Relatives of C. J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, may have resided at Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1914, at which time Fitzgerald associated with Frank Mathews, who was convicted at Emporia, Ga. for bank robbery.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NOV 16 1934 DIVISION ONE DEPT. OF JUSTICE

REFERENCE: Division letter dated 10-13-34.

DETAILS: The Birmingham Division office received a letter from the Marion County Banking Co., Guin, Alabama, dated November 3, 1934, which stated that a man and woman, who had no occupation, had been in Guin for several days, and that the man bore a resemblance to the picture and description of Doc Barker, which was posted in the post office, and the woman was a platinum blonde about five feet ten inches tall and weighing about 110 pounds.

DETAILS:

This letter was marked confidential and was signed Marion County Banking Company.

Upon receipt of the above letter, writer in company with Special Agent Wm. R. High, proceeded to Guin, Alabama, and contacted D. W. Standford, Assistant Cashier of the Marion County Bank, who stated that he was the writer of the letter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. D. Hanson SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Standford stated that this man and woman, referred to in his letter, came to Guin on October 28, 1934 and left November 2, 1934; that they registered at the Harrison Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Blaine; that they had no apparent occupation; that Blaine had looked into the window of the bank on two occasions as he was passing, and that Blaine resembled the photograph and description of Doc Barker, which is posted in the Guin post office.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrison of the Harrison Hotel, stated that Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blaine registered at the hotel on October 28, 1934, giving Memphis, Tenn., as their address, and remained at the hotel until sometime during the night of November 2, 1934, at which time they left without paying their hotel bill. The Harrisons stated that Blaine stated that he worked for a finance company, and was going to repossess some cars in and around Guin, but that as far as they knew, Blaine had never repossessed any cars; however, the Blaines had conducted themselves in a proper manner while at the hotel.

Deputy Sheriff R. L. Crump and Chief of Police J. W. Crump stated that they had been suspicious of the Blaines, but it was their opinion and the opinion of the men about town, that Blaine was soliciting for Mrs. Blaine, who was a prostitute, also that Blaine carried several dice around with him and had been in a couple of poker games with the local gamblers.

Clay Guin stated that he had played poker with Blaine, and that Blaine bore no resemblance to Barker or to any of the other photos of subjects in this case, which were exhibited to him by agent.

O. J. Berryhill, restaurant proprietor, stated that the Blaines had been into his restaurant a number of times, and Berryhill selected the photo of Thomas L. Carroll (deceased) as the photo most resembling Blaine.

Petis Allman stated that he was in charge of the Harrison Hotel when the Blaines registered and he is convinced that Mrs. Blaine was a prostitute.

None of the persons interviewed ever saw the Blaines with a car, and it is believed by the above persons that the Blaines hitch-hiked to Guin and probably left, during the night they left the hotel without paying their hotel bill, the same way.

Mr. Standford was the only person interviewed who immediately selected the photo of Doc Barker from the group of photos, shown by agents, as the one resembling Blaine.

The following description of Blaine was obtained from the persons interviewed, as set out above.

NAME	J. D. BLAINE
Age	28 - 35
Height	5'7" to 5'10" (all positive Blaine at least 5'7" tall)
Weight	155 to 175 pounds
Hair	Black, wavy
Eyes	Brown, shifty
Complexion	Ruddy

NAME	MRS. J. D. BLAINE
Age	25
Height	5'7" to 5'10"
Weight	110#
Build	Slender
Hair	Platinum blonde
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

In compliance with Division letter of reference, the records of the Identification Units in the larger cities of the Birmingham District were searched for all subjects listed in letter of reference, without locating any information. Wanted notices were also placed, with a request that the Birmingham Division office be notified if any information relative to the subjects should be obtained, in the following cities, by the Agents indicated below:

Birmingham, Alabama, by Special Agent J. C. Brawner,
Montgomery, Alabama, by Special Agent L. B. Nichols,
Macon, Georgia, by Special Agent Charles Holtz,
Atlanta, Georgia, by Special Agent W. A. Scott Jr.

B. F. Bates, Record Clerk, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., directed a letter to the Superintendent, Bureau of Investigation, State House, Des Moines, Iowa, containing general information relative to C. J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, No. 4975-A, Division #95780, furnishing the Birmingham Division Office with a copy, inasmuch as this office had previously made inquiry relative to Fitzgerald. The only information, in addition to that included in the reports of Special Agents H. C. Douglas and Louis DeNette in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, dated at Birmingham, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn., May 7, 1934 and August 26, 1934, respectively, was that Fitzgerald was arrested at Winnipeg, Canada in 1906 and was given hours to leave town; that when Fitzgerald was received at the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta he stated that his sister, Jessie Fitzgerald, resided at 111 Park Row, 1167 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill. and at 619 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tenn. (the latter address apparently had not been furnished previously); that when Fitzgerald

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was arrested in Chattanooga, Tenn. on April 23, 1914, in his possession a case was found bearing the words "Robert J. Stanton to Joseph Pfeffer", with a supply of Colt cartridges; that Fitzgerald associated with Frank Mathews, alias J. G. Winnfield, member of the J. S. Morgan gang of bank robbers; that Mathews was convicted probably in 1914 for robbery of the bank at Lyerly, Ga.

In the above letter, Mr. Bates requested the Bureau of Investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, to exchange information with the Atlanta Penitentiary authorities.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Lyerly, Ga., conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the location of Frank Mathews, who robbed the bank there about 1914, with the view of ascertaining if Fitzgerald can be located through Mathews.

OMAHA OFFICE, at Des Moines, Iowa, interview the Superintendent, Bureau of Investigation, State House Building, for all information relative to Fitzgerald.

ST. PAUL OFFICE, at Winnipeg, Canada, interview proper officials relative to the arrest of Fitzgerald, and conduct appropriate inquiry to ascertain the identities of his associates with the view of locating Fitzgerald.

NASHVILLE OFFICE, at 619 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., through old residents, and other sources, conduct appropriate inquiry for leads to locate Fitzgerald. It is noted in Nashville file 62-9 captioned Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, report of Special Agent DeNette, dated Nashville, Tenn., August 26, 1934, that a lead was set out to interview Detective O. O. Griffin relative to Fitzgerald.

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October 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Cowley called from Chicago and stated that [redacted] has not been able to make any contacts with the Karpis mob for the past several weeks; that she has been in touch with an associate of hers in Toledo who desires to open a house of prostitution and to take [redacted] in as a partner in the enterprise. It will cost [redacted] $250 to purchase an interest in this undertaking. I advised Mr. Cowley that we could, of course, not purchase an interest in this business for [redacted] but that I believed that with such a connection she might be a very valuable source of information, particularly in Toledo, where the Karpis mob has many contacts. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that we could pay [redacted] $250 as a confidential informant and let her make whatever disposition she deems appropriate with the funds. Mr. Cowley stated that he would do this.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

November 13, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Kruetgen
Postmaster
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted, it is respectfully requested that a mail cover be placed for a period of thirty days on all first class mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller at 539 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It will be appreciated if you will forward tracings to this office immediately upon receipt and refer to our file No. 7-82.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

November 14, 1934.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, dated October 17, 1934, concerning the investigation by this office relative to Byron Bolton, alias O. B. Carter, alias Monty Carter, one of the subjects in this case.

Please be advised that Mr. J. T. McCann, owner of the National Finance Company, 227 West College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin, where Subject Carter has been receiving his mail until recently, has been openly contacted by this office. Mr. McCann was not aware of the true character of Carter during his acquaintanceship with him, and in this connection expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Government in locating him. He has intimated to Agents of this office that his wife, who is at present residing in Phoenix, Arizona, has numerous photographs of Subject Carter and his family in her possession, and that same can be obtained from her if desired.

A review of the file in this case reflects that Mrs. J. T. McCann has never been interviewed as it was deemed inadvisable to do so heretofore in view of her close friendship with Mrs. Carter. However, in the light of the recent developments in this matter it is suggested that she be contacted and interviewed immediately, as it is believed that she can supply valuable information concerning the Carters. Her address, as reflected in the report of Special Agent Endres, is 926 West Lathan Street, Phoenix, Arizona. It is also desired that more recent photographs of Monty Carter and Mrs. Carter be obtained from Mrs. McCann if possible.

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For your information Mrs. Carter and her two children, Vonnie and Junior, arrived in Chicago from Phoenix on the morning of October 22, 1934 and immediately went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williamson at 108 North Lemon Street, Chicago, Illinois. The children are now attending school in Chicago and are still residing at the above address. However, Mrs. Carter left on or about October 25, 1934 and, although nothing of a definite nature, has been obtained thus far, it is believed that she is at present with her husband, Monty Carter. A mail cover and telephone tap is in existence on the above address but to date no information has been obtained as a result thereof which might indicate that the Carters are in communication with Mr. and Mrs. Williamson.

With further reference to the report of Special Agent Endres, your attention is directed to the undeveloped lead set out therein to ascertain the identity of Mrs. Wyatt Winters, 1823 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California. It was noted that Mrs. Winters sent a letter postmarked October 12, 1934 to Mrs. Monty Carter, 515 East Portland Street, Phoenix, Arizona. In line with the above investigation it is suggested that a cover be placed on Mrs. Winters' mail for a period of thirty days. There are attached hereto specimens of the handwriting of Monty and Mrs. Carter for your assistance in this connection.

In the report of Special Agent J. L. Madela, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 30, 1934, a copy of which was furnished your office, it will be noted that Monty Carter came to Chicago from Phoenix by plane at the request of Fred Goetz, with aliases (now deceased), sometime in January of 1934. In this connection it is respectfully requested that the officials of the American Airlines Company be contacted at Phoenix, Arizona for the purpose of ascertaining from them the exact date of Subject Carter's departure from Phoenix on this occasion.

It is desired that you give the above investigation your immediate attention and advise this office promptly.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
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FILE

Mr. Lew Wallace,
Motor Vehicle Department,
State House,
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago, this office requested you to place a stop order against certain automobiles that might possibly be registered in the State of Iowa. I am renewing my request, setting forth the make of the automobile, together with other information at hand. To this list, I am now adding a few more cars and would appreciate your making a careful check to see if any of these cars are registered in the State of Iowa. The list is as follows:-

Auburn Sedan, motor number B9-1527; last registered in Kansas under 1933 license 88X307.

Buick Sedan, motor number 2,797,868; last registered under 1933 Nevada license 1488.

Buick Sedan, motor number 2,858,090, serial 2,703,063; last registered under 1933 Ohio license 25783.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3,554,674, 1933 model; last registered under 1934 Minnesota license B45-372.

Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4,135,550, serial 1,DAO-313359; last registered under 1934 Iowa license 77-34648.

Essex Terraplane Sedan, motor #25571; last registered under 1933 Minnesota license B445-465.

Ford Coupe, 1933 model, motor #40-304,794; last registered under 1934 Minnesota license B75-038.

Ford V-8 Sedan, motor 18-1,037,480; last registered in Ohio under 1934 license #711696.

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Ford V-8 Deluxe Coupe, motor #328,420; last registered under 1933 Minnesota license B473-568.

Ford V-8 (model not known), motor #18-493,056; last registered under 1933 Ohio license C25771.

Graham-Paige Sedan, motor 1,024,021, serial 10,181,956; last registered in California under 1933 license Z-H-8661.

Pontiac Sedan, motor #885,160; last registered under 1933 Nevada license #1283.

Plymouth Sedan, motor #81821, or motor #8181, serial #175,709; said to have been registered in 1933 in the State of Nevada.

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Will you kindly place a stop order against all of the above enumerated cars and should any of same be registered in the State of Iowa, notify this office immediately?

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

GCD/TMH
CC Division
Chicago
St. Paul
Kansas City

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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
November 14, 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Motor Vehicle Division,
State House,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Gentlemen:-

Sometime ago, this office requested you to place a stop order against certain automobiles that might possibly be registered in the State of Nebraska. I am renewing my request, setting forth the makes of the automobiles, together with other information at hand. To this list, I am now adding a few more cars and would appreciate your making a careful check to see if any of these cars are registered in the State of Nebraska. The list is as follows:-

Auburn Sedan, motor number BB-1527; last registered in Kansas under 1933 license 88X307;

Buick Sedan, motor number 2,797,868; last registered under 1933 Nevada license 1688.

Buick Sedan, motor number 2,858,090, serial 2,703,083; last registered under 1933 Ohio license 25783;

Chevrolet Sedan, motor number 8,554,674, 1933 model; last registered under 1934 Minnesota license B-45-372;

Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4,135,550, serial 1-DA0-313339; last registered under 1934 Iowa license 77-34648;

Essex Terraplane Sedan, motor #25571; last registered under 1933 Minnesota license B-445-465;

Ford Coupe, 1933 model, motor #40-304,794; last registered under 1934 Minnesota license B75-038;

Ford V-8 Sedan, motor #18-1,037,480; last registered in Ohio under 1934 license 711696;

Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor #328,420; last registered under 1933 Minnesota license B-473-369;

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Ford V-8 (model not known), motor #18-495,080; last registered under 1933 Ohio license G-257714;

Graham-Paige Sedan, motor #1,024,021, serial 10,181,956; last registered in California under 1933 license 2-H-8661;

Pontiac Sedan, motor #885,160; last registered under 1933 Nevada license #1-285;

Plymouth Sedan, motor #81821, or motor #8181, serial #175,709; said to have been registered in 1933 in the State of Nevada.

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Will you kindly place a stop order against all of the above enumerated cars and should any of the same be registered in the State of Nebraska, notify this office immediately?

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

OCD/TMH
OC Division
Chicago
St. Paul
Kansas City

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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

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to my letter to your office dated October 31, 1934, which sets out information concerning Byron Bolton, alias O. B. Carter, alias Monty Carter, one of the subjects in this case, with the request that certain investigation be conducted in your district which might lead to Carter's present whereabouts.

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Special Agent [redacted] of this office maintained a surveillance of the above address on the night of November 8, 1934, and observed Joe Williamson deposit several letters in a mailbox located nearby at approximately 8:00 P.M. Through the cooperation of the postal collector it was learned that these letters were addressed to the following-named individuals:

Mrs. [redacted], c/o [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois.
Mrs. Burnell Williamson, [redacted]
Mrs. Nick Bropensinger, 1219 North 6th Street, [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois.
Mrs. L. E. Freeman, 225 East Spruce Street, Springfield, Illinois.
Mr. J. T. McCann, c/o National Finance Co., Appleton, Wisconsin. (Special Delivery).

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It is not known whether Williamson is in contact with Subject Carter or his wife at the present time, although this is highly probable. A telephone tap and mail and telegraph cover has been maintained on the above address, and to date nothing of value has been obtained therefrom. In view of this it is entirely possible that Williamson may be communicating with Subject Carter through any of the above-named individuals or relatives, all of whom undoubtedly are well acquainted with the Carters.

The foregoing information is being furnished your office for your assistance in the investigation now in progress in your district looking towards the location of Subject Carter.

Please give this matter your immediate attention and advise this office promptly.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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7-82.
CC: Division
St. Paul

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas
November 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Mo.

ALVIN KARPIS, a. k. I.O./1116;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, a.k. I.O./1117;
RUSSELL GIBSON, a.k. I.O./1118;
DR. JOS. P. MORAN, a.k. I.O./1119;
et al; Kidnap George Kramer, Florin,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Division circular letter dated October 24, 1934, in the above entitled case, relative to Edna Murray, with aliases: Edna Sullivan, Martha Murray, Edna Price, Edna Stanley, Velma Tippetts, Doris Farrell, Velma Champaign, Edna Green, Jefferson City, Mo. Penitentiary No. 25973, Division No. 9307.

In connection with this individual, attention is invited to the current case now pending in which your office is the office of origin, entitled Cleveland S. Tippitt, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Attention is also invited to an old case in which your office was the office of origin entitled Cleveland S. Tippitt, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and especially to report of Special Agent W. W. McBride, of your office, dated February 14, 1928. The Velma Tippitt mentioned in this report, who was at that time alleged to be the wife of Cleveland S. Tippitt, who is a notorious automobile thief, is no doubt identical with Edna Murray, mentioned in the Karpis case.

If you have not already established this fact, it is believed that a check of the old case against Tippitt will establish this fact.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BRIMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of November 6, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office, wherein you indicate that Edna Murray, with aliases, including the alias Velma Tippetts, is possibly identical with Velma Tippitt, who is mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. W. McBride, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 14, 1929, in the case entitled CLEVELAND E. TIPPITT, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Please be advised that the fingerprints of both of these individuals have been examined in the Identification Unit of the Division and have been found not to be identical.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Kansas City
Chicago
St. Paul
Dallas

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
November 14, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I. O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please furnish the Nashville Office with five copies of the following I. O's:

RUSSELL GIBSON with alias, I. O. #1213
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219.

mailed 6 copies each 11/17/34 [illegible]

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIVISION ONE
NOV 20 1934

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

November 14, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Kreutzer
Postmaster
New Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, will you kindly place a cover on the first class mail, both outgoing and incoming, for the following persons at the address given for a period of thirty days:

Mr. John Karpavicz, and
Mrs. Anna Karpavic,
2842 North Francisco Street

Mr. P. H. Newbold, and
Mrs. Emily Newbold,
2840 North Francisco Street

It will be appreciated if the tracings forwarded to this Office in the above mentioned matter be marked File 7-33.

Very truly yours,

J. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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ALVIN KARPIS, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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NOV 21 1934

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

November 14, 1934

Personal and Confidential

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.C. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.C. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.C. #1238
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to telephone call from Inspector Cowley on November 12, 1934, advising that [redacted] an informant who has worked with Special Agent C. O. Hurt in connection with efforts to locate Russell Gibson, was enroute to Oklahoma City from Chicago and was to make certain inquiries in Kansas City and report to this office.

On November 13, 1934, [redacted] called at this office. He stated that he has inquired through his sources of information in Kansas City and his best information is that Gibson has probably been in and out of Kansas City at times. [redacted] stated that he called on [redacted] and he believes that [redacted] will be able to obtain information as to the location of Gibson and will advise him. In talking to [redacted] he told him that he has been in touch with the Chicago Office of this Division and states that there is a possibility that [redacted] will double-cross him, but he believes that this will not be the case. [redacted] has agreed to call [redacted] by long distance at Oklahoma City, should he develop any information of value, and [redacted] will immediately relay it to a representative of the Division. He will first endeavor to contact Agent Hurt, but if this is not possible will give the information either to the Oklahoma City, the Kansas City, or the Chicago Office.

[redacted] stated that he had intended endeavoring to see Gibson's mother if she were in Kansas City, but was of the opinion that this procedure would not be desirable. In this connection, it is noted that Mrs.

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Gibson is apparently not now in Kansas City. He stated that his information is that McKinley Gibson is in Kansas City and is operating a cleaning and pressing establishment. It is possible that [redacted] information in this regard is correct, although it is noted that recently McKinley Gibson was at Denver, Colorado, and did not indicate that he expected to return to Kansas City.

[redacted] was questioned as to the persons with whom Gibson would make contact, were he in Kansas City, and mentioned the names of Charles Gergotta and Charles Carrolla, as well as the name of one Dominick. It is noted that these individuals are well known as associates of the late John Lazia and that the Dominick referred to is probably Dominick Benaggio. The possibility of obtaining information by direct contact with these individuals is of course remote. [redacted] also gave the names of further persons with whom Gibson might make contact, and appropriate inquiries in this regard will be made. The question of [redacted] remaining in Kansas City was discussed with him, and he stated that it would be impossible for him to do so, in view of the fact that his place of business at [redacted] has been left in inexperienced hands, his wife having met him in Kansas City. He indicated that, if desirable, he might be able to return to Kansas City at a later date. It is noted that [redacted] evidenced some desire to leave Kansas City as soon as possible, apparently being somewhat fearful that [redacted] might not play square with him. [redacted] stated further that certain members of the police force at Kansas City, including George (Jeff) Mayen, head of the automobile squad, and Chief of Detectives Higgins, could probably get in contact with Gibson if they so desired.

[redacted] requested that an Agent of this office accompany him until he left Kansas City, and his wish was granted. With reference to the possibility of [redacted] obtaining information through [redacted] you are advised that I am not at all certain that the chances in this regard are good. [redacted] is well known to this office, but I am not advised that he has such a connection with the possible associates of Gibson that he can obtain the desired information. [redacted] definitely stated that Gibson's connection in Kansas City are with the members of the so-called Lazia mob, although he was also acquainted with members of the Welch faction in Kansas City. In this connection, it is noted that previous information has been received to the effect that Gibson was quite closely allied with the organization of Welch.

[redacted] specifically requested that the name of [redacted] not be incorporated in any report or communication, and I am accordingly

transmitting this communication under personal and confidential cover, I am submitting this information by letter in order that you may be advised of the situation, and any developments will be promptly followed out and reported.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

RBN:hm
7-37
cc - Oklahoma City
St. Paul
Division

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
Nov. 14, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. LARSON:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O. #1232;
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BENNETT - Victim.
Kidnaping
Detroit File V-29.

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 12, 1934, requesting that an Agent of this office personally contact chiefs of police or persons in charge of identification bureaus, furnishing them with wanted notices of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and causing a search to be made of their criminal files for previous arrests and other data concerning the members of that gang.

In accordance with the foregoing instructions, Agent contacted Commissioner Oscar G. Olander and Lieutenant Hugo Ericson of the Criminal Identification Bureau, Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan. A very thorough search of their files was conducted as to the Subjects listed in the above referred to Division letter and the following information was obtained.

No further record was disclosed as to the following Subjects other than that already contained in the Division's files:

RUSSELL GIBSON with alias I.O. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. #1232
MYRTLE EATON with aliases Division No. 337[illegible]4
HARRY SAWYER with aliases Division No. 42185[illegible]
ELNA MURRAY with aliases Division No. 9307
JESS BOYLE, Division No. 99408
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases Division No. 17920
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases Division No. 419856
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. #1219.

As to ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218, the following additional record was obtained. Wanted for murder, $1,200 reward, Alvin Karpis alias R. E. Hamilton alias George Dunn and Fred Barker, having killed Sheriff Kelly of Howell County, Missouri, December 10, 1931. The following description of Karpis was contained in the record:

Name: ALVIN KARPIS alias R. E. HAMILTON alias GEORGE DUNN
Age: 32
Height: 5'9¼"
Weight: 130 lbs.
Build: Slim

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Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Blue
Nationality: American
Hair: Medium brown
Scar at base of left index finger.

This wanted notice sets out, further, that Chief of Police J. L. Bridges or Mrs. D. R. Kelly are to be notified, collect, relative to any information concerning this murder, their address being West Plains, Missouri.

As to VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, Division No. 400441, the following additional record was obtained. Oklahoma Prison. Charge: Grand Larceny. County: Tulsa. Disposition: Three years. No record of date of sentence. Minimum: June 28, 1921; Maximum: September 27, 1922.

As to CHARLES J. FITZGERALD with aliases, Division No. 95780, the following additional record was obtained. Copy of wanted notice circularized by the State of Iowa, Department of Justice, No. 67, dated October 23, 1929, is being transmitted to the Division herewith. This wanted notice reflects that there is a reward of $250.00 offered for the apprehension and conviction of Chas. J. Fitzgerald alias Chas. Jordan alias Frank West alias Daniel Mathias Logan alias Wm. Funk alias Big Fitz alias Slim Williams alias Big Charley alias Chi Slim alias Chas. Morgan alias J. O. Hammond alias Chas. E. Lowe is wanted for participating in robbery of the Emmet County State Bank, Estherville, Iowa, on August 30, 1929, about 11:00 A.M. He was indicted by the Emmet County Grand Jury on September 9, 1929. Warrants have been issued and bonds fixed at $50,000.

As to CLYDE KIMERICK with aliases, Division No. 77961 the following additional record, as reflected in wanted notices issued by the State of Nebraska, Department of Law Enforcement, State Sheriff's Office and by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc. Minneapolis, Minnesota, were obtained. Copies of these two wanted notices are being forwarded to the Division herewith.

The first wanted notice reflects that Clyde Kimerick alias James Woodruff alias Charles D. Harris, Age: 36, Height: 5'8", Weight: 170 lbs., is wanted by the State of Nebraska, Department of Law Enforcement, State Sheriff's Office for bank robbery; identified, felony warrant issued, in connection with the robbing on March 4, 1933 at 9:57 A.M. of the First National Bank, Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska by six men described as follows:

No. 1 Age 35-36, Height 5'8", Weight 170 lbs. (identified as Clyde Kimerick)
No. 2 Age 35, Height 5'8", Weight 155 lbs., Light Hair, Ruddy Complexion.
No. 3 Age 50, Height 6 ft., Weight 190 lbs., Dark Hair, Prominent Hooked Nose.
No. 4 Age 45-50, Height 6 ft., Weight 180 lbs., Short mustache, Broad Face.
No. 5 Age 40-45, Height 5'8", Weight 160 lbs., Light Hair, Short mustache.
No. 6 Age 40, Height 5'9", Weight 170 lbs., Dark Hair, Dark complexion.

The robbers used three machine guns and .45 caliber Colt automatics. They left one .45 caliber Colt automatic No. C-118915 in the bank. The initials "E. T." were cut into the magazine of this gun. One of the men was called "Tom".

The second wanted notice reflects the following: Clyde H. Nimerick alias Ed. Carson alias C. D. Harris alias J. A. Woodruff, wanted for bank robbery, $500.00 reward. Crime: holdup and robbery of Stock Yards National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri. His description is given as Age: 30, Height: 5'8", Weight: 165 lbs., Build: Medium, Hair: Light Brown, Eyes: Medium slate gray, Complexion: Medium. Nimerick is now under indictment at Kansas City, Missouri for bank robbery and is wanted for that and for absconding on a bond given on the charge. This wanted notice was issued by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As directed by the Division, all the wanted notices were furnished to the Criminal Identification Bureau, Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan.

A. DICKSTEIN,
Special Agent.

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State of Nebraska—Department of Law Enforcement—State Sheriff's Office

WANTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Age 36
Height 5' 8"
Weight 170

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CLYDE NIMERICK - - Alias James Woodruff; Charles D. Harris

IDENTIFIED—FELONY WARRANT ISSUED

March 4th, 1933, at 9:37 a. m., The First National Bank in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, was robbed by Six Men Described as Follows:

No. 1—Age 35-38; Height 5 feet 8 inches; Weight 170 Pounds (identified as Clyde Nimerick).
No. 2—Age 35; Height 5 feet 8 inches; Weight 135 Pounds; Light Hair; Ruddy Complexion.
No. 3—Age 50; Height 6 feet; Weight 190 Pounds; Dark Hair; Prominent Hooked Nose.
No. 4—Age 45-50; Height 6 feet; Weight 180 Pounds; Short Mustache; Broad Face.
No. 5—Age 40-45; Height 5 feet 8 inches; Weight 160 Pounds; Light Hair; Short Mustache.
No. 6—Age 40; Height 5 feet 9 inches; Weight 170 Pounds; Dark Hair; Dark Complexion; Wore Felt Hat Pressed Flat on Top; Wounded in Chest by a .40-.65 Caliber Rifle Bullet.

The car used was a seven-passenger Buick sedan; maroon or dark blue color; spare tires mounted in fender wells; trunk on rear; thought to have been a 1931 model.

The robbers used three machine guns and .45 caliber Colts automatics. They left one .45 caliber Colts automatic No. C118915 in the bank.

The initials "W. T." were cut into the magazine of this gun.

One of the men was called "Tom."

Wire Any Information to STATE SHERIFF M. L. ENDRES, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, or SHERIFF ACKMAN, FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA

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Identified on
Fairbury Neb. Bank job
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$500.00 REWARD

WANTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Above Photo taken January 2nd, 1932

Clyde H. Nimerick, alias Ed. Carson, C. D. Harris, J. A. Woodruff. Crime, holdup and robbery of Stock Yards National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

Description: Age, 39; height, 5-8; weight, 165; build, med.; hair, light brown; eyes, medium slate grey; comp., med.;

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This man is thought to be driving a new late model Chevrolet Coach and is supposed to be accompanied by a woman.

Nimerick is now under indictment at Kansas City, Mo., for bank robbery and is wanted for that and for absconding on a bond given on the charge.

Arrest and hol man. $500.00 will be paid for the delivery of this man for return to Kansas City, Mo. Any information leading to his arrest and return will be followed by reward to the person furnishing the information.

If arrested use telegraph or long distance telephone (collect) and notify

ROBERT PHELAN,
Chief of Police,
Kansas City, Mo.

J. B. MARTIN Phone Valentine 9489
900 Westport Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.
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November 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 7, 1934, transmitting general appearance forms for John G. Hagan, #29608 U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Brent Classcock, #22268 U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised that the fingerprints of John G. Hagan, our file #17254, and Brent Classcock, our file #79536, have been compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with this case, but in no instance have they been found to be identical.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. L. A. FILE NO. 7-42-

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Los Angeles	11-15-34	10/14-22/34	C. J. Endres

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1233; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. O. B. CARTER sacrificed her automobile, gave up her lease, and left Phoenix, Ariz., accompanied by her children, on October 19, 1934. Traveled on the Santa Fe Railroad with accommodations for Chicago, Ill. Chicago office notified.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, California, dated Oct. 17, 1934.

DETAILS: AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Reference report indicates that Cadillac Sedan, bearing 1934 Wisconsin plates 22-798, was the property of Dr. V. S. MARSHALL, 103 West College Street, Appleton, Wis. On October 15, 1934, the Chicago Division office advised telegraphically that the above mentioned car was the property of J. T. McCANN, who purchased same from Dr. Marshall.

DETAILS

Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn advised agent that the Chicago office had requested that Mrs. J. T. McCANN, 926 West Latham, be interviewed, as J. T. McCANN, Appleton, Wis., was cooperating with the Division, attempting to locate OWEN B. CARTER; further, that Mr. McCann had written a letter to his wife in which he advised her to break relations with Mrs. O. B. CARTER, and, as it was

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feared that Mrs. McCann would, by her actions, betray to Mrs. Carter that her husband was being sought. Therefore, agent interviewed Mrs. J. T. McCann at 926 W. Latham and advised her that she would receive a letter from her husband but not to make it apparent to Mrs. Carter that Mr. Carter was being sought. Agent did not disclose to Mrs. McCann the purpose for which Mr. Carter was being sought, and Mrs. McCann promised that she would try to conduct herself in a manner that would not be betraying. Agent noted that Mrs. McCann appeared to be able to handle the situation favorably. Agent left his Phoenix address with Mrs. McCann in order that she would be able to communicate with him as to any further information she might receive. During the course of the interview, Mrs. McCann stated that she first met the Carters in Phoenix, Ariz., about October, 1933, as her children and the Carter children were about the same ages and attending the same schools; that subsequently, in about June of this year, the Carters visited them at Appleton, Wis., and stated that they (the Carters) were spending the summer at Lake Winnebago, Wis. She then met Mrs. Carter again in the latter part of September, 1934, on the road as they were both driving to Phoenix, Arizona, to spend the winter.

Agent was advised on Sunday, October 21, 1934, that Mrs. Carter and the two children left Phoenix, Arizona, for Chicago, Illinois.

Agent contacted Mr. and Mrs. WALTER M. DAVIS, who reside in the rear on 515 East Portland Street. They advised that on Saturday, October 20, 1934, they were advised that Mrs. Carter had left the residence and had departed for Chicago, Ill. They received their information from FRANK MADISON, who attempted to remove some of the luggage left in the house by Mrs. Carter. Mr. Davis refused to let Frank Madison have the luggage. They further advised that Walter Davis, a friend but no relative, who lives on Orange Road, Phoenix, Ariz., visited them on Saturday, October 20, 1934, driving a car which closely resembled Mrs. Carter's car, and upon inquiry learned that Walter Davis purchased the car from a woman who left town hurriedly.

Agent examined the remaining luggage in the house at 515 East Portland Street and found a roll of films which, agent was subsequently advised, had not been exposed. Agent also found a business card of the "Frank Stein & Co. Exclusive Women's Apparel 123 Church Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Telephone 647." Among the personal effects was found a code. It is not known whether this code belonged to the Carter boy, and therefore it is being sent to the Chicago office, which may have additional information in that respect. It is noted here that the Carter boy is in first year high school, and this code may be his property.

Agent located FRANK MADISON at his golf school on East McDowell Road. Mr. Madison advised that Mrs. Carter had not heard from her husband and had decided to return to Chicago. Madison aided Mrs. Carter in selling her automobile, which Madison stated was sold to the C. B. WALL, used car dealer, First Avenue and Van Buren Street. He further advised that he took Mrs. Carter and the children to the Union Depot at about 7:30 P.M. on October 19, 1934, and believes that they took the Santa Fe Railway for Chicago, although he did not see them purchase the tickets or board the train. He further advised that Mrs. Carter gave him the remaining effects left in the house at 515 East Portland Street, but that Mrs. Davis, the daughter-in-law

of the owner, would not let him have the property. This consists of a set of golf sticks and bag, some women's clothes and some bags. Madison further advised that when Mrs. Carter first arrived in Phoenix, Arizona, on September 30, 1934, she had with her one JOE WILLIAMS, described as about 25 years, 5' 9" tall, 135 pounds, sandy hair, and a girl called SID WILLIAMS, age about 25 years. These persons were introduced as her niece and nephew, and remained only a few days and then left Phoenix, Arizona.

L. S. WALL, Manager of the C. B. Wall Used Car Lot, advised that he purchased 1934 Pontiac Sedan, bearing Wisconsin license, from Mrs. O. B. CARTER on Friday, October 19, 1934, for $575.00. Mrs. Carter said that she was returning to Chicago, Ill., to contact her husband.

Agent interviewed Mrs. J. T. McCANN, previously mentioned in this report, who advised that Mrs. Carter called at her home about 5:30 P.M. on October 19, 1934, stating that she was returning to Chicago. Mrs. Carter stated that she had heard from her husband only once since she had been in Phoenix, and therefore she was returning. Mrs. McCann advised that she did not believe that Mrs. Carter had any knowledge that her husband was being sought, or that Mrs. Carter had received any communication from him, but that she was leaving because she had not received any letters or telegrams.

Agent ascertained at the Union Depot that Mrs. Carter and her two children left Phoenix, Arizona, on October 19, 1934, at 7:45 P.M. for Chicago, Ill., via the Santa Fe Railway, and that they had through reservations in Car 245, Section 5. Agent was advised that this train was the Grand Canyon Limited and that it would arrive in Chicago on October 22, 1934, at 6:45 A.M. Mrs. Carter had a Mexican shepherd dog, brown and white, which was checked in the baggage car.

The above information was communicated to Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn, Los Angeles, California, by telephone. Mr. Dunn advised that the information would be immediately furnished to the Chicago Division office.

For the reason that Mrs. O. B. CARTER had moved from 515 East Portland Street, Phoenix, Arizona, the mail cover will not be continued.

The handwriting specimen of O. B. CARTER, alias BOLTON, received from the Chicago office by letter of October 10, 1934, is being returned.

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St. Louis, Mo.	11-13-34	11/6 to 10/34	B. L. SHIVERS JLB:M

TITLE: 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.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. Boyd C. Rembe, Lincoln, Ill., who formerly practiced medicine at #3206 Fiftieth St., Cicero, Ill., was family physician for George Zeigler and wife for about 3 years prior to Zeigler's death. He was intimately acquainted with them. The morning after Zeigler was murdered in Chicago, Mrs. Zeigler took Dr. Rembe to Fred Barker's apartment to render professional services to Fred Barker who was suffering from an operation performed for the purpose of obliterating his fingerprints. Dr. Rembe at another time treated a friend of Zeigler's, whom he thinks was Fred Barker. He denies having administered professional aid to any person under circumstances in which Bremer was treated during the period of his captivity, but states he could have performed these services without remembering it as he suffered lapses of memory at that time because of drink and domestic difficulties. He claims to have immediately reported the call to Barker's apartment to his brother, Melvin Rembe, Asst. State's Attorney, Chicago, and Detective Gilbert in the State's Attorney's office. No information available at Virden and Thayer, Ill. which would lead to Byron Bolton's present whereabouts. Efforts being made to locate him through Frankie Diaz, Springfield, Ill., with whom he was in business before he went to Chicago around 1927.

DETAILS:

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REFERENCE: Letters from Chicago Division office dated 10-3-34, and 10-31-34 and reports of Special Agents John L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., 10-30-34 and J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebr., 10-20-34.

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DETAILS:

On October 7, 1934 the writer interviewed Dr. Boyd C. Rembe at the home of his father, Dr. Charles Rembe, Lincoln, Illinois. Two previous efforts since October 3, 1934 to locate him in Lincoln, Ill. have been without success. It appears from inquiries made in that city that he has been avoiding the public for some reason.

The Postmaster at Lincoln has been endeavoring, through the carrier who delivers mail to the Dr. Charles Rembe residence, to ascertain daily since the date of the first letter of reference if Dr. Boyd C. Rembe was there and on the date the writer located him the postmaster stated he had not been seen by the carrier nor any person in that city, so far as he knows.

Dr. Boyd C. Rembe stated that he is 38 years old and has been practicing medicine for several years; that in 1930 he opened an office at #3206 Fiftieth St., Cicero, Illinois taking over the practice which had theretofore been held by Dr. George who was killed in a holdup which took place in Dr. George's office.

Dr. Rembe stated that he is the son of Dr. Charles Rembe of Lincoln, Ill. and advised that he has a brother, Melvin Rembe, who is an assistant in the State's Attorney's office at Chicago, Illinois.

When Dr. Rembe was advised of the writer's official position he stated he had been expecting some officer of the Government to contact him as it must have been known that he was the physician of J. George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, for about three or four years before the latter was killed in Chicago in March of this year. Dr. Rembe first became acquainted with J. George Zeigler some time in 1930 and he stated that during the period of their acquaintanceship he never knew him by any name other than the one just given. Zeigler was brought to his office a short time after he opened it at #3206 Fiftieth St., Cicero, Ill. by a former patient of Dr. George. [redacted] Dr. Rembe was unable to recall the name of the person who brought Zeigler to his office. He stated he subsequently saw them together and that the person who introduced Zeigler, as stated, was a former patient of Dr. George. While Dr. Rembe would not disclose the name of this individual the writer is satisfied he knows him and could furnish his name, if he would.

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[redacted] During that period Dr. Rembe stated that Zeigler and his wife were living at a house in Elmhurst, Illinois. Zeigler, according to the doctor, represented himself as being in the real estate business with F. W. Mangun and, according to Dr. Rembe, Mangun and Zeigler had a real estate office just across the street from his office on Fiftieth Street, Cicero, Ill. Mangun, the doctor stated, was at one time a wealthy real estate operator in Cicero, being engaged in that business for several years before he became connected with Zeigler.

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Dr. Rembe stated that he became very friendly with Zeigler and his wife, met them socially several times in their home in Elmhurst; that Zeigler and Mrs. Zeigler also visited him and Mrs. Rembe at their apartment which was located over the office on Fiftieth St.; that Zeigler seemed to be devoted to his, Dr. Rembe's, three children and during 1933 took them to the Fair and to circuses and had exhibited nothing but a friendly interest in the family. He stated that from the time he first met Zeigler he saw him frequently and that at no time did more than a month elapse without him seeing the doctor, either at his office or his home, or at a saloon which he frequented across the street from the doctor's office and next door to the real estate office occupied by Mangun and Zeigler.

Dr. Rembe advised that at no time during his acquaintance with the Zeiglers was he aware of their connections or Zeigler's manner of liveli-

hood. He stated that they always appeared genteel and did not give any indication of being connected with the underworld in any way though from the manner in which Zeigler supported himself and his wife he judged he must have been in some kind of a racket in Chicago, but that he never discussed his business affairs and nothing ever transpired which led him to believe that he may have been engaged in unlawful enterprises other than, as stated, a probable connection with some racket in Chicago.

Dr. Rembe further stated that during the time he knew the Zeiglers he met but few of their friends, one of whom he stated was a man known to him as Monty Carter; that he and Mrs. Rembe were introduced to Carter at the Zeigler home in Elmhurst, Ill.; that Carter also came to his office as a patient and was treated for perhaps a cold or some minor ailment and at one time brought a patient to his office for treatment whom Dr. Rembe described as an aviator of Latin extraction; that on the occasion he came to his office with Carter this man was dressed in aviator's clothes and he believed he was either from Cuba or Mexico. Dr. Rembe stated he saw Zeigler and Monty Carter together numerous times and met Carter at the Zeigler home in Elmhurst on several occasions.

Questioned as to friends or associates of Zeigler and Monty Carter whom he may have treated professionally , the doctor stated he did not recall ever treating friends of either Carter or Zeigler or Mrs. Zeigler, with the exception of the person described as the aviator. He was asked if he recalled ever having treated any person during his practice who was suffering from operations on their finger tips. He stated he did recall that on the morning after Zeigler was murdered in front of Mangun's saloon that Mrs. Zeigler came to his office in Cicero at about 6:00 A. M. in a highly nervous state and told him that she had a friend who was suffering and she wanted him to go to see him. He stated she came to his office in a green sedan automobile, accompanied by some man who was acting as her chauffeur; that he left his office with Mrs. Zeigler and was taken to an apartment, the address of which he could not give, and that while enroute to this place he was informed by Mrs. Zeigler that the prospective patient had undergone an operation on his fingers for the purpose of obliterating his fingerprints; he stated that he does not know why he continued to accompany Mrs. Zeigler to see the patient after being informed of the nature of the case, but that nevertheless he did and on arriving at the apartment he and Mrs. Zeigler entered it and he found an elderly woman in the apartment with a man who was lying on the bed in an almost unconscious condition; that he observed that this man's hands and fingers were bandaged and noticed he had taken a solution of sodium amytol and that he had taken this solution in such quantities as to be in almost an unconscious state when he arrived. The elderly woman, he stated, informed him that they had been unable to get in touch with the doctor who had performed the opera-

tion, but that he was expedted there at 10:00 o'clock that morning. Dr. Rembe stated that after taking this man's pulse he saw he was in no immediate danger and that he declined to administer any treatment to him and explained his refusal by informing the elderly woman that he did not care to take over another doctor's case. He stated that he left the apartment almost immediately and was driven to 63rd St. by Mrs. Zeigler and that she left him out of the car there and he has not seen her since that time.

Dr. Rembe stated that until the account of Zeigler's murder appeared in Chicago papers on March 21 or 22, 1934 he was never aware of his identity and that when he learned he had been killed he made no effort to see him or to contact Mrs. Zeigler. He said that when Mrs. Zeigler came to his office the morning after Zeigler was killed she did not attempt an explanation of the murder, but she did tell him that she had moved from where they had been living; that she learned of her husband's death and had gone to the apartment where he was taken to administer to the patient and that she did not know who had killed her husband; that she was afraid to stay longer with these people as they may have been the persons who either killed or caused her husband's death. He stated she was in a very nervous condition at that time and gave evidence of becoming mentally unbalanced; that she seemed to have an urgent desire to get out of Chicago and told him it was absolutely necessary and imperative that she go to Aurora, Ill. immediately; that when she left him on 63rd St. she told him she was going to Aurora and, as stated, he explained he has not seen her since that time.

With respect to the man who drove the automobile in which he and Mrs. Zeigler rode on that morning, Rembe stated this man got out of the car a few blocks before it arrived at the apartment and that he was driven the rest of the way there by Mrs. Zeigler. He was unable to furnish a description of this man and stated he had never seen him before that time and claims he has not seen him since.

Dr. Rembe readily identified the photograph of Fred Barker as the person he was called to see at this apartment.

He also stated that the photograph of Kate Barker resembled very closely the elderly woman who was there when he arrived. His description tallied with that of Kate Barker and he stated that while he could not state definitely he was satisfied he recognized the photograph of Kate Barker as that of the woman who was at the apartment that morning.

When Dr. Rembe was asked why he had not recalled that incident until it had been suggested to him and he stated that for several months

prior to that time he had been drinking excessively and having domestic difficulty, which had left him in a rather poor mental condition; that he was often times drunk and had suffered from lapses of memory.

When questioned further as to any other friends of Zeigler or Monty Carter or Mrs. Zeigler, whom he may have treated, he stated he recalled on one occasion that Zeigler had taken him to an apartment on the south side to see a man who he found, upon examination, was suffering from congested lungs and almost on the verge of pneumonia. Dr. Rembe was unable to fix the time when this occurred or furnish the address where he made the call. He stated that Zeigler came to his office for him and took him to the apartment; that on arriving at the apartment there were two men in it, one of whom was the patient. He was unable to describe either, but stated that he is satisfied it was the same person he was called to see at the apartment on the morning after Zeigler's death. He could not be sure of the identification and could not say whether it was before or after Zeigler's death.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell were presented to Dr. Rembe and he stated he could not identify them as persons he had seen in Zeigler's company and that so far as he could recall he had never met them.

Dr. Rembe was then further questioned as to other persons he may have treated at the request of Zeigler, Carter or Mrs. Zeigler, or others who may have called him for treatment, representing themselves as friends of the persons just mentioned, and he stated he could not recall another occasion of having treated any person who could in any way be connected with Zeigler or Monty Carter. It was intimated to the doctor that very definite information had been received that he at one time treated a friend of Zeigler's for a head injury and that this man was a member of Zeigler's gang, who was thought by the mob to have double crossed it, and was being held captive at that time. The doctor stated that he could not recall treating any person for a head injury under circumstances similar to those outlined and when asked if it were possible for him to have administered such treatment without recalling it, he stated that it was as he was often times very drunk and may have been called on such an occasion without now having any recollection of it.

The interview with Dr. Rembe continued for several hours and at no time was the writer able to get him to commit himself on any professional services rendered any person connected with Zeigler other than those just referred to. It was then directly stated to the doctor that direct information had been obtained that he had administered treatment to the victim

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in this case during the period he was held captive. His first statement after that suggestion was made was "What does this man look like?" Upon being furnished with Bremer's description he stated he could not recall ever treating him or any man for a head injury. When asked if he could have rendered such services without recalling he stated it was possible that he could and that he was doing his best to recall it - that he realized the construction that might be placed on it; that he could have treated Bremer without knowing who he was but that he could not, for the life of him, recall such an incident.

Dr. Rembe appeared very nervous and ill at ease throughout the entire interview. In the beginning he asked the writer if he were acquainted with Mrs. Zeigler or knew where she was at this time. On being advised that agent had never seen or talked to Mrs. Zeigler and was not aware of her whereabouts, he stated he understood she was in the custody of the Government. He was informed that agent had no knowledge of that fact and was then asked where she was. He stated he did not know but that about four months ago he was going to Chicago from Lincoln, Ill. and drove by way of Wilmington and stopped at Dorsey home there and asked for Mrs. Zeigler. He said he was informed by Mrs. Dorsey, her mother, that she had become insane and had been taken into custody by the Government for treatment and was now in a government sanitarium. As to his purpose in trying to locate Mrs. Zeigler, he stated he had no motive in doing so other than a friendly feeling for her and a regard for her condition.

Dr. Rembe stated that he closed his office two or three days after Zeigler was murdered and made a point of explaining that that fact had nothing to do with the murder as he had decided several weeks before that time to quit practicing medicine as he had been told that he should go to Mayo's Clinic for a complete physical examination and rest; that after he closed his office he went to the home of his brother, Melvin Rembe, where he remained for about a week and then went to Rochester, Minn. where he stayed for a period of several weeks; that his main trouble at that time was caused from excessive drink but after leaving Mayo's hospital he returned to his father's home in Lincoln, Ill. and after being there a short while he went to Chicago and took the Keeley Cure for a period of about two weeks and then returned to Lincoln where he has been since that time with the exception of trips to Chicago which were made in an effort to reestablish himself in the practice of medicine in that city.

Dr. Rembe informed the writer that immediately after going with Mrs. Zeigler to the Barker apartment and finding Fred Barker there suffering from an operation made for the purpose of obliterating his

fingerprints, he reported the details of the incident to his brother, Melvin Rembe, the assistant State's Attorney, and to a Detective by the name of Gilbert in the State's Attorney's office in Chicago and that he does not know what, if any, action was taken by these gentlemen.

Dr. Rembe further stated that a short while before Zeigler was killed the latter and his wife moved from their address in Elmhurst to some other address in Chicago, which he did not know, as he claimed he only visited the Zeiglers during the period they were residing in Elmhurst.

Dr. Rembe was specifically questioned regarding his practice during the month of January, 1934 with reference to the treatment of any person who could have been the victim in this case. The circumstances under which Bremer was actually treated were suggested to him and he could not or would not recall having treated any person under those circumstances, yet all the while he stated that it was possible for him to have done so and not now recall it because of his mental condition brought about by drink and domestic unhappiness at that time. At numerous times he expressed a wish to be able to recall it and stated he would disclose all the facts connected therewith that he could. He was asked if he visited his parents during the month of January, 1934 and he stated that he did not. He also disclaimed ever having been out of the city of Chicago with Zeigler or Monty Carter. When asked if Zeigler or Carter had ever telephoned him from any place out of the city or if they had requested him to treat any patient or friend of theirs outside the city, he stated he did not recall ever having done so. When asked if the Zeiglers had ever accompanied him on a visit to his parents he stated they had not, but that Zeigler and his wife did call on his parents in Lincoln, Ill. some time last Fall; that they told him in Chicago they were going to make a trip to St. Louis and he suggested to them that as they would have to go through Lincoln, Ill. they should call on his parents there and that they did make this trip and did visit his parents in Lincoln.

Later, in Mrs. Boyd Rembe's presence, during a conversation with the doctor, she stated that Zeigler called the doctor's office one night from Lincoln, Ill.; that the doctor was not present and Zeigler told her that he and his wife were in Lincoln at that time at the New Commercial Hotel and asked her for Dr. Rembe's address as they wanted to call on him while they were there. Mrs. Rembe stated this was about 11:00 o'clock at night; that she gave Zeigler Dr. Chas. Rembe's address in Lincoln and when Dr. Boyd Rembe returned to his office she informed him of the call and he then telephoned his mother and told her to call the Zeiglers at the New Commercial Hotel and ask them down to the house. Dr. and Mrs. Rembe stated that Dr. Rembe's mother later informed them that she tried to call the hotel the next day and found the Zeiglers had checked out, but that the following day they came to Lincoln and had dinner with them, stating they had been to

St. Louis and were on their way back to Chicago.

In this connection it is stated that the register at the New Commercial Hotel in Lincoln, Ill. shows that J. George Zeigler and wife registered there from Oak Park, Ill. on January 22, 1934 and went out the following morning. According to the redords they made no long distance calls which were charged to their room. Through the telephone company at Lincoln it was also found that Zeigler did not place any long distance call from the coin booth in the lobby of the hotel and the writer was unable to locate the call which Mrs. Boyd Rembe states she received from the Zeiglers at the time they were in Lincoln at the New Commercial Hotel. The records on all coin booths in Lincoln were checked but no long distance calls could be found that emanated from either Zeigler or his wife.

With further reference to the letter from the Chicago Division Office, dated October 3, 1934, relating to Byron Bolton, alias Owen B. Carter, alias Monty Carter, investigation was conducted at Virden and Thayer, Ill. by Special Agent H. G. Maynor of the St. Louis office with the results which were reported to the Chicago office by letter dated October 5, 1934, copies of which were transmitted to the Division and the St. Paul office.

[redacted] Ill. and the relatives of his wife at Thayer [redacted] been productive of information that would give [redacted] abouts.

On November 8, 1934 the writer, through investigation at Virden and Thayer, Ill., ascertained that the Boltons have not returned to those cities since the date of Agent Maynor's investigation, which was October 5, 1934, and no information has been received by the postal authorities at each place which would indicate they are communicating by mail with their relatives.

Miss Jennie Pumer, the postmaster at Thayer, Ill., informed the writer that about a week ago she observed a letter which had been mailed at the Post Office direct to Byron Barron, 382 N. Taylor Ave., Apartment 1, St. Louis, Mo. She stated that she had never heard of a person by that name [redacted] Thayer and had never observed mail going out to this person prior to the occasion mentioned; that it was written in a rather poor, almost illegible hand and it suggested itself to her that the person addressed may be Bolton who had assumed the name of Byron Barron. Miss Pumer further stated that two days prior to agent's interview with her she had been talking to Mrs. Freeman's father and in a general conversation

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she had asked him about members of the family and he told her he had not seen Viva (the daughter who is married to Byron Bolton) for more than two years and did not know where she was; that he lived with her a short time about two years ago in Chicago and that since he left her there he has not seen nor heard from her and does not know where she is at the present time.

[illegible] further stated that Theodore Freeman, the father [illegible] Mrs. Bolton, and a brother, William Freeman, are living together in Thayer at this time and tha they had not been receiving any mail which in any way indicated that it could have come from Mrs. Bolton.

Fred N. Mayer, Postmaster, Virden, Illinois, stated he has kept a close watch on the mail addressed to Bolton's father and relatives in that city and that they have not received any mail which could have been sent by Byron Bolton as the only mail they receive through his office comes from the Relief Organization in Springfield, Ill.

With reference to the report rendered by Special Agent J. L. Madala at Chicago, Ill., dated October 30, 1934, reflecting an interview with Irene Dorsey and her statements concerning one Frankie Diaz of Springfield, Ill. whom Zeigler visited on a trip they made to St. Louis during the period Victim Bremer was held captive, it was found that this man is now operating a saloon at #111 N. 5th St., known as the Bungalow. Diaz was engaged in the liquor business in Springfield, Ill. for a number of years before repeal of the 18th amendment and around 1925 or 1926 was associated with Byron Bolton in a U-Driv-It business which was more or less of a "blind" for their liquor activities. Byron Bolton left Springfield around 1928 and has not returned to that city for any extended period since. From the reputation of Diaz it did not seem that an open interview with him for information relating to Bolton's whereabouts was desired. The writer was in his saloon several times during the day and hung out there at nights between November 7 and 10, 1934. It was observed that his customers appeared to be from the sporting fraternity, but no one was seen who in any way resembled Bolton and no mention was made of him by Diaz or any person in the saloon, in agent's presence. Short order meals are served in this saloon and an open dice game is operated for all comers.

Agent contacted Chief of Detectives J. Jessburg, Springfield, Ill., who is believed to be reliable, and he stated that Bolton is known to him and to several members of the detective force who are in his confidence and that he would keep Diaz' place under observation and apprehend Bolton should he appear there. Chief Jessburg also stated that he had a man by the name of Buck Kid, a bookmaker in Springfield, whose original home was Virden, Ill., who knew Bolton very well both in that city and Springfield and that he could contact him and probably ascertain Bolton's

whereabouts. According to Chief Jessburg, when he contacted Kid the latter told him that just before Bolton left Springfield around the 1927 or 1928 he borrowed $50.00 from him and has never repaid it; that he does not know where he is and doubted if anyone in Springfield would know unless it was Frankie Diaz. Mr. Kid informed Chief Jessburg that he knew Bolton was wanted in Chicago in connection with the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and he stated that with no purpose in view he had mentioned Bolton to Diaz a time or two in the recent past, but that Diaz had always told him he didnt know where he was. Kid informed Chief Jessburg he is satisfied Bolton is not coming to Springfield openly, but that it is highly probable he is in communication with Diaz and that the latter would undoubtedly know where he is if his whereabouts were known to any person in that city.

It was found that Elmer Freeman, brother of Mrs. Byron Bolton reported as being a bartender at the Eagles Club in Springfield, Ill., is working at the Elks Club in that city. Chief of Police Jessburg stated he knew the exalted ruler of the lodge very well and that he would endeavor, through him, to ascertain from Elmer Freeman the present whereabouts of his sister and that if this information is obtained he will immediately communicate it to the St. Louis Division office.

An unsuccessful effort was made to locate the registration of Zeigler and wife at the seven leading hotels in St. Louis for the purpose of developing, from telephone calls, their St. Louis contacts and the purpose of their visit.

In connection with the reference report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, it is stated that inquiry at the Automobile Department, Secretary of State's office, Springfield, Ill., disclosed that 1934 Chevrolet coupe, motor #4,135,550, serial #1-DAO-313,359, has never been registered in the State of Illinois.

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 13, 1934 transmitting temporary "wanted" notices on certain individuals whose apprehension and location are desired in this case. These notices have been personally delivered to the police departments at Peoria, Danville and Springfield and East St. Louis, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo.

As the result of a search made in the Identification Bureau of these departments, it was found that Charles A. Fitzgerald, Division #95780, is of record at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. This individual was arrested as Don M. Logan, #10799, in 1918 in company with Hy. Pete Carroll. They were arrested as suspects for safe blowing. At that time Fitzgerald gave his occupation as telephone operator and plumber and the file maintained at the St. Louis Police Dept. stated that his

tactics were to make friends with telegraph operators in each town he visited. The following associates of this man were shown to be:-

Frank Mathews, alias J. C. Winnfield, burglar; arrested Lyerly, Ga., 1914.

Harry Carroll and Mrs. Lowe, Kansas City, 4-1917.

James C. Jones, #3066, arrested Memphis, Tenn., 1918.

William Burke, #30151, Memphis, Tenn., 1918.

H. E. McAllester, #3067, arrested Memphis, Tenn., 1918.

John Russell, alias Morgan, arrested Detroit, Mich., 1919. (Fitzgerald member of Francis Morgan bank robbery gang).

Information received from the placing of these "wanted" notices will be immediately furnished interested offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at St. Louis, Mo. will ascertain whether or not the Byron Barron residing at 382 N. Taylor Ave., apartment A, is Byron Bolton, effecting his apprehension if he is found to be identical.

At Springfield, Virden and Thayer, Ill. will continue this investigation through Frankie Diaz and relatives of Bolton and his wife in an effort to locate him.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Ill. It is suggested that Melvin Rembe, Asst. State's Attorneyat Chicago, be interviewed for the purpose of verifying the statement of his brother, Dr. Boyd C. Rembe, that he reported to him his call to the Barker apartment the morning after George Zeigler was killed for the purpose of treating Fred Barker for the operation which had been performed on his fingers.

The Detective Gilbert referred to herein should also be contacted for the same purpose. It is probable that Melvin Rembe would be instrumental in causing his brother to furnish fuller information relating to his association with the Zeiglers as the writer is satisfied he withheld information that might be of value in the further investigation of this case. It seems highly probable that Dr. Rembe may have administered to the victim during the period of his captivity and it is believed that his brother, Melvin Rembe, could probably induce him to disclose that fact, if it is true.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated November 13, 1934, in the above entitled case.

It is noted that the period of investigation is from November 6th to 10th, 1934, whereas in the first paragraph under "Details", the results of an interview are reflected which was apparently conducted on October 7, 1934. Regardless of whether the period of investigation is correctly set forth, the Division feels that there has been an unwarranted delay in the covering and reporting of the investigation requested in the letter of the Chicago office dated October 3, 1934. The information developed is of considerable importance to this investigation and should have been given more than routine attention. If all field offices exercise the same prerogative of not acting on an undeveloped lead until thirty to forty-five days have elapsed, or until the case nearly becomes delinquent, investigation would, of necessity, be carried on ad infinitum.

I desire that you give these matters your very close personal attention in order that important cases might be completed at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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November 16, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time - 1:40 p.m.

Mr. James Seymore, 1223 Twelfth Street, Northwest, was referred to me and advised that on Monday or Tuesday of this week, he had observed an individual who strongly resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Identification Order #1218, working as a waiter in the Hi-Hat Cocktail Room, Ambassador Hotel. Mr. Seymore produced a newspaper photograph of Karpis which he had pasted on cardboard on the back of which was pasted a description of Karpis. He advised that the description of the individual he had seen closely tallied with the description of Karpis with the exception that he appeared to be some few years older than twenty-five. He further advised that while he did not believe this identification to be at all positive, he felt that it was a matter which he should report, and requested that his name be kept confidential in the event any action was taken.

I telephoned Mr. Pennington and informed him of the situation and requested that an Agent be assigned to proceed with Mr. Seymore to the Hi-Hat Club for the purpose of ascertaining whether this individual was at work this afternoon. Upon being advised that no Agent was at that time available, I arranged with Mr. Seymore to have him telephone me in forty-five minutes or an hour thereafter so that an Agent might meet him and make the necessary observations.

Accordingly, at two thirty p.m., Mr. Seymore telephoned and advised that he had already been to the Hi-Hat Club and found the place practically deserted with no signs of the suspect. I then arranged for him to meet an Agent in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel at six p.m., this evening. Thereafter, I telephoned Agent Scheidt of the Washington Field Office, gave him Mr. Seymore's description, informed him of the facts involved and requested that he convey them to Mr. Pennington in order that the appointment might be kept promptly at six p.m. Mr. Scheidt stated that this would be done.

Respectfully,

G. M. Lowdon

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218;
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RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P.MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232,
et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Synopsis of Facts: [redacted] received from Princeton, Ind. on mail to relatives of subject Dr. Moran at Princeton, Indiana, none in handwriting of Moran.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 27, 1934.

Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Postmaster at Princeton, Indiana has supplied the Indianapolis Office with additional tracings on mail addressed to relatives of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, which relatives reside at 221 West Monroe Street, Princeton, Indiana, the tracings being as follows; none being in writing of Dr. Moran:

1. Addressed - Marie Shannon, 221 W.Monroe St., Princeton, Indiana; postmarked - Mt. Erie, Ill. 10-30-34; return address - Lillian Shannon, Mt. Erie, Ill.

DETAILS:

2. Addressed - Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brock, 221 W.Monroe St., Princeton, Ind.; postmarked - Indianapolis, Ind. 10-30-34; return address - 2808 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

3. Addressed - Mr. F. L. Brock, Princeton, Ind.; postmarked - Fairfield, Ill. 10-30-34; return address - Creighton & Thomas, Attorneys at Law, Fairfield, Ill.

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BREKID AUTHORITY REQUESTED TAP TELEPHONE MRS MABEL GUYMON SISTER OF CLARA GIBSON, 525 CORNELIA STRET TELEPHONE BITTERSWEET 4711.

ALSO TO EXPEND $40.00 FOR RENTAL APARTMENT 305, 525 CORNELIA WHERE TAP TO BE LOCATED AND SURVEILLANCE GUYMON APARTMENT MAINTAINED. ALSO REQUEST EXPENDITURE $5.00 PER DAY FOR 4 DAYS FOR SERVICES [redacted] INFORMANT PURPOSE CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE ALGIERS CLUB, 100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, PURPOSE LOCATING RUSSELL GIBSON AND POSSIBLY DOC BARKER

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

November 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: In 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 - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter dated October 24, 1934, to which was attached the photograph of Corwin "Corey" Bales, Des Moines Police Department No. 3922.

There are returned herewith the original photograph and two copies, as you requested. All offices receiving copies of this letter are also being furnished one copy each of this photograph, including the Division.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Corwin Bales, #3922, Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Wynona Burdett returned to Oklahoma from Chicago and St. Paul and lived with her two sisters at Ponca City, Oklahoma for some time. Detailed investigation made concerning relatives of Edna Murray. Volney Davis and Edna Murray lived with latter's brother at Muskogee, Oklahoma for about ten days in October, 1934. Harry Stanley, Edna Murray's brother, with whom she lived in Muskogee, has gone to Glasgow, Montana, apparently to make some connections with Volney Davis. Information obtained through informant that Fred Barker and two associates fired upon Sheriff's force near Columbus, Kansas but no information obtained where he went or of his present whereabouts. Several other contacts made in Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity but no other information obtained regarding the location of any of the members of this mob.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 10/9/34; letters from Kansas City office dated 7/19/34 and 8/24/34; report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8/23/34; report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 9/22/34; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 9/22/34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: With reference to letter from the Kansas City office dated July 19, 1934, Lynn Blackwood, Deputy Sheriff at Frederick, Oklahoma, advised that Isaac Cupp, 312 West Gladstone Boulevard, Frederick, is a section foreman with the Frisco Railway; that he seems to be an honest and hard working man and that he knew of no criminals or suspicious persons coming to his home.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Wright Brantley, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Blackwood did not know Jesse Howard and had never heard of him being in Frederick.

In the presence of Blackwood, Mr. Ira Hammon of Frederick was interviewed and stated that he was well acquainted with the Cupp family and that Mrs. Isaac Cupp was an aunt to Howard. He said that he had never known of Howard being in Frederick or of any other criminals staying with the Cupp family. The only thing Hammon knew against Cupp is that he drinks liquor considerably.

Isaac Cupp was interviewed in the presence of Blackwood and frankly answered all questions propounded to him. He said that his wife was an aunt to Jesse Howard; that Howard got some kind of parole in 1933 and came to Frederick to see them and visited with his aunt for two or three days; that he escaped early in 1934 but did not visit them in Frederick after this escape. He said that Howard had an aunt, Mrs. Johnnie (Nellie) Kurkendall, living at Hollis, Oklahoma, and an uncle living at Enid, Oklahoma; that when he heard of the death of Howard in Miama, Oklahoma he sent a telegram to Louie Howard, the uncle in Enid, and asked him to take care of Howard, which he did. He said that Louie Howard made a positive identification of his nephew in Miama.

Cupp said that he does not know the Barker brothers, Karpis, Davis, or Campbell, has never seen either of them, though he has heard of Jesse speak of them. From what he remembers of Jesse saying of them, he thinks that his nephew had had nothing to do with this mob for three or four years. He said that he had no idea where any of this gang might be operating. When asked who it was who secured the parole for Howard, Mr. Cupp said that it was a man by the name of Glynn in Leavenworth, Kansas. Cupp further advised that no criminals and no strangers come to his place and from the straightforward way he talked, it is evident that his home is not a hideout or contact place for this mob or any other criminals. Cupp said, and it is apparent, that the correspondence between Mrs. Cupp and Glynn was relating to Howard's parole.

With reference to letter from the Kansas City office dated August 24, 1934 and to report of Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City August 23, 1934, Rudolph Lecroix, Chief of Police at Blackwell, Oklahoma, advised that Harry Copeland and his former wife, Ouida Mewhiney Copeland, were living at 317 North E. Street in Blackwell; that he had never heard of them having any strange visitors or of their reputation being questionable.

Ouida Mewhiney was interviewed in the presence of Chief Lecroix and she advised that she and her husband were married in Webb City, Missouri, December 2, 1919 when she was fourteen years old; that they have lived in Blackwell ten years; that they are now separated and her husband is now some place in Iowa traveling for the Crown Pottery Company. She said that she had never heard of any of the members of this mob and she is sure that her former husband does not know them. She informed that Harry Copeland's sister, Grace Culver, runs the Gables Hotel in Webb City, Missouri, and that her reputation is unquestionable; that she never did hear of Herb Farmer or his mother and has never associated with any crim-

inals. She gave the names of several persons in Blackwell, whom she had worked for, as reference. Harry Gerhard, a hardware dealer in Blackwell, former employer of Miss Mewhiney, said that he was sure that Ouida Mewhiney was honest, reliable and does not associate with any criminals and that his wife could say the same thing. It does not seem, therefore, that this couple have any connection with any of the members of this gang.

Porter D. E. Corn, mail clerk, Blackwell, Oklahoma, lives near the Copeland-Mewhiney home and said that he had never noticed anything questionable about this couple and has never noticed strangers visit them.

With reference to letter from the Kansas City office dated July 18, 1934, J. C. Long, personnel manager of the Tidal Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that George K. Thompson has been employed by that company for about twelve years; that he is presently employed as a pumper and is living in a company house about seven miles southwest of Wynona, Oklahoma; that his record as an employee with that company is a very good one but he does not know Thompson personally and could not say if he would harbor any criminals.

The writer and Charlie Franks, Deputy Sheriff at Hominy, Oklahoma, proceeded to the vicinity of seven miles southwest of Wynona, Oklahoma and located the George K. Thompson house. The only member of the Thompson family home was a thirteen year old son who advised that he has one older sister and one younger sister; that his father is a pumper for the Tidal Oil Company and has lived in the same house for several years. He said they never have any visitors and among several other names mentioned to him, he said that he did not know anyone by the name of Jim Clark or Arthur or Doc Barker and he was sure that no men of these descriptions have visited his father. He said that his father bought the Chevrolet he now owns in Wynona, Oklahoma and he described this car about as it is described by the informant. [redacted] This boy was a sincere talker and seemed to be telling the truth.

The Thompson house is a small frame three room house and is located on the east side of Little Hominy creek at exactly the point pointed out by the informant on the Osage County map.

Mr. F. A. Schell, production superintendent in Oklahoma of the Tidal Oil Company, with offices in Wynona and Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that George K. Thompson has been a most reliable worker for his company for several years; that he has always considered him one hundred per cent dependable; that he has been around his home several times every week for several years and has never seen him have any visitors, except a daughter, and is positive that he would not harbor any criminals - especially when the criminal is not a member of his immediate family [redacted] There appears to be no possibility that Thompson has harbored Barker and Clark and it does not seem to be worth while to inquire into this matter any further.

Previous efforts have been made by the Oklahoma City office to locate the relatives of Edna Murray in order that she might be located for questioning. Agent G. H. Phinney made an investigation at Cardin, Oklahoma which was followed up more in detail by the writer. According to C. M. Masters, postmaster, Mrs. Opal Wolfe, postal clerk, H. D. Huddleson, Justice of the Peace, and O. C. Parker, city clerk, Edna Murray's mother is Mrs. M. D. (Lula) Stanley. Her father is dead. She has one sister, Doris who is called Dora. She is married and is living at some unknown place in Kansas and her married name has not been learned to date. Edna has three brothers: Mott who lives in Commerce, Oklahoma, Gloyd who lives in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and Harry whose address has not been learned to date. She has been married three times, first to one Paton and to this marriage was born a son, Preston who is now called Percy and uses his mother's maiden name of Stanley. He is seventeen years old and lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Lulu Stanley. The second husband was Walter Price of Cardin who has a poor reputation. The third husband was Fred Murray alias Diamond Joe Murray and he was killed in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. Lulu Stanley lives in a small yellow frame house of about three or four rooms, one block north and two blocks east of the city hall. It is the second house from the corner on the west side of the street. Preston Paton, alias Percy Stanley, and Mott Ferrall, an eleven or twelve year old son of Dora, are living with their grandmother. Percy does not work but always wears good clothes. It is the general belief of people in Cardin that he goes to see his mother occasionally and that she helps him and her mother in a financial way.

H. D. Huddleson said that Percy got into some trouble for fighting a little over a year ago and was given a sentence in the city jail at Picher, Oklahoma. While he was in this jail, his grandfather, M. D. Stanley, died and through the efforts of Huddleson Percy was released until after the funeral and then returned to jail. He escaped the first night and later was identified as one of the robbers of a store that was broken into the night of his escape. He then left Cardin and was gone for about six months. When he returned, nothing was done about the alleged robbery charge against him. According to Huddleson, Mrs. Wolfe and Guy W. Waite, a druggist, Percy returned to Cardin about October 7, or 8, 1934 after an absence of two or three weeks. No one seems to know where he was. Huddleson says that Dora and her husband come to Cardin every month or two and drive a large car. He will obtain the make of this car with the license number and advise the Oklahoma City office so that it can be ascertained where Dora lives. He will also be on the lookout for any other information which may be useful in locating Edna. Huddleson, as well as the other persons interviewed at Cardin, was advised what the Government would pay for the confidential information resulting in the apprehension of members of this mob.

Mrs. Opal Wofe, postal clerk, Cardin, Oklahoma, said that she lives a short distance of less than a city block from Mrs. Stanley; that she thinks Mrs. Stanley is a good woman though all of her children turned out bad. She went to school with Edna and Dora and knows all of the family well. She occasionally visits Mrs. Stanley and Percy comes over and talks with Mrs. Wolfe's fourteen year

old daughter real often. Mrs. Wolfe said she would talk with Percy about his travels and about where his mother is living and if she gets any information she will advise the writer of the Oklahoma City office.

Mr. O. C. Parker, city clerk, Cardin, Oklahoma, is regarded as a reliable person and advised that he had no information regarding the location of Edna but he, as well as Huddleson, said they had heard that she has been living in Chicago, Kansas City and the twin cities the past year or since she escaped from the Missouri State prison. He said that Jim LaRoe, a laborer, who lives on the corner next door south of Mrs. Stanley, is reliable beyond question.

Jim La Roe was interviewed at the post office in Cardin and said that he would be glad to cooperate with this Division toapprehend such criminals as Edna Murray and her associates. He has agreed to watch the Stanley house closely and observe all callers; take the description and license numbers of all cars with foreign tags that come there. He, as well as all other persons who were interviewed at Cardin, was given the address and telephone number of the Oklahoma City office and the writer, and if he gets any information, he will immediately pass it on. He does not have a phone but arrangements have been made for him to use the phone in the office of the city clerk should he want to do so. He does not know Edna personally but he does know Dora. He was given Edna's description and if a woman of her description calls there, he will immediately phone the writer or the Oklahoma City office.

Guy W. Waite, proprietor of the Miners Drug Store, Cardin, Oklahoma, is the agent for the Western Union telegraph there. Messages coming to Cardin come to Picher, Oklahoma, and are phoned to Waite who writes them out and delivers them or puts them in the post office like an ordinary letter. He is regarded as being reliable and has promised to cooperate. If any telegraph messages come in for any member of the Stanley family, which are at all suspicious, he will make a copy of it or hold it up and confidentially advise the writer or the Agent in-Charge of the Oklahoma City office at once by phone.

Waite said that during the summer of 1933 when N. D. Stanley died, a long distance phone call came to his phone from either Minneapolis or St. Paul for Mrs. Stanley and he sent a messenger for her and Mrs. Stanley talked to the calling party. He cannot say who was calling but is reasonably sure that it was Edna calling her mother. This indicates that Mrs. Stanley knew how to get in touch with her daughter at that time, and it is reasonable to believe that she knows how to get in touch with her now. Other long distance calls have come in for members of the Stanley family in the same manner, though not in the last few months. Waite thinks that Edna may communicate with her mother in one of the above mentioned methods before so very long again and he will immediately advise of that or of any other information which he might receive.

A thirty-day mail cover has been placed on the mail received by the Stanley family in Box 64 at Cardin, Oklahoma and tracings are being sent to the Oklahoma City office. A similar cover has been placed on the first class mail received by Mott Stanley, brother of Edna, at Commerce, Oklahoma. Three tracings

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of letters which were mailed there have been received from Commerce. They were mailed October 9, 1934 and the return address in each case was Box 64, Cardin, Oklahoma. One was addressed to Gloyd Stanley, 415 S. Cedar St., Sapulpa, Okla. and this person, as stated before, is Edna's brother. The second letter was addressed to Mrs. H. H. Taylor, Box 142, Parkerville, Kans. The Kansas City office has been asked to make an investigation of this person. It is possible that she may be Dora, Edna's sister. The third letter was addressed to H. C. Stanley, 210½ N. 12th Street, Muskogee, Okla. It is rather apparent that this may be Harry, Edna's other brother, and an investigation will be made in Muskogee immediately.

C. H. Burton, postmaster at Commerce, Oklahoma, said that Mott Stanley is a bootlegger and has a poor reputation. Burton does not know Stanley very well and does not know any of his friends. He will watch his mail real carefully and immediately report with tracings or any other information he may receive about any strangers calling to see Stanley.

Percy Boyd, city marshal, Commerce, Oklahoma advised that Mott Stanley lives in the back of an abandoned filling station where U. S. Highway #66 turns north going out of Commerce. By this building is a drive-in pig stand and Boyd says that he feels sure that the woman who runs this place would not cooperate with any officers to locate any criminal. There are so many cars driving around this drive-in place that it would be hard to watch for any strange cars that might stop at the Mott Stanley home. Boyd said that he would watch this place closely as possible for any visitors Mott might have, and advise the Oklahoma City office of any affirmative results.

As a result of the above mail covers, tracings were received from the postmaster at Commerce, Oklahoma indicating that letters were mailed there October 9, 1934 to Gloyd Stanley, 415 S. Cedar Street, Sapulpa, Okla. with the return address Box 64 Cardin Okla., to Mrs. H. H. Taylor, Box 142, Parkerville, Kansas with the return address Box 64, Cardin, Okla., to H. C. Stanley, 210½ N. 12 Street, Muskogee, Okla., with the return address Box 64, Cardin, Okla. Box 64 at Cardin, Okla. is Mrs. N. D. Stanley's box. Gloyd Stanley, as mentioned before in this case, is a brother of Edna Murray. The Kansas City office was requested by letter to make inquiries concerning Mr. H. H. Taylor at Parkerville, Kansas who may possibly be Dora, the sister of Edna Murray.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City office advised the writer via long distance telephone that the Chicago office had advised that mail covers in Chicago indicated that Volney Davis and possibly Edna Murray had been in Muskogee, Oklahoma and this agent immediately proceeded there. After some detailed investigation, it was ascertained that H. C. Stanley is Harry Stanley, brother of Edna Murray; that the house in which he was living has been made into a duplex; that the other side of the house, 210 North 12 Street, is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harmon R. Williams and that the latter's father owns the property. Having ascertained that the Williams couple are entirely reliable, they were interviewed and advised that the Stanleys moved in at 210½ North 12 Street October 1, 1934; that the only visitors they had had was a couple that drove a new sedan auto which was probably a Buick, Oldsmobile or a Pontiac, license number not known but which

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Mrs. Williams thinks were Texas tags. The name this visiting couple used was never learned. They apparently came to Muskogee October 13 or 14 and left October 24, 1934. They apparently arrived and left during the night. The representation the Stanleys made to the Williams' is that the wife of the visiting couple is a sister to Mrs. Stanley. The two couples went about together a lot in Stanley's 1932 model dark blue Buick sedan which is equipped with 1934 Texas tags number 401-755 and also in the new looking sedan which was driven by Stanley's "brother-in-law". The two men also went out together several times which indicated that the two couples were very friendly. The Williams never learned where the visiting couple came from or where they went. Williams only made a partial identification of this couple from their photos as being Volney Davis and Edna Murrey but Mrs. Williams made an immediate and positive identification. She described them as they are described in several places in this case except that Edna now has her hair dyed to a noticeable yellow blonde color. Edna wore a dark tailored coat and a close fitting navy blue hat and Volney wore a dark blue suit which was badly in need of being cleaned and pressed. The latter wore his coat all of the time and no guns were ever seen on him or any place around the Stanley apartment.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, while the so-called "sister and brother-in-law" were visiting them, Mrs. Stanley notified Mrs. Williams that they were leaving Muskogee on the first of November and going to North Dakota and that they were making this move for Stanley's health. Arrangements were made with Mr. and Mrs. Williams to have one of them remain at home at all times until the Stanleys left as it was thought possible that Volney and Edna might return to Muskogee to make the trip to North Dakota with the Stanleys and the writer was advised at the Baltimore Hotel of Stanleys' actions until they left Muskogee.

Arrangements were made with Mr. D. M. Wiley, postmaster at Muskogee, Oklahoma to have a cover placed on all mail going to 210½ North 12 Street until November 1, 1934 and to advise the writer before any mail was delivered there.

H. P. Hancox, negro mail carrier who delivers mail to this address, said that he saw a man sitting on the porch in front of 210½ one time who resembled Volney Davis but he could only make a partial identification of him from his photograph. He said he only remembered the Stanleys' getting one letter since they had moved there. He also agreed to advise the writer of any persons he saw at this address.

Mr. H. S. Patrick, manager of the Mid-Continent filling station at Twelfth Street and Okmulgee Avenue, which is only a little over a block from the Williams' home, is a reliable citizen according to Chief of Detectives John Woolsey and his assistant, Ralph Rose. Patrick said that he is well acquainted with Stanley; that the latter came to his filling station when he first came from Texas in April of this year; that it was upon Patrick's recommendation that Stanley first secured a two room apartment just two doors east of this filling station; that Stanley and his wife lived there about six weeks and then went to the Cookson Hills and sent him a card from Cookson, Oklahoma. He returned to Muskogee about three months later and told Patrick that he had been to Chicago

and had gone to the World's Fair. This information was confirmed by C. F. Rogers, Patrick's assistant, who is also regarded as reliable.

Patrick and Rogers positively identified Volney Davis from his photo as the alleged husband of Mrs. Stanley's sister and the person Stanley always referred to as his "brother-in-law". They said that he and his wife, whom they could not positively identify as Edna Murray were visiting with Stanley about a week or ten days between the dates mentioned by Mr. and Mrs. Williams; that Davis was driving a black 1934 model Pontiac sedan but they did not remember the kind of tags it had on. They said that Stanley always seemed to have plenty of money and they noticed that he had several five and ten dollar bills. They know that he is not working and that he gets $45.00 per month from the Government as disability allowance for having "t. b." and they feel that he is surely getting some money from some other source. He spends a lot of his time around the Patrick station and was there almost every day he was in Muskogee. He used Patrick's phone often and ordered a lot of liquor over this phone.

Stanley also told these men about leaving Muskogee and told them that he was going to a chicken farm in Kansas about fifty miles from Miami, Oklahoma; that his wife's father operated this chicken farm and that this farm is owned by his "brother-in-law"; that he was going to stay at this farm only a short time and then go on to Glasgow, Montana for his health; that his father had gone to Glasgow for tuberculosis and the climate had cured him. These men agreed to watch Stanley and furnish the writer with any further information they might obtain about him or his alleged brother-in-law. Patrick called this agent upon several occasions and advised about several minor matters he had discussed with Stanley and on November 1, 1934 Stanley had his car serviced just before leaving Muskogee and paid the bill with a five dollar bill. This bill was checked but was found not to be one of the Bremer ransom bills.

Through the cooperation of Cooper Davis, deputy clerk of the United States District Court, who lived at 209 North 12 Street, Muskogee, Agent John Little and the writer arranged for Agents J. M. O'Leary and J. T. Martin to be placed in his home to watch the activities of Stanley and to observe if Davis came back there. Stanley frequently took short drives in his car.

On October 29, 1934 a special delivery, air mail, letter was delivered to Mrs. Williams for H. C. Stanley and as soon as the Stanleys returned home, she delivered it to them after obtaining the information that it was postmarked at Rockford, Illinois the day before and had no return address. Due, apparently, to the fact that it was not handled as regular mail, the writer was not notified by the Post Office of the receipt of this letter and Mrs. Williams did not feel that she should hold it up. A few minutes after Stanley got this letter, he left in his car and returned two hours later. It was thought at that time that he might be contacting Davis and from then on until he left Muskogee, he was shadowed by at least two cars. It was ascertained, however, from H. S. Patrick that Stanley had an army friend whom he visited often who lived about two miles west of Muskogee; that this man, C. E. Morris, died and was buried October 29, 1934. This

was confirmed by the death reports in the newspapers and Stanley called at the Morris home several times until he left Muskogee and spent about an hour there just before they left, according to Patrick, having lunch with the Morris family. It is quite apparent that Stanley went to the Morris home after he received the special delivery letter and did not in fact contact Davis. While shadowing Stanley he went to several business places and the Morris home. It does not seem to be important to report the various places he stopped which seemed to be only business calls. Upon one occasion before Stanley was being shadowed he left with a large dishpan full of food and when he returned his wife asked him "how did they like it". Contrary to the speculations about where he went with this food, it was later ascertained from Patrick that this was taken to the Morris home just before the funeral.

On October 31, 1934, the Railway Express wagon called at the Stanley address and took a trunk away. Agent Hall, John Woolsey and the writer went to the Railway Express agency and arranged with the manager or general agent, C. F. Lane, to look into the trunk thinking that it may contain some valuable evidence. It was filled with pieces of cloth, numerous knitted pieces, pictures and odd pieces of needle work and a woman's personal wear. The only thing of any interest that might be mentioned is the veteran's papers showing that his C number is 626,239; former address of the Stanleys, 444 East 22 Street, Pittsburgh, Kansas; auto travel log showing left Kerrville, Texas 9:15 P. M., 4-9-34, arrived Muskogee 1:45 P. M., 4-10-34, mileage 30,045 - 30,393; register sheets of Walker Hotel, Picher, Oklahoma; addresses of 1915 Grand Avenue and 5633 West Lake Street (towns not mentioned) and papers which indicate that Stanley is a "Modern Woodman".

The trunk was prepaid to W. H. Boice, Route #2, Pittsburgh, Kansas. Stanley paid for the express on this trunk with some one dollar bills.

Of interest was a Miami, Oklahoma news clipping dated August 30, relating the story of the fatal shooting of two officers in South St. Paul, Minnesota, during a pay roll robbery of $30,000.00 by five bandits. This refers to the incident of August 30, 1933 when five bandits dressed in new overalls, robbed a pay roll messenger at the Post Office and it seems rather peculiar that Stanley would be saving this clipping. It is Agent Hall's recollection that "Baby" Jones, Illinois, confessed kidnaper, said the two Bentz brothers and Eddie Doll performed this robbery. There are apparently two others who have not been identified.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley advised the writer by telegram that Stanley is receiving $45.00 per month compensation and the check is presently being sent to 210½ North 12 Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Stanley, in company with his wife, left Muskogee, Oklahoma in his above described Buick about 2:00 P. M., November 1, 1934. He was shadowed from Muskogee, Oklahoma to Commerce, Oklahoma where he stopped at the home of his brother Mott Stanley who lives in the back of an abandoned filling station where #66 Highway turns north going out of Commerce. This place is located, as stated before, by the side of a drive-in pig stand and it was practically impossible to spot this car where it was. It was later learned from Mrs. Opal Wolfe, postal

clerk at Cardin, Oklahoma, that Stanley called to see his mother at Cardin, Oklahoma; that he told Mrs. Wolfe when she talked to him that he was not living any particular place at this time but was on his way to Colorado.

Agents Hall, O'Leary and the writer proceeded to Pittsburgh, Kansas upon authority of Acting Special Agent in Charge John Little and the home of W. H. Boice who resides three miles south, three miles west and then one-half mile north of Pittsburgh, was watched. Stanley appeared at this farm about noon November 2, 1934 and his automobile was noticed in the yard of the Boice farm about 3:00 P. M. on this date. Agents O'Mahony and Shanahan from the Kansas City office arrived in Pittsburgh, Kansas late in the night of November 2, 1934 and took up the investigation and surveilance of Stanley.

Deputy Sheriff Haverfield of Nowata, Oklahoma, who has been previously mentioned in this case, advised the Oklahoma City office that he had received some information about the location of Fred Barker. The writer called upon Mr. Haverfield at Nowata and he confidentially advised that Tom Hill, a notorious Oklahoma character and night club owner at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma who is known to have aided and worked with members of this mob in the past, had advised him that some unknown man had come to him on Wednesday, October 31, 1934 and told him that Fred Barker desired to see him about an important matter; that Fred would contact him within the next ten days and tell him where he desired to meet him. Upon the writer's suggestion, Haverfield was taken to Coffeyville and interviewed Hill in an effort to get him to talk with the writer in order that the writer or Special Agent in Charge Brantley might be notified directly by Hill of any information he might receive. Haverfield talked with Hill over an hour but Hill refused to give any information to anyone in the world except Haverfield. Hill, apparently, Haverfield said, is willing to put the members of this mob on the spot as he seems to realize that the heat that is being put on them is too much for his business in South Coffeyville and further, for the money that will be paid for the information leading to the location and apprehension of this gang. Hill has agreed to advise Haverfield of any information he receives and Haverfield in turn will advise the writer, Agent Hall or Special Agent in Charge Brantley.

It might be stated here that it seems, if Hill is sincere in what he says, that he is in a better position than any other person in Oklahoma to put members of this mob on the spot. He is probably the last man in Oklahoma that officers suspect would give this kind of information and as Haverfield is a trusted officer, it seems natural that he would not be willing to talk to any other person except Haverfield whom he has known for several years.

Several letters have been received by the writer from [redacted] mentioned before in several places in this case and from [redacted] but each letter is in the negative and merely advise [redacted] they have received no information about any of the members of this mob. [redacted] advised in one letter, however, that Howard Kilmer, Oklahoma Penitentiary No. 23082, mentioned in report of this Agent dated October 9, 1934, has since been captured and returned to the penitentiary and that he obtained no information concerning Doc Barker or his location. One letter was received from [redacted] undated,

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which was mailed at Stringtown, Oklahoma, October 23, 1934, stating that he had [redacted] to Tulsa, Oklahoma and [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma endeavoring to locate some of the old contacts and fences of this mob, but was unable to obtain any affirmative information. Another letter was received which is undated but was postmarked at Stringtown, Oklahoma, October 30, 1934, stating that he had received information that this mob was leaving the North and moving South, probably either to Arkansas or New Mexico. He said that he had been asked by a contact to meet Fred Barker at Picher, Oklahoma between the dates of November 4 and November 9, 1934, and asked that the writer be where he could be contacted in a short time. This meeting with Fred Barker, he said, is to assist him in obtaining some money on some land in the Rio Grande Valley which is located near Brownsville, Texas as, it is his information, that the members of this mob either have no money or that they are afraid to turn loose of the money that they do have and are desirous of obtaining some "clean money" so they can "cool off".

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The writer contacted [redacted] November 4 and he confidentially advised that the person who had contacted him and furnished him the above information is [redacted] a notorious Oklahoma bank robber and an escape from the Oklahoma Penitentiary, [redacted] that he told [redacted] that he had talked with Fred Barker personally; that Fred had asked him to make this contact with [redacted] but that he, [redacted] is not working with the Barker mob at the present time and knows very little of their activities. It might be said here that it is quite apparent that [redacted] is acquainted with the Barker brothers, though it is not generally thought by officers in Oklahoma that they ever associated with each other to any extent.

[redacted] went to Picher, Oklahoma, in accordance with the arrangement made by [redacted] and stayed at the Walker Hotel. [redacted] asked that no Agent attempt to stay in Picher as both the Walker Hotel and the Connell Hotel is frequented by underworld characters and that Red Hill, manager of the Connell Hotel is a cousin of Tom Hill of South Coffeyville and makes it his business to find out who everyone of his guests are as a protection to his unlawful practices in Picher. The writer with Agents Hall, O'Leary, Franklin and Hartin, were stationed at the Miami Hotel in Miami, Oklahoma for any emergency calls. On November 6, 1934, there appeared a report in the press that the Sheriff's force at Columbus, Kansas had attempted to question three men in an automobile; that these people had fired upon the Sheriff's force and that one member of the pursued car was Raymond Hamilton, Texas outlaw. On the following date [redacted] advised the writer that he had at that time, about noon, been contacted by Red Hill, manager of the Connell Hotel in Picher, who advised him that he had just then received information that the person who was partially identified as Raymond Hamilton was in fact, Fred Barker; that he was on his way to the Connell Hotel at that time to make a contact with [redacted] that the person who gave this information to Hill asked him to advise [redacted] that due to the fact that officers had spotted them, Fred felt that that particular part of the country was too hot for him to stay in and that a meeting with [redacted] would be arranged at a different time and place.

This unknown informant also advised Red Hill that Fred Barker was hurt in some manner in making this getaway and it was [redacted] opinion that this was in fact Fred Barker though he did not know who his two associates were,

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and it was [redacted] belief that Fred would contact his father at Joplin, Missouri in some manner. Upon authority of Acting Special Agent in Charge John Little, the writer, with Agents O'Leary, Martin and Franklin, proceeded to Joplin, Missouri with [redacted] went alone to the Tri-State filling station where the elder [redacted] is employed and was advised that he had left about thirty minutes before to visit some sick relative; that about noon that day, Barker had received a telegram from Neosho, Missouri and that he was probably going to visit some people who lived on a farm near Neosho. That night, about 7:00 P. M., [redacted] talked with the elder Barker at this filling station and Barker stated that he had received word that some of the "folks" were ill, but [redacted] did not think that it was wise to ask too many questions and did not ascertain who Barker meant by the "folks". Barker agreed to go to [redacted] the next day and talk with [redacted] and these Agents returned to [redacted] The details about the investigation concerning the telegram receiving by Barker will be reported by the Kansas City office, as Agents O'Mahony and Shanahan arrived at Joplin on that same date and took up the investigation of that angle of the matter. The next day, late in the afternoon, Barker called at the [redacted] and according to information supplied by [redacted] the sick call received by Barker apparently has no connection with the alleged appearance of Fred Barker near Columbus, Kansas. [redacted] said that Barker was apparently very much concerned and worried over the well-being of his sons and is apparently making an effort to get in touch with them.

[redacted] He then plans to go to George Barker and tell [redacted] that he desires to locate Mrs. Barker in order that he may discuss the matter with her and obtain her location. [redacted] figures that this plan may locate Mrs. Barker and says that if she is located, her sons can be located soon afterwards by watching her. [redacted] will give time enough, he says, to make some contact with either Mrs. Barker or one of the Barker brothers.

Of interest in connection with the alleged plan for [redacted] to obtain either a buyer for the property in Texas or to obtain a loan on it, is a letter which [redacted] produced and let the writer read which was written by [redacted] Browder, [redacted] dated November 1, 1934. This letter was written on a plain piece of paper and sent in an envelope with a printed return "Browder Land Company, Post Office Box 330, Brownsville, Texas". The return address on the letter is Box [redacted], Alma, Arkansas. This letter states that the writer, Browder, had received a note from [redacted] friend, [redacted] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, regarding the "land in the valley". Browder advises [redacted] that twenty acres of this land is in cultivation and was set out to trees last year; that the lower land is in brush, mosquite, ebony and cactus. He says that it is good citrus fruit and vegetable land and is located near Brownsville "about three miles from smaller town"; that there is a good school one mile from the land and good concrete roads.

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He stated that it is clear of debt except some unpaid taxes. Browder says that he will show this land to [redacted] prospective buyer or the person who would loan some money on it and asked some routine questions about how much land [redacted] prospective buyer wants and how much money he wants to pay down, etc.

Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 30, 1934, sets forth a list of telephone calls made from the Peoples Oil Company, Joplin, Missouri, where George Barker was employed, this being a tourist camp located on Highway No. 38 out of Joplin.

On June 1, 1934, telephone 121 at Picher, Oklahoma was called. This is the telephone of the N. W. Green Undertaking Company, 121 East 2 Street. Frank Moon, Clerk, Post Office, Picher, advised Agent Hall that N. W. Green was a man of questionable reputation but as far as he knew, there was no connection between the Green outfit and the Barker gang. He advised that Green has an ambulance service and he has heard that the ambulance has been driven several hundred miles from Picher to take care of customers. He advised that Green is a very good friend of V. V. Butler, a doctor, who has an office across the street and that Butler has the reputation of catering to a questionable clientele. Moon advised that he would make discreet inquiries and endeavor to determine if there is any connection between Green and the Barker gang. In this connection, Chief of Police Harry Gennings was interviewed and he stated that Green seemed to be associated with thieves, as about two years ago Green attempted to sell to him some stolen diamonds. He states that Green raised money on these stones in pawn shops in Joplin and vicinity. In this connection, Chief of Police Jennings is said to have only a fair reputation. However, he seemed to be willing to cooperate in the apprehension of the Barker gang and stated that he would attempt to contact an informant whom he believed would be able to effect the location of these Barker brothers. Such contact will be made within a short time and it will be covered by this office.

On June 13, 1934, telephone No. 8, Picher, was called from the Peoples Oil Company, Joplin, Missouri. Telephone No. 8 is the Peoples Oil Company, 1123 North Connell, Picher. This is a filling station and it appears that the call was made for business purposes.

On June 20, 1934, telephone No. 112, Miami, Oklahoma was called. This is the phone number of George C. Brown, residence No. 3 G Street, Northeast, Miami. George C. Brown is an Oklahoma State Tag Agent. Three visits to his place of business failed to result in locating him, but a clerk interviewed, stated that they received numerous calls every day from various sections of this country from people inquiring as to the person or automobile to whom a license number is issued.

On July 5, 1934, telephone No. 473 at Miami was called. This is the office of George C. Brown, 109 East Central. When an Agent is next at Miami, George C. Brown will be interviewed for whatever information he may have concerning the Barker gang and an explanation of the telephone calls.

With reference to the report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated August 20, 1934, Mrs. H. S. Barker of Kiefer, Oklahoma

was interviewed under the assumption that the writer was endeavoring to get in touch with Cary Strickland. Mrs. Barker said that she did not know Cary Strickland and had never heard of him. She also had never heard of either one of the Barker brothers and it is apparent that she does not know them. Her husband, Reverend H. S. Barker, was playing golf at the time the writer was in Kiefer and was not interviewed. Several attempts were made to interview Strickland at Tulsa where he is employed with the Home Cab Company, but he was not in upon every occasion. He will be interviewed and asked for an explanation of the card which was found in his possession.

With reference to report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, dated Little Rock, Arkansas September 22, 1934, Deputy Sheriff G. Haverfield at Nowata, Oklahoma advised that Hazel Wind (not Wynn) is better known around Bartlesville, Oklahoma and that he does not know of her having any connection with the Barker-Karpis gang. The Chief of Police at Nowata said that he did not know of this woman having any connection with the Barker-Karpis gang.

J. D. Engle, Under-Sheriff and L. H. Burks, Deputy Sheriff at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, advised that Hazel Wind first made her connection with the underworld through Glem Benning who later went to the Kansas State Prison from Peru, Kansas for bank robbery with O. K. Ringer who was then operating with Jimmy Tudor. They advised that Hazel Wind was arrested with these men at Okmulgee, Oklahoma about eighteen or nineteen months ago; that her sister is Mrs. Sam Hubble of Beggs, Oklahoma and that her mother, Bertha Turner also resides at Beggs, Oklahoma. These men said that they had never heard of her being associated with the Barker-Karpis gang and the only way they can figure that she could have any connection with them is that she was arrested at Okmulgee, Oklahoma November 21, 1933 with Otis and Tony Eno. This angle will be inquired into and developed more fully later.

Several officers in Oklahoma advise that Jimmy Creighton was formerly closely associated with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. This person, according to the recollection of the writer, is now incarcerated in the State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri and is the person who gouged his eyes out for some reason or other. Mrs. Velma Craighton presently resides at 3408 South Maple Street, Nowata, Oklahoma. Deputy Sheriff Gene Haverfield and the Chief of Police J. C. Payne there, say that there is a mere possibility that she may have some connection with this mob. She writes a lot of letters and to their knowledge, she has sent letters to the following addresses: J. C. Thomas, Lincoln, Nebraska; name not known, 7844 Cameron Street, Detroit, Michigan; A. J. Myers, care of Madge Carns, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; Clyde Martin, care of Boston Cleaners, Fort Smith Arkansas. Chief Payne and Mr. Haverfield say that they now have an arrangement in Nowata whereby they can and will confidentially ascertain the material that is in these letters that are being sent to different parts of the country by Mrs. Craighton and will so advise the writer.

Numerous condifdential informants which have been heretofore mentioned in reports of this Agent have been contacted at different times by the writer but no information has been obtained regarding the activities or the location of any of the members of this mob.

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Jack Neville, a Baptist who resides at 706 Olympia and whose telephone number is 5-5642, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, is very friendly with the Davis, Wright and Campbell families, Tulsa. Mrs. Ann Wright, mother of Glenn Roy Wright, former associate of Harry Campbell, told Neville that Campbell came to her home at 722 North Cheyenne the early part of October, 1934 with two unknown men; that he only stayed a short time and left for an unknown destination. Neville has agreed to furnish the writer or Agent Hall with any information he obtains regarding any of the members of this mob.

It might be stated here in connection with Neville that he was recommended to the writer by W. K. Pattroff, 1011½ South Quincy Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma whose telephone number is 4-1442. Pattroff is regarded as being rather unreliable and the activities of Neville, though he is a preacher, would seem to indicate that he is not entirely reliable. One of his sisters, in fact, married a Texas convict.

Dorothy Slayman Karpis was located and interviewed at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. J. Richards at Kiefer, Oklahoma. It was apparent that Dorothy still thinks a great deal of Karpis and she admits that this is the case. She refused to give any information that might help to locate Karpis and said that she is not in a position to give any information as she has none to give. She is very bitter toward Fred Barker and though she did not say, she would not put Fred on the spot, she said "I'm not saying that I will and I'm not saying that I wouldn't." She was given the writer's name and address and the address of the Oklahoma City office though it is not thought that she will assist any in locating members of this mob.

As stated before, Wynona Burdett contacted Agent Hall upon her arrival at Tulsa, Oklahoma. She lived for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Richard Wilson at Arondale, Oklahoma and was there contacted two different times by Agent Hall. She went from there to Ponca City where she lived with her two sisters, Jimmie and Bernice and lived at 312 Grand Avenue, which is the Grand Hotel, about a fourth rate hotel or rooming house. She and these two sisters sang over the radio at Ponca City. On October 16, 1934 Agent Hall and the writer went to Ponca City and again contacted Wynona. It is apparent to these two agents that Wynona cares a great deal for Harry Campbell and that she would not do anything to cause his apprehension. It also was rather apparent that in spite of the fact that she said she was through with living with gangsters that she would be willing to go away with Campbell should he ever ask her to. She corresponded with Agent Hall upon four different occasions, the last one being received November 2, 1934.

When the writer and Agent Hall interviewed Wynona Burdett on October 16, 1934 at the Grand Hotel at Ponca City, Oklahoma, she related that when she and Gladys Sawyer were in Minneapolis, Minnesota after released by the Chicago office, they stayed at the home of Alice Conrad or some such similar surname, who is a nurse in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Alice Conrad is the person that was Gladys Sawyer's nurse at the Midway Hospital, St. Paul, as reflected in the

statement of Gladys made to the Agents of the Chicago office. Wynona Burdett stated that Alice lived in an apartment house in Minneapolis, the address which might be 601 West 8 Street, she was not sure.

This was directly contrary to what she first told Agent Hall. At the first interview she stated that she lived at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. Apparently, one or the other of the two statements is false. This information was sent to the St. Paul office by telephone. She also advised that one night a man about forty-five years of age, Jewish appearing, came to the Conrad apartment and got Gladys Sawyer and went away for several hours. Wynona is of the opinion that Gladys at that time contacted Harry Sawyer. On the night that Wynona Burdett left St. Paul for Oklahoma, her train leaving at 10:30 P. M., Gladys had received a telephone call and was to meet Harry Sawyer later that evening. Wynona claims that she does not know where any of the Karpis-Barker gang are located nor would she know how to get in touch with them. The writer and Agent Hall believe that Wynona Burdett would not furnish any information if she had it.

On September 5, 1934, Oral Maddox, employed as a criminologist in the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, advised Agent T. M. Birch that one Lyman Burges, who is employed as a cook at the City Jail in Tulsa, knew of an informant who could locate members of the Barker-Karpis gang as he is a very close friend of Harry Campbell whom he said at that time was in Fort Worth, Texas. After several interviews with Maddox, it was ascertained that Burges' informant is Ralph Knight. Through an arrangement made by Special Agent in Charge Brantley, Agent Birch accompanied Maddox and Knight to Kansas City, Missouri where it is alleged that Knight contacted Doc Barker. The investigation concerning that matter will be reported by the Kansas City office.

J. J. Reynolds, step-father of Kate Barker, was interviewed upon two different occasions and again stated that the only relatives that he knew Kate Barker, whom he calls Phoenix, has, are the relatives who have previously been reported as her relatives in previous reports in this case. He said that he will make a further attempt in a confidential way to obtain the names of other relatives and will relate this information to the writer together with any other information he might receive concerning the activities of this mob.

Mr. Dave Bohanan of the Veterans Administration, Oklahoma City, advised that a letter was received from Harry C. Stanley November 2, 1934 asking that his compensation check be sent to Box 64, Cardin, Oklahoma. This is the Post Office Box of Mrs. Stanley, Harry Stanley's mother, at Cardin, Oklahoma.

[redacted] mentioned before as an informant in this case, is now residing at [redacted] She advised that she has no information concerning the location of any of the members of this mob but will endeavor to secure same through their former associates in Tulsa. She will be interviewed from time to time in this connection in the future.

<u>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</u> THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Jefferson City, Missouri will inter-

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view Jimmy Creighton, an inmate there, for any information that he can furnish regarding the activities or the location of this mob.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Tulsa and vicinity will continue the investigation in this case in an effort to locate and apprehend any of the members of this mob which might be in Oklahoma, and obtain any further information that is possible regarding their activities and their present location.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

November 15, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping

Number: 7-576-3299

Specimens: One Postal Telegraph - Cable Company identification card bearing the signature "J. George Zeigler", #87872. Photostatic copy of Membership Card of the Oakdale Riding Club issued to Jacob Samuels. Seven pages of original typewriting specimens written on yellow paper and relating to desirability of a certain site for a service station.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office

Date received: November 9, 1934

Examination requested: Typewriting and handwriting

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel C.A. Appel

No identification was made in the comparison with the typewriting on any of the specimens listed above with that on the extortion ransom letters. There are differences in characteristics of the writing of the various typewriters.

In accordance with your request, the membership and identification cards will be returned under separate cover within the next several days.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division November 9, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN. FILE NO. 7-15. CW.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.	11/17/34	11/12/34	L. A. KINDELL

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1238;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Interview with [redacted] informant of Sergeant Sam S. Valenemo, Greenville, Miss., Police, reflects that the suspect, while probably not Arthur Barker, may be wanted for some offense. When the suspect returns to Greenville, he will be fingerprinted.

REFERENCE: Division letters dated 10-31-34 and 9-20-34.

DETAILS: AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Sergeant Sam S. Valenemo, Police Department, had no direct knowledge in this case and agent was referred to his informant, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that about August 15, 1934, he became acquainted with one Arthur Barker, meeting him at a speak-easy; that Barker claimed his home was at Crown Point, Ind., and was in possession of a Chevrolet Town Sedan bearing an Indiana license, numbers unknown; that Barker's activities were extremely mysterious in that he often made trips to far-away places and never divulged the nature of his business; that he has been in Memphis, Tenn., Detroit, and Oklahoma. The party usually is without funds and [redacted] now suspects that he is dealing in dopy. [redacted] advised that at the time the letter was addressed to the Division, it was thought that this party and Subject Arthur Barker were the same but this opinion has since been changed. [redacted] stated that the party gave his age as 41, has light brown hair, very thin (Barker has black hair); suspect has dark eyes, height 5'7" (Barker's height is 5'3¾"). Suspect does not have any moles on his cheeks. The suspect has been seen with a cheap pistol, quite ancient.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: D. W. Magee SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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When absent from town, the suspect keeps in touch with [redacted] and a few weeks ago a letter was received, at which time the suspect was staying with some farmers named Smith, address Route ---, Box 337, Yazoo City, Miss., located on the Old Benton Road, 2½ miles east of Yazoo City.

[redacted] will decoy the suspect to Greenville, at which time Sergeant Valenemo will arrest and fingerprint him, sending a copy to the Division at once. He will be held until a return is received.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE will keep in close touch with developments at Greenville, Miss., and ascertain the identity of the suspect.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA K.C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Kansas City, Mo.	11-17-34	10-19-34 to 11-15-34	R. P. SHANAHAN

TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232
RUSSELL GIBSON with alias, I.O. #1213, ET AL
Edward George Bremer - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1934 Chevrolet Coupe, motor number 4,135,550, serial number 1-DAO-313359, purchased 3-23-34 at Des Moines, Iowa by J. A. Orhood alias William Weaver not registered in states of Missouri and Kansas. Stop card placed in files. Wanted Notices reflecting fingerprints and photographs of subjects placed this district. 1934 Missouri license #97769 issued to Chalmar P. Anderson, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Inquiries relating thereto set out. Investigation by Division Agents at Pittsburg, Kansas, Joplin, Missouri and Neosho, Missouri looking to detection and apprehension of Volney Davis, Edna Murray and Fred Barker set out. Velma Tippitt, wife of Cleveland S. Tippitt [redacted] not identical with Edna Murray, alias Velma Tippetts. Further check at Kansas City, Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas and Wichita, Kansas concerning Edna Murray and Doris O'Connor unproductive. No record of any Herman Stiles, Kansas City, Kansas. Inquiries Kansas City, Missouri relative to grey and black cap found among Kate Barker's effects at Dunn Brothers' warehouse, 6150 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, unproductive. No information obtainable at site of old Metropole Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri relative to subjects in instant case. Mrs. Rose Atkins, mother of Mary Atkins and possible contact of subject Gibson still located at 18 East 7th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Surveillance of premises being conducted. Division supplied with information concerning prison term served at Missouri State Penitentiary by Russell Gibson in 1927. Results of interview with [redacted] informant from Oklahoma City suggest possible Gibson's hide-outs in Kansas City, Missouri. Further investigation to be conducted. No record of telegram alleged to have been sent by Orvil McKinley Gibson to Chicago during months of June and July, 1934. Inquiries

DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: C. E. Nathan SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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made at St. Joseph, Missouri relative to orchestra leader alleged to be associate of Karpis-Barker Mob with negative results. Officers VanCleave and Carter, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department have no further information concerning whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton and Nell Howard.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-23-34.

DETAILS: Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska, dated October 20, 1934 in which all Division Offices were requested to place a stop order for 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, motor number 4,135,550, serial number 1-DAO-313359. As indicated in reference report this car was purchased by J. A. Orhood, alias William Weaver and Iowa 1934 license plates 97-34648 were issued thereon. In response to inquiries made at the office of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Topeka, Kansas, and the office of the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, this office was notified on October 25, 1934 that in neither place was there any record of such car nor of the name of J. A. Orhood. A stop card has been placed in the files at both offices mentioned and this office will be immediately notified if anyone attempts to register this car.

With reference to Division letters dated October 13, 1934 and October 25, 1934, with which were transmitted temporary Wanted Notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division for questioning in connection with the above entitled case, the Identification Bureaus of the Police Departments in the important cities of this district, namely, Kansas City, Missouri, Jefferson City, Springfield, St. Joseph and Joplin and Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka and Wichita were contacted and the records carefully examined for any additional information concerning these individuals which is not already on file. In all of these places above mentioned Wanted Notices were left. In connection with these inquiries made at Kansas City, Missouri and Joplin, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, the results obtained therefrom have already been submitted to the Division in letters dated October 25, 1934 and November 12, 1934. In regard to the inquiries made at the other cities in this district the following is to be noted. At St. Joseph, Missouri a personal check was made at the Jefferson City Police Department but no information in their possession was forthcoming concerning the whereabouts of any of these individuals or any of their accomplices which is not already in the hands of the Division. At Jefferson City, Missouri contact was made for the same purpose but no additional facts disclosed. At Springfield, Missouri, Mr. Ruel Wommack and A. C. Boehn were personally contacted and the files thoroughly checked.

No record on any of the individuals concerned was found and Agent was notified that none of these persons are presently wanted by the Springfield police. At Wichita, Kansas the records of the Wichita Police Department covering the names set out in the above mentioned Division letter of October 13, 1934 were checked and a set of Wanted Notices likewise furnished to that Bureau. A search of the files there revealed in several places the names of some of the subjects in this case but disclosed no information which is not already in the hands of the Division. It might be noted, however, in the event the names of some of the following accomplices of Fred Barker are not already familiar to the Division that they are listed as follows in file #3444 of the Wichita Police Department:

Elmer A. Inman
Ray Terrill
E. H. Aimes
H. E. Hams
C. A. Inman
J. N. Bland
A. B. Bark
C. H. White
R. F. Sanders
R. D. Snodgrass
Martin Davis
Carl Jarrett
Floyd Jarrett
Mrs. Ray Terrill

At Topeka, Kansas Special Agent R. G. Reed of the Kansas City Office personally contacted W. J. Hill, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification of the Topeka Police Department and caused a search of his files and the files of the Detective Bureau to be made and left a set of the temporary Wanted Notices at this Bureau for their use. Their records revealed no additional information concerning the subjects wanted by the Division in this case.

In response to a telegraphic request from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago Office, October 18, 1934, asking for an investigation of 1934 Missouri license number 97769, it was determined by inquiries made of the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri that the above mentioned license number was issued primarily to Chalmar P. Anderson, Lake Ozark, Miller County, Missouri for 1930 Ford Coupe, motor number 3182030. On July 27, 1934 the above described license was transferred to 1934 Ford V-8 two door, motor number 724588, which was purchased by Chalmar P. Anderson through the Ayers Motor Company, Jefferson City, Missouri. According to the information in possession of the office of the Secretary of State, it should be noted that on the Application for transfer, the first car was erroneously described as a Ford Roadster instead of a Ford Coupe. This information was transmitted by telegram to the Chicago Office on October 18, 1934 and subsequent investigation concerning said Anderson was conducted the following day by telephonic

conversation with Lafe King, Sheriff of Miller County, Tuscombia, Missouri, who advised that Chalmar P. Anderson had been known to the Sheriff of Miller County, Missouri for approximately the last two years, that he had resided in that vicinity for that length of time, and up until about three or four weeks prior to October 19, 1934 had been employed at the Bagnall Dam in Miller County as an electrician. On August 7, 1934 he was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for operating a car with improper license plates having failed to transfer the license plates from his 1932 Ford roadster to his 1934 Ford coach, motor number 18-724588, which he is said to possess at the present time. For that offense a fine was imposed and a jail commitment issued upon failure to pay the fine. Anderson, however, according to Sheriff King left the community and at the present time is being sought by King. According to the latest reports coming to the latter, Anderson has left the state of Missouri and has probably gone to the vicinity of Fort Peck, Montana to work at the Fort Peck Dam. Sheriff King gave the following description of Anderson:

Age	About 30 years
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Curly
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium Slender
Mustache	Light

This information was communicated to Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago Office, by telegram on October 19, 1934 and is being included in this report for the purpose of confirmation.

In response to information received from the Oklahoma City Office on the night of October 31, 1934 concerning the present whereabouts of Volney Davis and Edna Murray, Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney and the writer appeared at Pittsburg, Kansas on November 2, 1934 for the purpose of continuing the investigation there already begun by Special Agents Paul Hansen and J. O'Leary of the Oklahoma City Office. It is noted here that the Oklahoma City Office prior to the above date had been maintaining a surveillance at Muskogee, Oklahoma where it had been definitely determined that Volney Davis and Edna Murray were prior to Wednesday, October 31, 1934. With them at Muskogee were Edna Murray's brother, Harry C. Stanley and his wife. It had further been determined that Stanley and his wife planned to leave Muskogee some time during the morning of November 1, 1934 and that they had shipped a trunk to Mrs. Stanley's parents, W. H. Boice, R. F. D. #2, Pittsburg, Kansas. Following out the information received from sources in Muskogee to the effect that the Stanleys were contemplating proceeding to Commerce, Oklahoma, then to Pittsburg, Kansas and possibly to Glascow, Montana, Agents Hall, O'Leary and Hansen of the Oklahoma City Office followed the Stanleys into Pittsburg on November 2, 1934 and there maintained a surveillance of the home of W. H. Boice which is situated at a point three miles west and two and a half miles south of Pittsburg. At approximately 3:00 P.M. November 2, 1934 the 1932

Buick Sedan describing as bearing Texas license plates 401-755 was seen in Boice's yard, all of the luggage having been removed indicating that the Stanleys were planning to spend some time at that address. As above indicated Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney and the writer arrived in Pittsburg, Kansas close to midnight on November 2, 1934 to continue the surveillance whereupon the Agents from the Oklahoma City Office left the following morning to conduct further investigation in their own district. On the following day as constant a watch as circumstances would permit was kept on the premises of W. H. Boice, it being noted that due to the curious location of the house and the calibre of neighbors residing in that vicinity a steady surveillance was out of the question inasmuch as the chances of detection were numerous. Through the co-operation of Thomas Stowers, Assistant to the Chief of Police, Pittsburg, Agents managed to make frequent trips through the vicinity of the Boice place to definitely establish that the above described Buick car had not left the Boice premises since midnight the evening before at which time the rain which had been falling for hours ceased. Further inquiries were made the same day at the Post Office in Pittsburg where thorough co-operation was promised to the Division in attempting to locate the present whereabouts of these people and arrangements were made for a cover on all mail delivered to Boice's residence. Due to the fact there was no phone in the latter's house a surveillance of that kind was, of course, impossible. An intermittent watch on the premises was continued through Sunday and Monday, November 4 and November 5, 1934, during which time numerous attempts to locate a reliable person in the vicinity who could keep a closer watch on the premises were made, however, on November 6, 1934 through the assistance of Thomas Stowers of the Pittsburg, Kansas Police Department, contact was had with one Joe Woods, a reliable individual living about a quarter of a mile east of the Boice place and the matter was discreetly explained to him. He advised that as a general practice he drove Boice to work every morning to the Southern Machine Shops in Pittsburg and brought him home in the evening. In addition, Mrs. Woods was accustomed to taking her cow next door to the Boice's place in the morning and making a second trip in the evening. Accordingly both Mr. and Mrs. Woods had an excellent opportunity to observe the happenings at the Boice place. According to Woods, Boice had advised him a day or two prior to the date of interview that his son-in-law Stanley was visiting him and would be there for about two weeks. Woods had said that he saw Stanley's car at the Boice place on November 4, 1934 and he promised to notify Stowers and the Agents any activity whatsoever that he might notice and in the event the Stanleys left he would immediately get in touch with the Agents. It should be noted here that throughout the entire time that the surveillance was maintained over the residence of W. H. Boice, no car was ever seen by the Agents of this Office. It was thought that the same might be parked in one of the many sheds located on the Boice place but it was never possible to definitely establish the fact. Accordingly, on November 6, 1934 after being informed by the Kansas City Division Office that Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago Office, considered it satisfactory to withdraw the Agents from Pittsburg, permitting Mr. and Mrs. Woods to

handle the situation, Agent W. B. O'Mahoney and the writer proceeded to Neosho, Missouri for the purpose of conducting there a discreet surveillance of the home of the parents of Volney Davis which is situated a few miles south of Neosho on R. F. D. #2. This was done on the afternoon of November 6, 1934 but no unusual activity of any kind was noticed. Contact was made with Mr. [redacted] Master of Neosho, Missouri, who informed Agents that no further information concerning either the parents of Volney Davis or George E. Barker was forthcoming by virtue of any mail he had received.

On November 7, 1934 while at Carthage, Missouri for investigation of other official matters, Agents were notified by telephone by the Kansas City Division Office that on the previous day men from the Sheriff's office at Columbus, Kansas had attempted to question three men in an automobile and that these people had fired upon the Sheriff's force and that one member of the pursued car was reported to be Raymond Hamilton. Subsequently it was reported that the latter person in fact was Fred Barker and that he had been injured in fleeing from the scene of the fight. The patrollers did not return the fire according to the Sheriff at Columbus, Kansas and he had further advised that the car, a Ford V-8 which had been stolen at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, had been recovered and was being held by him. In view of the possible connection between this affray and Fred Barker, Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney was about to proceed to Columbus, Kansas to make further investigation relative to the instant case, however, it was determined shortly after that in view of the fact that [redacted] informant at the Oklahoma City Office had accompanied Special Agents [redacted], O'Leary, Hartin and Franklin to Joplin for the purpose of having her contact Mr. George E. Barker, a further investigation with a view to establishing a connecting link between George E. Barker and the fight which had taken place at Columbus, Kansas was conducted in Joplin and Neosho, Missouri with the following results.

Mr. Gene Gaines, Assistant Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that on November 7, 1934 at 11:34 A.M. a phone call had been placed in Neosho, Missouri, number Neosho 283, by one Stedwick which was later found to be Mrs. Bertha Studdard. The conversation lasted until 11:43 A.M. and the party called was George E. Barker at the Tri-State Oil Company in Joplin, Missouri which number is Joplin 1350. Inquiries subsequently made the same evening at Neosho, Missouri revealed that telephone Neosho 283 was located in a grocery store at 520 North High Street, formerly run by one Whitten. Whitten when contacted advised that he had sold the store some two or three weeks before to Sam Crow. The latter was immediately contacted and he stated that Bertha Studdard who lived at 608 North High Street had made a call from a phone in his store earlier that day to a Joplin number and that from the conversation overhead he was under the impression that one of Bertha Studdard's folks who resided at Harrison, Arkansas had died and that she wanted the party to whom she was talking to drive her down to Harrison, Arkansas. A check of the Western Union

office in Neosho, Missouri through contact with Elmer Jones, Manager, reflects that a telegram had been received for H. G. Studdard, North High Street, Neosho, Missouri, this telegram having been relayed through the Kansas City office as message #9. The Western Union agent at Neosho could not recall the contents or origin of this wire but believed it had come from Camden, Arkansas. It should be noted here that through [redacted] it had been discovered that the prior telephone conversation had [redacted] between Bertha Studdard and George Barker consisted of a request that the latter immediately drive to a point either in Arkansas or Oklahoma. This information together with the fact that Mr. George E. Barker, according to [redacted] reliable informant and [redacted] Missouri, had appeared at the latter place earlier that day and seemed to act extremely nervous and to be in a highly agitated condition. Consequently with the idea in mind that telegraphic communications might indicate further activity in this regard, inquiries were made by Special Agent M. C. Spear on the evening of November 7, 1934 at Kansas City, Missouri at the Western Union office where it was found that the telegram for Mrs. Bertha Studdard at 10:25 A.M. had come from Mountain Home, Arkansas - the message being as follows: "Mother is dead, funeral at 2:00 P.M. November 8", signed J. C. Studdard. This information was communicated to Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City Office then located at Miami Hotel, Miami, Oklahoma. On the same evening, namely, November 7, 1934, another wire was discovered at Neosho at the Kansas City Southern Railroad office it having been sent by Bertha Studdard to A. C. Davis, R. R. #1, Bixby, Oklahoma - the message reading: "Come, Dad is worse", signed Bertha, time sent being 8:50 P.M. While returning from Neosho, Missouri to Joplin, Missouri at approximately 1:30 A.M. on November 8, 1934 George E. Barker was seen by Agent O'Mahoney and the writer going towards Joplin in his own car. The place whence he came being unknown. Investigation prompted by the disclosures described above was made immediately it being found by communication with Acting Special Agent in Charge J. B. Little of the Oklahoma City Office that the A. C. Davis, Bixby, Oklahoma referred to as recipient of telegram from Bertha Studdard had formerly harbored criminals and that a surveillance would be maintained over his premises during the night of November 8, 1934. Likewise telephonic communication November 8, 1934 with Special Agent Taylor, Little Rock, Arkansas disclosed the fact that the Little Rock Office had verified that on November 8, 1934 a Mrs. Barry Studdard, an old lady, had been buried at Mountain Home, Arkansas and that Mrs. Barry Studdard had a number of children, the names of which were unknown to the Sheriff there. Consequently in view of the fact there actually had been a funeral at Mountain Home, Arkansas, it would appear that the telegram by Bertha Studdard was possibly legitimate. Furthermore, the acquaintanceship of Bertha Studdard with George E. Barker was subsequently partially explained by the fact that her husband's sister was one of the former girl friends of George E. Barker.

For further complete details relative to the activities of both [redacted] the instant case in the Oklahoma City Division district, and also for further detailed information concerning the prior activities of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley in Muskogee, Oklahoma prior to their departure for Pittsburg, Kansas, reference should be

made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated November 13, 1934.

On November 8, 1934 Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney proceeded to Columbus, Kansas for the purpose of obtaining further additional information concerning the fight which was reported to have taken place there on November 6, 1934 between men from the Sheriff's office and unknown individuals, one of whom who had been previously identified as Fred Barker. Upon contacting the Sheriff's office there it was ascertained that the Ford V-8 in question which had been recovered, had since been taken to Topeka and is there at the present time. Mr. Joe Anderson, Kansas State Highway Patrol, was interviewed but no further information other than that already received was forthcoming.

At this point reference is made to letter from the San Antonio Division Office dated November 6, 1934 in which the attention of the Kansas City Office was directed to the Division's circular letter dated October 24, 1934 in the instant case relative to Edna Murray, with alias Velma Tippetts. In this connection the attention of the Kansas City Office was invited to the case entitled [redacted] asking that an investigation be made to ascertain whether or not the Velma Tippitt mentioned in that case was identical with Edna Murray wanted in connection with the instant case. Investigation along these lines was conducted by Special Agent R. G. Reed of the Kansas City Office and in a telephonic communication with George McNally of the A. P. I. was advised that the two women mentioned are not one and the same person and that the confusion probably had arisen from the fact that Velma Champaigne, alias Velma Tippitt and other aliases, originally was the "woman" of Diamond Joe Sullivan who was electrocuted at Little Rock, Arkansas eight or ten years ago; that Diamond Joe Sullivan got into an argument with this woman while on trial at Wichita, Kansas prior to his death and that after the quarrel he and Velma Champaigne separated, she teaming up with Tippitt; that thereafter Diamond Joe Sullivan consorted with Edna Murray who was his "woman" until his electrocution. McNally further stated that Velma Tippitt and Edna Murray are not one and the same person advising that Velma Champaigne died during the last year and she is buried somewhere in southwestern Kansas and that her burial place is known to W. O. Lyle of the Wichita, Kansas Police Department. McNally stated further that relative to Edna Murray, the last he had heard of her was to the effect that the Illinois State police were trying to apprehend her in connection with the Luer kidnaping at Alton, Illinois. Further investigation in this connection by Special Agent N. O. Scott of the Kansas City Office has since disclosed that in the case of [redacted] when he was apprehended in New Orleans on November 4, 1934 that he had been with a woman alleged to be his wife and that her name was Velma Tippitt, with aliases. Upon a thorough check of Kansas City File [redacted] an earlier motor theft case in which the same man was the subject, it was ascertained from report of Special Agent Wayne Merrick, Kansas City Office, dated November 27, 1928, that these two parties do not in any way resemble each other - that

is Edna Murray wanted in the instant case and Velma Tippitt and further establishing that the two are not identical.

Reference is made at this point to Division letter dated October 22, 1934 to the Oklahoma City Division Office, a copy of which has been transmitted to this Office, in which it was requested that an investigation be conducted at the various Identification Bureaus of the local Police Departments of Doris O'Connor, sister of Edna Murray, now reported to be living near Wichita, Kansas. In this regard Special Agent L. A. Beckstead of the Kansas City Office on November 1, 1934 contacted the Wichita Police Department were careful check was made of their records regarding both Doris O'Connor and Edna Murray. The only record on file at that time was one for an Edna Murray who in November of 1932 had reported to the Police Department in Wichita that some one had tried to break into her apartment at 532 South Market Street, Wichita, Kansas. Agent Beckstead in company with Officer H. S. Riggs went to this address and contacted the landlady, Mrs. Adessa Coulson, who stated that she knew an Edna Murray who had moved some time previously, forwarding address unknown. This person was later located at the Ellis-Singleton Building in Wichita where she operated an elevator and it was noted she very closely resembled Edna Murray wanted in connection with the instant case. She advised that she did not know a Doris O'Connor and that she had never been out of Wichita, Kansas except on very short trips. Comparison made of the fingerprints at the Police Department failed to show any resemblance with those of the woman companion of Volney Davis and a further check at the Police Department at Winfield, Kansas revealed no further information. Further, in the same connection a thorough investigation at the Police Departments of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas was conducted by Special Agent R. G. Reed on November 6, 1934 and was productive of no further information in this regard.

It should be noted here that on the same date Special Agent Reed also conducted investigation at the post offices in Kansas City, Kansas for the purpose of checking certain information which had already been furnished by one [redacted], an informant of the Oklahoma City Office, concerning one Herman Stiles, Post Office Box 89, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. E. D. Fitzgibbons, Superintendent of Mails, Kansas City, Kansas, stated that the lowest post office box at the main post office is #111, there being no lower numbers. Further investigation by searching the directory and by inquiries made of general delivery clerks reveal no trace of any Herman Stiles nor of a post office box numbered 89, nor were further inquiries made at the Rosedale Station and Argentine Station, adjacent to Kansas City, Kansas, productive of any results in this connection. Relative to the above reference should be had to Division letter of October 25, 1934 enclosing copy of a letter from the El Paso Division Office to the Division dated October 19, 1934 wherein it is stated that an informant, [redacted] had furnished information including the address of one Herman Stiles, Post Office Box 89, Kansas City, Kansas.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1934 on page 30, paragraph 2, relative to the grey and black cap, size 6 7/8, which had been purchased from Klein's, 435 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri and which was recently found among Kate Barker's property now located at Dunn Brothers' warehouse, 6150 Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago. On October 24, 1934 the writer interviewed Mrs. Edna E. Klein, who together with her husband, Arthur W. Klein, conducts a dry goods store at the above Kansas City address. She stated to Agent that owing to the very large stock of grey and black caps which was always kept in the store it was next to impossible to remember any particular person who had purchased one; she was shown pictures of all persons involved either directly or indirectly in the instant case but was unable to positively identify any one. When shown a photograph of Paula Harmon Mrs. Klein said that the face looked very familiar to her but that she had no definite recollection of when or where she had seen her. Mr. Nittmeyer, a clerk in the store, was also shown the different photographs and asked about customers who had purchased such goods but he likewise could furnish no information relative to this case.

Due to his absence from the store on October 24, 1934, Mr. Arthur W. Klein was contacted on October 25, 1934 at which time he stated that he could not recall ever seeing any of the persons involved in his place of business. He likewise explained to this Agent that the speedy turn-over of this particular type of goods made it practically impossible to remember the individual to whom a particular cap was sold. He was shown all of the pictures mentioned above but could identify none of them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Klein seemed very anxious to be of assistance in this instance as well as Mr. Nittmeyer. Accordingly it appears certain that none of the persons contacted were attempting to shield any one. It was further determined that no sales slips were used in the sale of goods at this particular place of business which fact precludes the possibility of further tracing the articles sold.

With reference to report of Special Agent R. D. Donaldson, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 11, 1934 in which it is reported that one Gus Kahn, inmate of Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan, had stated that the Metropole Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, during the month of November, 1933 had been a frequent meeting place for hoodlums among whom he mentioned Alvin Karpis, the Barker Brothers, Frank Nitti, "Boss" McLaughlin and his son. An attempt was made to ascertain whether or not there is still a hotel located in Kansas City by that name and if so, whether or not it might still be frequented by people of this type. It was established by investigation by the writer on October 30, 1934 that the Traders Hotel located at 1010 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was formerly the site of the Metropole Hotel, the same having ceased operations about five years ago. The place at 1010 Wyandotte has been known as the Traders Hotel for about the last three and a half years and Mr. H. E. Walker was interviewed at length for the purpose of obtaining possible information concerning the members of the Karpis-Barker gang indicated above. He stated that he had been employed at that place when it was known as the Metropole Hotel and was run by Miss Faye Fullbright.

He readily admitted that it was frequented for the most part by hoodlums but when shown pictures of the individuals mentioned above could not identify any of them. He stated that Miss Fullbright could now be located at 114th Street and Highway #71 which is directly south of Kansas City, Missouri where she is operating a barbecue stand. He revealed a willingness to Agent to co-operate in any manner he could but stated that he was positive that in November of 1933, the time referred to by Kahn mentioned in the reference report, there was no Metropole Hotel in Kansas City and that the Traders Hotel located on the old site of the former was in full operation. On November 2, 1934 Miss Faye Fullbright at 114th Street and Highway #71, which is Grandview, Missouri, was interviewed and stated that she operated the Metropole Hotel until March or April in 1929 when it was closed. She also stated she was connected with the Traders Hotel for a short while during the year 1931 but when shown pictures of Karpis, the two Barkers, Nitti, McLaughlin and others involved in this case, could identify none of them. She likewise stated positively that the Metropole Hotel could not have been in operation as late as November, 1933 inasmuch as she kept closely in touch with those affairs. It is, therefore, noted at this time that the failure of both Mr. Walker and Miss Fullbright to identify any of the pictures shown to them based upon their hotel connections five years ago is easily explained.

Reference is made to letter of Inspector S. P. Cowley of the Chicago Office to the Kansas City Office dated October 27, 1934 in which attention is directed to the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, New York City, dated October 3, 1934 relative to the investigation conducted by the New York Office concerning Miss Mary Atkins, who is a friend of the Fisher family, 502 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri, parents of Clara Gibson, wife of subject Russell Gibson. In response to information obtained by the Chicago Office from Clara Gibson's brother, Joe Fisher, to the extent that Rose Atkins, mother of Mary Atkins, was a possible contact for Russell Gibson in the event he appeared in Kansas City, a surveillance has been maintained intermittently during the last two weeks over the premises located at 18 East 7th Street where Rose Atkins is still residing. It should be noted that the above address is located in that part of Kansas City given over to cheap lodging houses and is considered to be a place of prostitution. Information obtained from interview with Mr. H. B. Borgmier, mail carrier for that address, indicates that this information is correct and that no one in the near vicinity could be approached for the purpose of establishing a reliable informant. Rose Atkins is the owner of 1932 Buick coupe, motor number 2778561 and bearing Missouri license tag 42-261. This car has a dark green body with black fenders and wire wheels. The writer on several occasions has attempted to watch the movements of this automobile for the purpose of obtaining information concerning possible contacts of Rose Atkins in Kansas City. To date this surveillance has been productive of no results but the same will be continued in light of the possibility of uncovering further facts relative to the present whereabouts of subject Russell Gibson.

In response to a wire from the Director dated November 7, 1934 requesting details surrounding the prison term served by Russell Gibson, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, during 1927, the following information was communicated by telegram dated November 7, 1934 and confirmed by letter to the Division dated November 10, 1934. Gibson under #32487 at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, was received December 19, 1927 and discharged December 19, 1928. Penitentiary records only show that he was received on a writ from the Supreme Court of the state of Missouri which would indicate that Gibson had appealed from a conviction in the lower court. He had been sentenced to serve two years for the offense of flourishing a deadly weapon and served exactly twelve months having received two months merit time. Further details of the offense committed are that on the night of June 11, 1925 Gibson accompanied by unknown individual called at a garage owned by LeBaugh and Hahne in Kansas City, Missouri and tried to take from the garage an automobile which had been left there by Gibson for repairs. These persons did not wish to pay for the repairs and the records show that Gibson flourished a revolver in a threatening and menacing manner, finally striking LeBaugh over the head with the butt of the gun. He was indicted June 26, 1925 and tried and convicted on March 5, 1926 receiving a sentence of two years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, on March 9, 1926. He appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court where the judgment of the lower court was confirmed.

In connection with this same subject, it should be noted that [redacted] now residing in Oklahoma City and an informant as to the possible whereabouts of Russell Gibson, called at the Kansas City Division Office on November 13, 1934 and stated that he thought Gibson might make contact with an Italian woman who resides in the north end of Kansas City known as Rose, who was formerly engaged in making bonds. He further stated that she had probably been known as "Big Rose" and that he had been unable to determine whether or not she was identical with Rose Atkins. It is noted here that from the investigation conducted with regard to Rose Atkins as indicated above, that the person referred to by [redacted] is the same. [redacted] further stated that Gibson might also contact with three brothers by the name of Rabinowitz, first names Abe, Louie and Butch. Butch was formerly an Inspector of Police under Reppert and one of the others was also Captain of Police. If in Kansas City Gibson, in [redacted] opinion, would lay in during the day time, and would probably frequent gambling places at night, the latter of which would undoubtedly be those in which the Lazia mob is interested. Gibson, [redacted] advises, formerly purchased his clothing from a Jewish tailor who had an establishment on 12th Street between Wyandotte and Baltimore on the north side of the street. This individual made all his clothes, had his measurements and Gibson would come in and select several patterns and the tailor would make up suits. He purchased expensive clothing sometimes paying $125.00 a suit. An investigation will be conducted with these facts in mind by the Kansas City Division Office as soon as possible.

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Referring to the Personal and Confidential letter to the Chicago Office from the Kansas City Office dated November 14, 1934, in which it is pointed out that the above mentioned [redacted] has been working with Special Agent C. O. Hurt in connection with efforts to locate Russell Gibson, it is also noted that [redacted] mentioned the names of Charles Gargotta, Charles Carrolla and Dominic Benaggio as likely contacts for Gibson if he appeared in Kansas City. He made further mention of the fact that certain members of the Police force at Kansas City including George Jeff Rayen, Head of the Automobile Squad, and Chief of Detective Higgins could get in contact with Gibson if they so desired. Subsequent investigation looking to the apprehension of this subject will be made with this information in mind although the possibility of obtaining anything by direct contact with the above mentioned Italians is, of course, remote.

Reference is made at this point to report of Special Agent J. D. Swenson, Denver, Colorado, dated October 12, 1934, in which it is stated that according to Ralph G. Abels, insurance man living at 104 East Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri, and who was interviewed by the Denver Division Office, Orvil McKinley Gibson, a brother of Russell Gibson, sent a wire to his mother, Nancy Gibson, at Chicago, Illinois during the latter part of June or the first part of July of this year. Abels further described the telegraph station as being on 31st Street about a half a block west of Troost and that a few days after this wire was sent by Orvil McKinley Gibson Nancy Gibson returned from Chicago and had a conversation with McKinley to the effect that she had been with Russell Gibson in Chicago. Accordingly an attempt was made to locate this telegram by inquiries at the Western Union office located at 7th & Walnut Streets, Kansas City, Missouri where a thorough search was made of all messages sent during the entire months of June and July, 1934 at the personal behest of M. T. Brown, Manager of the Kansas City offices, Western Union. This search which entailed four or five days' work by employees of the Western Union and which took place between October 25 and November 7, 1934 revealed no trace of any message having been sent to Chicago or its vicinity or of any message having been sent to a person by the name of Gibson. Consequently it is thought that Ralph Abels has been misinformed inasmuch as reports from the Denver Division Office do not indicate that he is attempting to shield Gibson in any way.

Reference is also made in this regard to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated Chicago, Illinois, November 12, 1934, in which it is stated that further contact with Mr. Joe Fisher residing at the Wedgewood Hotel, 6410 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, has reflected the possibility that Mr. J. E. Fisher, father of subject Gibson's wife Clara, and residing at 502 South Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri, might be openly approached for the purpose of obtaining pertinent information. As a result Mr. Fisher will be contacted immediately and endeavor will be made to have him immediately notify this office in the event any information whatsoever pertaining to the present whereabouts of either Russell Gibson or his wife Clara comes into his hands.

In response to the undeveloped lead for the Kansas City Division Office contained in report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, October 9, 1934, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to the effect that inquiries be made at St. Joseph, Missouri regarding the orchestra leader staying at the St. Francis Hotel who was alleged to be an associate of the Karpis-Barker mob and to furnish them dancers and entertainers, an investigation was made by Special Agent A. E. Farland of this Office with the following results. Through the assistance of Detective H. A. Hopkins and Detective M. Morrison, St. Joseph, Missouri, who have connections at St. Francis Hotel mentioned in the report of reference, it was ascertained that an orchestra leader named Larry Philbrick had stopped at the St. Francis Hotel some six weeks ago and that he had been there for several weeks; that he is the leader of an orchestra that travels in a Ford bus bearing the Goetz Beer insignia advertising that beer; that he travels about in different towns putting on programs; that his father was formerly a druggist in the 300 Block, South St. Joseph and Illinois Avenue; that the informant of Detective Hopkins believed Larry Philbrick was also a druggist; that Philbrick left the Hotel and told them that he would return in about a week but has not as yet done so. Larry's father whose initials the informant was unable to furnish, is now living in Des Moines, Iowa. Larry Philbrick was divorced last year at Des Moines the informant thought and he has an orchestra traveling with him which had played at the Lake Contrary dance hall. When he left the St. Francis Hotel he left an unpaid bill of $76.00, the hotel authorities stating that Philbrick was the only one of the orchestra who had stopped at the hotel but that there were eleven men besides himself in the band. Inquiries made of Mr. Robert Ingersoll, manager and owner of the Lake Contrary dance hall, disclose that Philbrick and his orchestra had played there at four different times during the past season and that Philbrick's last known address as furnished by Mr. Robert Ingersoll was 2018 or 2818 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Iowa. Description of Larry Philbrick as furnished by hotel authorities to Detective Hopkins of St. Joseph, Missouri is as follows:

Height	About 6'
Age	35 years
Weight	145 lbs.
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Sandy - combs straight back
Eyes	Grey
Teeth	Protruding, several gold crowns which show when laughing
	Small mustache, brownish in color
	Never wears hat or cap
	Medium dresser - not flashy
	Squints his eyes.

Agent was further advised that there has been traveling with him a man by the name of Wolferson alias Carl Perry of Sioux City, Iowa. Perry's description is given as follows:

Height	6'
Age	45 years
Weight	About 200 lbs.
Nationality	Jewish

The St. Francis Hotel authorities were unable to furnish any information as to where Larry Philbrick could be located at this time. A show card bearing a cut of Larry Philbrick with a bottle of Country Club Beer in one corner was obtained and reads as follows:

THE M. K. GOETZ BREWING COMPANY

PRESENTS

LARRY PHILBRICK

RADIO
STAGE
BALLROOM
RECORDING

AND HIS COUNTRY CLUB ORCHESTRA

this card having been printed by the Central Printing Company, Mason City, Iowa. Agent was advised before leaving that all the associates of Philbrick in this orchestra were known to be heavy drinkers and it was further determined by Detectives Hopkins and Morrison that the Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Iowa was a good place to look for any one that was wanted.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 16, 1934, wherein on pages 5 and 6, mention is made of investigation conducted in Kansas City, Missouri during the latter part of July by Special Agents G. F. Hurley and O. C. Dewey concerning the present whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton and Nell Howard. At that time the above agents contacted Detectives Van Cleave and Carter who work exclusively on shop-lifters with the thought in mind that they might have some information in regard to Myrtle Eaton. Both officers advised that subsequent to that time they would make inquiries and endeavor to get a line-up on her. On November 1, 1934 this Agent interviewed Officers Van Cleave and Carter at the Kansas City Division Office and conveyed to them certain information concerning fur coats which was obtained from letters written to a Betty Oldham by two women giving their names as Pearl and Ida, the latter designating her address as Apartment 106, 1095 Osceola Street, St. Paul. These letters

have previously been transmitted to Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City Division Office by Special Agent O. C. Dewey, for any value that they might have in effecting detection and apprehension of the Eaton woman. At the time of the above mentioned interview the writer attempted to obtain further information along these lines in respect to both Myrtle Eaton and Nell Howard but both Van Cleave and Carter advised that as yet no information concerning these two women had come into their hands but that in the event they did hear of anything, they would immediately notify the Kansas City Division Office. The latter will keep in touch with Officers Van Cleave and Carter so that any information coming into their hands in the future will receive immediate attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OMAHA OFFICE at Des Moines, Iowa will investigate the last known address of Larry Philbrick referred to in this report as an associate of members of the Karpis-Barker mob and known to furnish them dancers and entertainers, which is 2016 or 2818 Cottage Grove.

At Sioux City, Iowa will attempt by discreet investigation to establish the identity of a man named Wolferson alias Carl Perry whose description is contained in this report and who is an associate of Philbrick.

At Mason City, Iowa will contact the officials of the Central Printing Company for the purpose of obtaining further information concerning Philbrick inasmuch as that company printed the show card upon which appears a cut of Philbrick advertising Country Club Beer.

It is likewise suggested that subsequent reports indicate copies to the Oklahoma City Office inasmuch as the latter requested the Kansas City Office to first make inquiries at St. Joseph, Missouri regarding this man.

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TITLE: 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;
KIDNAPING - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William Elmer Sullivan and Lyle Benda, reported as suspicious characters, were interviewed near Spirit Lake, Iowa. They are both well known to local law enforcement officers and are bootleggers. The Sioux City, Iowa Police Department are keeping a watch on the Grocery Store operated by Abe Kroloff. This person and Harold Glenn Scott are in the slot-machine racket at Sioux City.

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REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul office, dated 10-6-1934.

DETAILS:

Chief of Detectives, C. A. Bangs, Council Bluffs, Iowa Police Department, advised Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, that Carl Fulhoff of 610 North 2nd Street, Council Bluffs had told of some suspicious characters he encountered when spending a vacation on Triboji Lake about four miles west of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Mr. Fulhoff had further reported that the people he suspicioned as being possibly wanted by police authorities have been living in a cottage rented from Mrs. Alex Percival, who operates a summer resort. The group consisted of two men and two women who had occupied the cottage since February, 1934.

DETAILS:

Special Agent J. R. Calhoun interviewed Chief of Detectives Bangs, who telephoned Mrs. Fulhoff, and the latter advised that her husband is an inspector of State cigarette taxes in Iowa and presently was on a road trip.

Agent accompanied by Deputy Sheriff M. C. Nelson, Spirit Lake, drove to the above-mentioned lake where nearby the cottages of Mrs. Percival are

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located. During the drive, Agent was informed by Mr. Nelson that Mrs. Percival is moderately well-to-do and is highly regarded at Spirit Lake, and she has been renting her twenty odd cottages for a number of years.

Mrs. Percival advised that on 2-1-1934, William Elmer Sullivan and his wife and Lyle Benda rented a cottage from her, and she found them to be quiet, and they always paid their rent when due; that as they seemed to have no legitimate source of income, she often wondered what line of business the men were engaged in; that recently she found out from Mrs. Sullivan the men were liquor runners; that evidently they must have made enough to take an extended vacation, because outside of fishing they do little else. Mrs. Percival advised there was no second woman staying at the Sullivan cottage. These persons seldom go anywhere and recently Mr. Sullivan bought a new Ford coupe from the local Ford dealer at Spirit Lake. Agent noted the 1934 State of Iowa license tags on this car numbered 30-2078. The cottage of the Sullivans and Benda is located about 25 yards from the home of Mrs. Percival. Mrs. Percival advised that the only other persons occupying her cottages since January, 1934 were people from different points in Iowa, staying only a few weeks on vacations.

Mr. Nelson and Agent interviewed Sullivan and Benda. Mr. Nelson is acquainted with both of these individuals and knew Benda's father before he was married. Sullivan when interviewed said he had been in the "liquor racket", and as things slowed up since liquor has been legalized for sale in the State of Iowa, he is taking a vacation and found he could live much cheaper in a lake cottage then renting an apartment in a town.

Benda stated that he is a friend of Sullivan's and used to assist the latter in making liquor deliveries, and at the request of Sullivan came to live with him. Benda advised that he was born at Spencer, Iowa and moved to Spirit Lake later where he attended high school; that his father, Ben Benda, is at the present time employed at the P. G. Gray Produce Company at Estherville, Iowa and lives at this town.

Mr. Nelson advised that only recently Ben Benda moved to Estherville, where he was able to obtain employment; that he has known Ben Benda before this individual was married and had known his son, Lyle, since childhood; that Lyle is worthless and dislikes to work; that Lyle has never been arrested, but it is known he has been in the bootlegging business for a number of years. Mr. Nelson was certain that neither Sullivan nor Benda was associated with any of the major criminals operating at the present time, and he classed them as "petty bootleggers". In reference to Sullivan, Mr. Nelson referred Agent to Sheriff B. F. Montgomery of Emmetsburg, Iowa, for whom he picked up Sullivan about a year ago. Mr. Nelson advised that Benda has no criminal record to his knowledge, but there is one on file for Sullivan at Emmetsburg.

Sheriff Montgomery stated that he has known Sullivan for about 15 years; that on the advent of prohibition, Sullivan came to Emmetsburg, and said he was from Kentucky; that he was versed in making moonshine and was financed in the vicinity of Emmetsburg since coming there and has been arrested on liquor violations a number of times. He is known as S.O. #62 at the Sheriff's office, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Chief of Detectives, Frank Wheelock, Sioux City, Iowa Police Department, advised that in accordance with a request made by Special Agent in Charge Hanni, he has kept the Pullman Food Store at 819 Pierce Street, Sioux City, under surveillance and outside of customers buying grocery supplies, no suspicious characters have been seen in the store. It is to be noted that the St. Paul Division office has established that the mail for Harry Sandlovitch, alias Harry F. Porche, alias Harry Sawyer, P.D. #6463, Omaha, Nebraska, is being sent to Abe Kroloff, apparently to be delivered or relayed to Sandlovitch. It is for this reason that the grocery business run by Kroloff is being watched carefully by the Sioux City Police Department. Mr. Wheelock furnished Agent with a photograph of Harold Glenn Scott, S.O. #792, Sioux City, who is reported as Glenns Scott in the reference letter. This person, Mr. Wheelock reported is known to be in the slot machine racket with Kroloff, but it is said that he now operates independently; that Scott was arrested by the Sheriff's office at Sioux City on 7-9-1933, for operating gambling devices, and the case is still pending. Mr. Wheelock said that Kroloff has no police record. Upon being questioned about Dave Berman who was incarcerated in Sing Sing Prison in New York, Mr. Wheelock advised this person used to sell newspapers at Sioux City and is well known to Kroloff, but he didn't know that Scott knew him. Mr. Wheelock advised that the brother of Berman, Moxie Berman, is a buyer for the Rice Brothers Livestock Company, Sioux City, and resides at the Elk's Club, Sioux City.

Moxie Berman was interviewed at the Elk's Club. He advised that his brother Dave Berman was released on parole from Sing Sing Prison about three weeks ago, and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Berman, Venice, California. Mr. Berman said that he was advised by Abe Kroloff that the latter and Scott were on a business trip to New York City, and on returning to Sioux City, stopped off and visited Dave Berman at Sing Sing. Agent's interview with Mr. Berman was brief and done for the purpose of ascertaining his brother's address and his association with Kroloff and Scott. Mr. Berman advised that he does not associate with any of his brother's friends.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	11/16/34	11/13-14/34	Paul Hansen

TITLE: 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.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

List of the relatives of Kate Barker secured from her mother, Mrs. Reuben R. Reynolds, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Cover placed on mail of the Barker relatives, and also relatives of other subjects in this case at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Harry Campbell is reported to be corresponding with Harold ("Fat") Wright, brother of Glenn Roy Wright. Relatives of Mrs. Barker agree to secure photograph of her and advise of any information they may receive of her.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated October 9, 1934, Division letter dated October 22, 1934, and letter from the Division to the Chicago office dated September 18, 1934.

DETAILS: Mrs. Reuben R. (Not J. J.) Reynolds, 419 South Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was openly interviewed, and advised the following is a list of her sons and daughters:

DETAILS: By her first husband Clark:

Son - Jesse Clark, Carthage, Missouri.
Daughter - Arizona "Doney" Barker, alias Kate Barker,
Daughter - Mrs. Elmer E. (Eva) Hayes
726 North Wheeling Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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By Reynolds, her present spouse:

Daughter - Mrs. Louie (Ophie) Henneburg,
Los Angeles, California.
Daughter - Mrs. Melvin (Golden) Vosburg,
Long Beach, California.
Son - P. W. Reynolds,
419 South Wheeling Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Reynolds said that she has one sister living, Mrs. Elzora Roberts, and she is presently residing in Joplin, Missouri; exact address not known. Her first husband died many years ago. She said that she only seldom hears from her children; that Mrs. Henneburg could be located through her daughter Mrs. Earl (Okeema) Reynolds who also lives in Los Angeles, and who always does the corresponding for her mother. Her exact address is also not known. She had one other daughter, Mrs. Electa Gray, who died following an injury by an auto about two and one half years ago. At the time of her death she was the housekeeper for Dr. F. W. Henderson in Tulsa. She had been married two times, but had no children by either marriage.

Mrs. Reynolds said that she had not heard from her daughter, "Doney", Kate Barker, for six or seven years; that this daughter did not visit or communicate with her during the last two or three years she was living in Tulsa; that she does not think she is corresponding with any of her relatives except her sons. She does not think Mrs. Barker will communicate with the above mentioned relatives as none of them approve of her actions the last several years, and do not approve of the actions of her sons, and this condition has made an estrangement between her and these relatives to the extent that they do not want her around them, and all would in fact like to see her sons, Fred and Doc, apprehended.

It is apparent that Mrs. Reynolds would do nothing to get her daughter apprehended, though she did say that she would advise the writer if she heard anything about where Fred or Doc could be located. It is not thought that this woman, who is getting very old, will ever be able to help the Division in this respect.

Mr. Reuben R. Reynolds confirmed what his wife said about the relatives of Mrs. Barker. He said that he does not think he will ever receive any information about the location of the Barker brothers, but, if he does, will notify the writer, or the Oklahoma City office immediately. Reynolds agreed to make a secret search of the pictures in their home, and if they have a good likeness of Mrs. Barker, he will lend it to the writer long enough to have a copy made. He has not called in this respect to date.

Mr. Elmer R. Hayes, 726 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, confirmed what is said above about the relatives of Mrs. Barker. He said that he knows of two photographs of Mrs. Barker in his wife's possession, and while

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his wife would not willingly part with either of them, he will try to secure them secretly for a very brief period to give the writer an opportunity to have copies made of them. He has not been able to secure them to date.

Hayes said that he does not know that "Doney", Mrs. Barker, corresponds with any of her relatives or keeps in touch in any way with any of them. The last he heard anything about her, he said, was about a year and one-half ago when he heard that she was in Los Angeles, California. He said that he is not sure where he got this information, but thinks it was from his wife, through one of the sisters at Los Angeles or Long Beach.

Hayes seems to be a truthful and reliable person. He said that he would cooperate by giving any information he learns of to the writer or the Oklahoma City office. It is believed that Hayes can be depended on, but it is very doubtful if he will ever have any information to give.

Arrangements were made through George Hill, Post Office Inspector, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to have a mail cover placed on all first class mail received at the following addresses for a period of thirty days:

419 South Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
726 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma
416 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Harold Wright, c/o Tulsa World, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Since it is not felt that Mrs. Barker's relatives are hearing from her, it is thought that some information of value may be obtained by watching the mail received at the two first addresses mentioned, for a period of thirty days. The next address, 416 East Oklahoma Street, is the home of Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis, who seems to be closer to Davis than any of his other relatives. 818 South Rockford Street is Harry Campbell's home where his parents and two sisters, Pearl and Laura, live.

Felix Altaffer, police sergeant, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that Red Andrews, who is distribution manager for the Tulsa World, the leading daily newspaper in Tulsa, told him that Harold ("Pat") Wright, brother of Glenn Roy Wright, hears from Harry Campbell; that his letters are relayed through some girl in some unknown Oklahoma town, and are received at Tulsa in care of the Tulsa World. As stated before in reports in this case, Wright is a carrier for the Tulsa World, and is therefore employed directly under Andrews. The latter has agreed to advise Altaffer of the receipt of any letter, or any other information he may receive about any member of this mob.

In view of the above information, the last mail cover mentioned above was arranged. Mr. Hill will call the writer when any mail is received by Wright, in order that the envelope and the handwriting may be observed.

The investigation in this case is being continued by the Oklahoma City office at Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul S.A. FILE NO. 7-41

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
San Antonio, Texas.	Nov. 15, 1934	Nov. 10, 1934	Gus T. Jones

		CHARACTER OF CASE:
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases	I.O. 1218	Kidnaping
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases	I.O. 1219	
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases	I.O. 1215	
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases	I.O. 1232	
et al;		
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Henry Hull, Inmate #73166, Harlem State Prison Farm, Richmond, Texas, identifies photo of Helen Ferguson as resembling a woman with the Karpis-Barker mob at St. Paul. Identifies photo of Earl J. Christman as being with gang at Reno, Nev., January, 1933. Identifies photo Lawrence M. Barton as Lawrence Devol alias O'Keefe and as brother of Albert and Clarence Devol. That Barton participated in Third Northwestern Bank Robbery, Minneapolis, but that Albert and Clarence Devol did not participate. P.

Reference: Letter from Division to St. Paul office, dated Sept. 10, 1934.

DETAILS:

On November 10, 1934, Special Agent G. R. Davis contacted Henry Hull, Inmate #73166 of the Harlem State Prison Farm, Richmond, Texas. Hull stated that the photograph of Helen Ferguson greatly resembled a woman who at St. Paul, Minn., always had charge of the arrangements for meals, etc., when the Karpis-Barker mob pulled their big parties. He did not ever recall hearing her name.

DETAILS:

Hull stated that the photograph of Earl J. Christman is that of a man he knew as one of the gang who came to Reno, Nevada, with a woman in January, 1933, while the Karpis-Barker mob were at that place; that the only name he knew this man by was "Earl" and did not know the woman's name. In fact, he never saw Earl's woman; that the man Earl pulled several big parties while in Reno and those who would attend were Doc and Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Volney Davis, Bill Scott and Alvin Karpis.

Hull stated that the photograph of Lawrence M. Barton with aliases #11519

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(Police Department unknown) is that of a man he knew as Lawrence Devol, who also used the alias of O'Keefe, and that in his opinion, this man was a brother of Albert and Clarence Devol; that this man Barton is now serving a life term at Stillwater, Minn., for bank robbery and murder; that he, Hull, was at 926 or 928 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, when Barton was arrested there in December, 1932; that Barton was the man who paid him, Hull, out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary when he joined the Karpis-Barker mob at St. Paul; that at the time of the arrest of Barton, he, Hull, escaped.

Hull states that he arrived at St. Paul about a week before the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis; that he was present with the Barker boys and their associates when they discussed the job; that they at first intended taking him in on the job but decided not to do so as he was "too hot" out of Oklahoma; that there were seven men who robbed the bank. They were Lawrence Barton alias Devol, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis whom he knew as "Ray", and Verne Miller, whom he knew only as "Verne" and supposed at that time that he was Verne Sankey until he later saw Miller's photograph in the newspaper.

Hull states that Albert and Clarence Devol did not participate in this robbery although either one or both of them have been convicted for the job.

Hull identified the photograph of Albert Devol, St. Paul Police #23982 and James E. Dolton alias Clarence Devol, St. Paul Police #23453 and that he only saw these two men on one occasion with the Karpis-Barker mob, however, he is satisfied they were hooked up as there was no doubt of the connection of Lawrence Barton, who he knew also as Lawrence Devol, being associated with the Karpis-Barker mob.

Hull is strongly of the opinion that James E. Dolton who is Clarence Devol and Albert Devol are brothers of Lawrence M. Barton alias Lawrence Devol.

Hull states that he can not furnish any further information than that contained in this and the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, for March 28, 1934, relative to the Karpis-Barker mob as he had not contacted any of them since January, 1933.

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U. S. Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In 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
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In connection with confidential informant [redacted] who was interviewed by the writer at Toledo, Ohio, on November 15th, authority is requested to pay this informant $10.00 per week.

[redacted]

This informant expects to contact some of the subjects of this investigation at Toledo, Ohio. She is a former associate of theirs and it is possible that they will endeavor to get in touch with her. Arrangements have been made to meet her at least once a week at Toledo. She will be met next Thursday by Special Agent in Charge William Larson at the Commodore Perry or Secor Hotel. Mr. Larson will be under the name of E. H. Hughes. It is believed that her possibilities are well worth at least $10.00 a week.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
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November 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
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[redacted] Reference is made to confidential informant known as [redacted]. It will be recalled that this informant is the individual who submitted to the Chicago office information which led to the apprehension of Dr. William Loeser and to his connection with the Dillinger case. This informant is not entirely reliable, but is acquainted with most of the underworld characters in Chicago and their hangouts and has in the past submitted some valuable information in a general way. He was not paid any reward for the information leading to the apprehension of Loeser, which resulted in the apprehension of Dr. Cassidy, Art O'Leary, Louis Piquett, James Probasco and Peggy Doyle, which, of course, was a very valuable service.

Authority is requested to pay this informant a salary of $25.00 a week for a period of four weeks, after which the Division will be advised whether his services will be further desired.

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Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
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November 22, 1934.

Mr. S. P. Cowley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 17, 1934, you are advised that authority is granted to pay [redacted] a confidential informant in the Bremer case, $25.00 a week for a period of four weeks, submitting blue slips therefor in the usual manner.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

November 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.1213,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

While in Cleveland, Ohio on November 14, I was advised by Special Agent W. E. Peters that immediately after the raid conducted by Division Agents on the apartment occupied by Harry Campbell, Cleveland, Ohio, that Captain Frank Story of the Cleveland Police Department had indicated a very bad attitude toward the Division, but that since that time he had confided in Agent Peters and Agent Hall to the effect that he now realized why he was not invited to join the agents in that raid, saying that he had since learned that after Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Gladys Sawyer had been apprehended by officers of the Cleveland Police Department on September 5, a member of the Cleveland Police Department, whose identity he has not yet been able to determine, had called the Harvard Club and had undoubtedly given information at that time which put the subjects of this investigation on notice which prevented their arrest.

This information is in accordance with that given by Ted Angus to confidential informant [redacted] to the effect that these subjects were "tipped off" by a police officer of the Cleveland Police Department.

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Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
November 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic instructions from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Division, and pursuant to arrangements made with Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agents R. E. Peterson, M. C. Falkner, and H. C. Douglas left Nashville by automobiles at 11:10 P. M., November 16, 1934 for Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they were to meet Hanson and agents from Birmingham at the airport and thence to proceed immediately to Florida.

Agent Hanson had previously advised that it was more practical to proceed to Chattanooga than the airport at Nashville.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
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Room 1900 Bankers Building
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

On November 14, 1934, the writer accompanied by Special Agents D. E. Hall and W. E. Peters, interviewed Mr. Frank J. Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency in Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency found in the residence of Alvin Karpis, and the criminal record of Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter, Division Jacket No. 30222, found in the residence occupied by Fred Barker. Mr. Noonan of course admitted that the pay envelopes were the property of the Noonan Detective Agency, but was unable to account for their coming into the possession of these individuals, and after examining the photographs of this mob, stated that he had never seen any of them with the possible exception of Fred Barker, whose face looked familiar, but whom he was unable to place. In connection with the criminal record, he advised that he had in his employ at temporary periods Fred Spohn, who is also a deputy sheriff of Geauga County, Ohio, and that Mr. Spohn obtained many criminal records for him, but that he did not know he obtained any from the Division of Investigation, most of them being obtained from Columbus, Ohio. He denied ever having requested Mr. Spohn to obtain this particular criminal record, but stated that he did recall seeing it, and that to the best of his recollection it was returned to Spohn.

The records of the sheriff's office at Geauga County reveal that the record of this man was requested by a Mr. Cook, an employe in Noonan's office.

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Investigation in this case discloses that members of this gang frequented the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, which is a gambling house. Mr. Noonan promised to put the Division in contact with a reliable informant at the Harvard Club in order that it might be

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determined if any of these subjects are still frequenting this place, and stated that he would do this by November 17, 1934.

The results of this interview will be reported in more detail by Special Agent D. E. Hall of the Detroit Office.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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cc - Detroit

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November 16, 1934

E. E. Vetterli,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

BREKID ADVISE RESULTS YOUR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BYRON BARRON THREE EIGHT TWO NORTH TAYLOR AVENUE ST LOUIS MENTIONED AGENT SHIVERS REPORT THIRTEENTH INSTANT

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

November 17, 1934.

Hon. Stanley M. Ryan,
United States Attorney,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Re/ BREKID CASE
St.P.File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

I will appreciate if you will advise this office whether you have a record of the arraignment and sentence of one DAVE BERMAN, during the last term of Court at Superior, Wisconsin.

In the event your records reflect any information concerning this individual, I will appreciate if you will furnish any address which is known concerning BERMAN, as well as the result of the court action in which he was involved.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

November 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled 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, and particularly to your letter of November 12, 1934.

I desire to advise that investigation in various points in Iowa, looking to the discovery of the hideout where Victim Bremer was held, has been temporarily witheld in view of the information furnished to Agents of the Chicago office by PAULA HARMON, GLADYS SAWYER, and WYNONA BURDETTE, which indicates that the hideout was within close proximity to the city of Chicago.

In view of the above information, concentration has been had by this office in the vicinity of Waukegan, Illinois, and Agents of this office are presently engaged at that point in conducting an investigation looking towards the location of this hideout. In the event this investigation proves fruitless, investigation will be made at numerous points in Iowa as authorized in Division letter dated September 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

I telephoned Mr. Alt at Jacksonville and advised him that you had instructed to Mr. Cowley to proceed to Miami and take charge of the investigation there; that he should contact Agent Main at Miami and advise him not to take any action in the case until Mr. Cowley arrived.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Time: 11:20 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

I talked with Mr. Alt at Jacksonville who stated that the agents left for Miami by plane at 10:35 AM; that the agents should arrive in Miami about three hours after leaving Jacksonville, the mileage being about 320 miles by air.

Mr. Alt advised that he would keep in close touch with the situation and advise of developments; that Mr. Cowley had telephoned and advised that probably Mr. Hanson would need some fingerprint equipment, and he had gone to the airport to deliver same, but the plane left before he arrived there; that he was mailing the equipment, special delivery, air mail to Agent Main.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Director
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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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a disposition sheet on the arrest of William Harrison, Division No. 72007, as requested in Division letter, dated November 6, 1934.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Detroit, Michigan
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street 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

There is being transmitted herewith photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Frank J. Noonan, owner of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency of Cleveland, Ohio, who was interviewed by Inspector S. P. Cowley and Special Agents D. E. Hall and W. E. Peters of the Detroit office on November 14, 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio. Noonan has agreed to cooperate with the Division in endeavoring to secure the location of Subjects in this case through the Harvard Club. He requested, when he agreed to cooperate with the Division, that his fingerprints be returned to him. Accordingly photostatic copies of his fingerprints have been obtained and are being transmitted herewith to the Division, and it is requested that a search be made in the Identification Unit to determine whether he has any criminal record, the Chicago and St. Paul offices, in addition to this office, being advised.

Complete details concerning the interview with Noonan will be incorporated in a report to be forthcoming in the next few days.

With reference to the getaway chart found at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which has previously been submitted to the Division and concerning which it is noted in letter from the Division to the Chicago office dated October 1, 1934, that it is suggested fingerprints of Lieutenant K. B. Gloeckner of the Cleveland Police Department, who found the notebook containing this getaway chart, be obtained, together with those of any other persons who may have handled it, please be advised that there are also

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transmitted herewith the fingerprints of Lieutenant K. B. Gloeckner and Captain Frank N. Story of the Cleveland Police Department, who, together with Agent Peters, handled this notebook at the time it was first examined. Agent Peters' fingerprints are on file with the Division if they are desired for elimination purposes in connection with the latent fingerprints found in the notebook.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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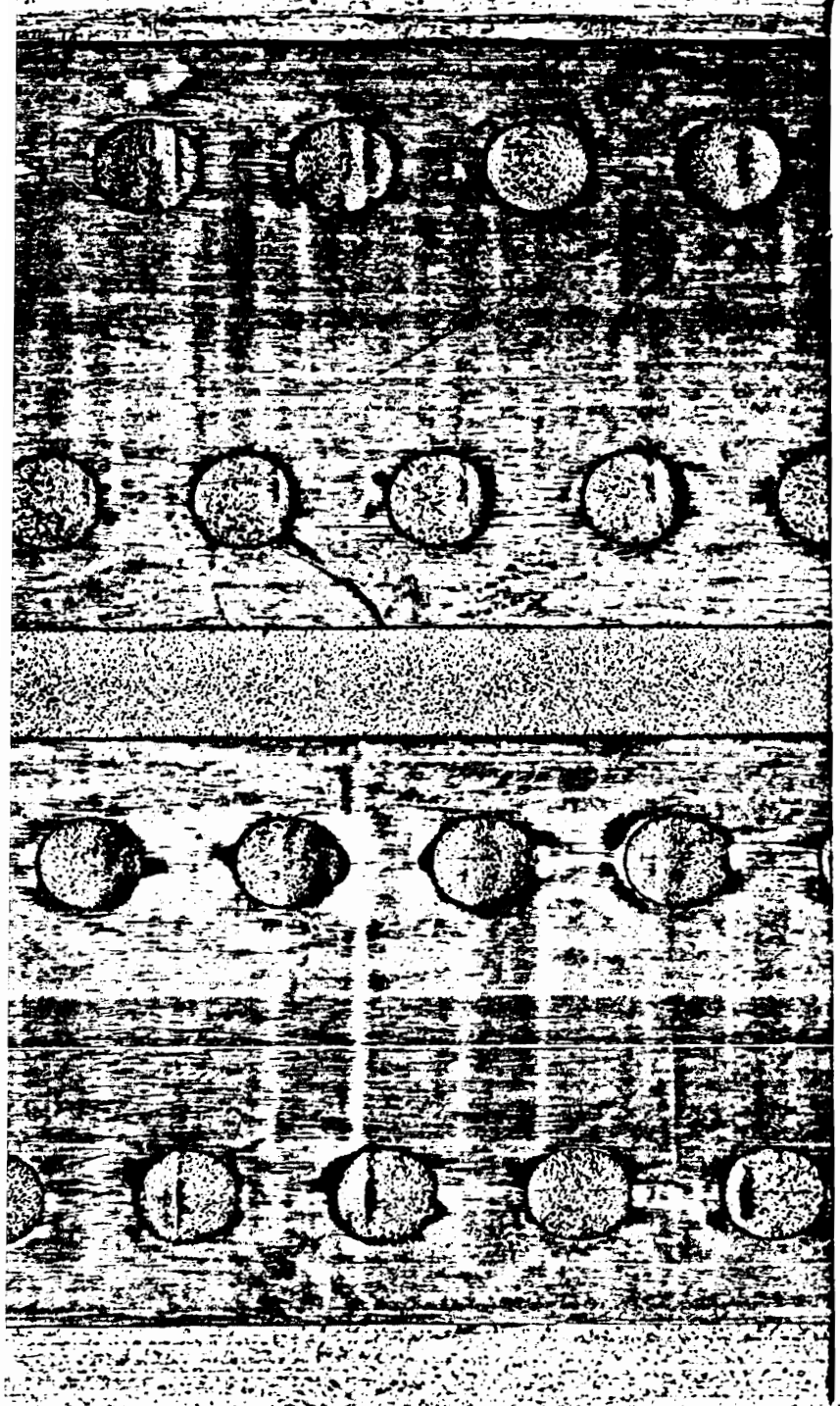

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Date 11/23 1934.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Saint Paul, Minnesota FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Portland, Oregon.	11-16-34	11-3-34	W. K. Bowling

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O.1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O.1219 RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O.1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lonnie Golden, Stratford Hotel, Seattle, Wash., advises photograph of William Elmer Meade is not the same party he knew by the name of Meade while confined in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Letter from S.A.C. Newman, dated at Denver, Colorado, 10/30/34.

DETAILS: --- At Seattle, Washington ---

Lonnie Golden, Stratford Hotel, Seattle, Washington, upon being shown photograph of William Elmer Meade, advised that this was not the party who was confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the time he was also confined in the same institution, and that he afterwards met on the ~~[illegible]~~ street in Seattle, Washington, a number of years afterwards.

Golden was unable to recall anyone whom the photograph of Meade represented.

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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November 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following Special Agents, on special assignment at Miami, Florida, arrived in Jacksonville this morning at ten o'clock by plane and left at ten thirty-five for Miami:

J. H. Hanson - Birmingham
M. C. Faulkner Nashville
L. J. Metcalfe Birmingham
H. C. Douglas - Nashville
R. E. Peterson Nashville
P. C. Dunne - Birmingham.

It is believed that they will arrive at Miami, Florida, between one and two o'clock this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 15, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, 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. #1252; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Your attention is respectfully called to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated November 12, 1934 in the above entitled case, and especially to confidential informant [redacted] mentioned therein.

[redacted] If so, he states that his services are at the disposal of this Division, and that he will do anything suggested by this Division in an effort to locate some of the members of the Barker-Karpis mob. He has the following plan in mind.

[redacted] asked Barker to help him locate Kate Barker, whom [redacted] has reported to [redacted] is destitute and in need of Lloyd's help [redacted] but he figures that this plan possibly will locate Mrs. Barker, and if she is located he says it will then be very easy to locate one or both of her sons through her.

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It would, of course, [redacted] advises, be necessary for the Division to stand the expense of the necessary traveling that this might entail. He says that he plans to go any place George Barker would suggest, and thinks

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that this would be first to Kansas City, Missouri, then to Chicago, Illinois and to St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] has an automobile he can use, [redacted]

It is [redacted] plan that [redacted] accompany him and Barker on this trip, and that an Agent go along in a separate automobile where he could be contacted at any moment. [redacted] reason for having [redacted] go on this proposed trip is [redacted] could leave him and Barker, and contact the Division Agent without creating any suspicion. If only he were with Barker, and had to excuse himself more than about once, he thinks Barker might become suspicious.

[redacted] It is obvious that this proposed trip would cost $200.00 or $300.00, and it is respectfully requested that the Division advise this office if it feels that this expenditure would be justified.

It might be stated here, that of the numerous occasions Agent Hansen has talked with [redacted] the latter has never been caught in a lie. As a result of the past association of [redacted] with some of the subjects of this case, he should be in a good position to contact them. The only reason Agent Hansen has for questioning [redacted] integrity and his ultimate purpose is that he appears to be especially anxious [redacted] but in each case he has either had or been able to figure out a very reasonable excuse for having her present to be able to make the contact with the Division Agent.

Information has reached me to the effect that it is generally known by outlaws in Oklahoma, and some in Kansas, that [redacted] are endeavoring to act as informants for this service, for members of the Kansas Highway Patrol, and probably other officers. If this be true then, of course, members of the Barker-Karpis mob would be in possession of this information, and if such be the case [redacted] could be of any service to us. Whether [redacted] can be of any use to the Division in this undertaking is entirely problematical. I realize that at one time [redacted] was closely associated with the Barkers and other outlaws, and probably enjoyed their confidence, but I am inclined to believe that he could not be of any service to us.

In view of the foregoing circumstances, and of the opinion expressed, I should like to be advised by the Division immediately whether

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it wishes to utilize the services of this man and woman, in event he is successful [redacted]

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Chicago
St. Paul

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November 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1216;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1252,
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 15, 1934 wherein you discuss the possibilities of obtaining valuable information from confidential informant [redacted] It is noted from your letter that the proposal of McGee is to approach George Barker, father of subjects Barker, under the pretext [redacted]

Although the proposal of [redacted] will possibly produce the desired information, namely, the location of Kate Barker, the Division does not desire to be a party in a proposition which will involve it in any dealings with [redacted] it is felt that the Division would be placed in an embarrassing position. Therefore, the Division does not deem it advisable to authorize the payment of any money in furtherance of this particular plan, but should [redacted] furnish information exclusively to the Division leading to the location of Kate Barker or any of the Barker-Karpis gang, he should, of course, be paid an appropriate sum of money.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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AGENTS CAMPBELL, HURT, HOLLIS, AND MYSELF PROCEEDING TO MIAMI FLORIDA AT 2 PM TODAY. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL 2 AM TOMORROW. UNABLE TO OBTAIN PLANE BEFORE 2.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Upon being advised by Mr. Cowley last evening of the lead at Miami, Florida in the Bremer Case, and after discussing the matter with you, I contacted Special Agent in Charge Hanson and instructed him to charter a plane, taking two Agents and sufficient arms and ammunition, and pick up at Nashville Agents Falkner, Douglas and Peterson, and proceed at once to Miami. Some difficulty was encountered by Mr. Hanson in having a pilot make a flight from Birmingham to Nashville, because there were no beacons on this route. It was subsequently agreed that the Agents from Nashville would meet Mr. Hanson at Chattanooga. I called Mr. Rorer and made appropriate arrangements to have the Agents meet Mr. Hanson and also advised Mr. Alt in Jacksonville of the Division's plans in this matter, instructing him to have Agent Roger Main, who is already at Miami, meet Mr. Hanson and his Agents at the air field in Miami this morning. Mr. Cowley at Chicago was also advised of all plans in this matter. Agent in Charge Hanson will arrive at Miami about 10:00 A.M. this morning.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville, Florida and advised that the Agents had just arrived at Miami, Florida. Wind, fog and rain so impeded their progress that it was necessary for them to circle the airport for more than a hour before a landing could be effected. Mr. Hanson, Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Dunn are registered at the Miami Colonial Hotel in Miami, telephone 3-2181. Agents Faulkner, Douglas and Peterson are at the Alcazar Hotel, telephone 3-2681.

In the event Mr. Cowley contacts the Division by telephone at any point at which he may stop en route to Miami for gasoline he should be instructed to attempt a landing at the Municipal Airport rather than at any other field in Miami.

Mr. Alt has placed a cot in the Jacksonville Office and will remain there to-night.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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November 17, 1934.

Time: 10:50 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the KARPIS-BARKER lead in Miami, Florida, Mr. Cowley stated by telephone this morning that the thought had occurred to him that if Mr. Clegg was still in North Carolina, it might be well for him to proceed to Florida to handle this matter. I stated that Mr. Clegg had returned to Washington, and that we had planned to have him leave for Florida on the midnight plane, last night, but found that the schedule had been changed and the plane left at 8:30, and that it was then past that time. It was agreed, however, that someone with experience should be on this assignment, as it is possible that some other members of this gang are there, in addition to the women and possibly Doc Barker.

Mr. Cowley stated that about 15 minutes ago, the men from Nashville and Birmingham had not arrived at Jacksonville. I inquired how long it took to go from Chicago down by plane, and Mr. Cowley remarked that by regular schedule it would take about 24 hours, as they have to go via Washington, but that he has determined that the trip can be made by chartered plane in about 12 hours, providing weather conditions are favorable.

I remarked that this gang in Miami are probably making arrangements to change license plates, and it was decided that Mr. Cowley should leave immediately by plane for Florida and take charge of the activities in the vicinity of Miami. Mr. Cowley stated there will, if this lead materializes, probably be shooting. Mr. Cowley further stated he would be able to leave Chicago by plane so as to be in Miami early tomorrow morning. He stated that there were already six men down there, and when he goes he will take two men from Chicago. I stated this would be satisfactory and he could take whomever he desired. I told Mr. Cowley further to charter the plane and go straight through to Miami.

I told Mr. Cowley to call Mr. Alt right away and tell him to tell the Agents who are coming there, to stand by; that is, that they should make no move until Mr. Cowley arrives. Mr. Cowley said they had apparently taken the police in on the matter from the beginning, as Mr. Alt said he did not want to "tell anybody" until he had verified the information, and in order to

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effect this verification he took the police in on the matter. I told Mr. Cowley I did not know that the police knew about this. Mr. Cowley said that Mr. Alt is depending on one or two of the police he thinks are okay. I stated I did not believe we should have taken anyone in the Miami Police Department in our confidence, and that he, Mr. Cowley, should call Mr. Alt and let him know he is coming to Florida; that he should tell Mr. Alt, further, that I am very disappointed that he took the Police Department in on this matter, and that it is likely the mob will not be there when we finally start in on the lead.

You were given this information by telephone and you subsequently advised that Mr. Alt had missed these Agents at the airport; that they arrive in Miami at 1:35 p.m. today, having left Jacksonville at 10:35. I asked that you get word to the Resident Agent at Miami for the Agents to stand by there, making no move until word can be put through to them regarding Mr. Cowley and his instructions to take no action until he arrives. At 12:10 p.m. you advised this office that these instructions had been given to Mr. Main, the Resident Agent at Miami, to be relayed to the Agents immediately upon their arrival there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. FILE NO. 7-30

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BOSTON, MASS.	11-19-34	11-16-34	F. W. ALLEN. (MEH)

TITLE: 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 BREWER, VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Motor Registry Departments in the Boston District have no records relative Ford coupe and Chevrolet coupe mentioned in reference reports.

- R. U. C. -

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit Division Office, dated 9-28-34, and Special Agent J. H. Kinney, Omaha Division Office, dated 10-20-34.

DETAILS: Communications were forwarded to the Registry Departments located in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, requesting information relative to Ford coupe, motor number 18-1037480, and Chevrolet coupe, motor number 4135550, mentioned in the reference reports.

Answers were received from the officials of the above States to the effect that the two cars have never been registered in their States, and that stop cards would be placed in their files to notify this Division Office in event an attempt is made to register the above motor vehicles.

DETAILS:

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EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 17, 1934.

Time-12:20A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TAMM

Special Agent in Charge Rorer called from Nashville and advised that SAC Hanson was leaving at about 12:30A.M. for Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the three other Agents were going to meet him at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Rorer stated that it was advisable to leave from Chattanooga on account of the beacon lights. They will arrive at their destination at 10:00A.M. this morning.

Mr. Rorer has also advised Jacksonville of the above.

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore.

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November 4, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Cowley and advised that I had addressed a memorandum to the Director concerning the conversation between Mr. Cowley and myself in regard to interviewing Arthur O'Leary, and that you had instructed to cover all other angles on the Dillinger escape and to hold the O'Leary matter in abeyance, pending the recovery of the Pierpoints.

I advised of the possibility of the Barker-Karpis mob going to Florida at this time. I suggested that one or two additional agents be sent to Miami to cover the leads there - and particularly to cover the horse and dog racing tracks in Florida, as well as the gambling houses. I requested that he think this matter over - as it would be six weeks at least before the tracks would open. He stated he believed it a good idea.

Regarding the election frauds cases - I stated that I noted in a letter from Mr. Purvis that he suggests that the Agents be at the polling places with their badges. I advised I was rather dubious about this idea - and Mr. Cowley remarked that we would possibly be subject to criticism should this be done. I then endeavored to call you by telephone for an opinion; however you had left the office, so Mr. Cowley was advised the matter would be held in abeyance until instructions had been received from you.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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AIR MAIL

November 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1215,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.

I am enclosing a photograph of William J. Harrison, Hammond Police Department No. 1829.

Investigation has disclosed that Harrison has been in the company of members of the Karpis-Barker gang within the past two months, and it is probable that he is still in their company. Harris is reported to be a close friend of John Patton, operator of dog race tracks at Miami and Tampa, Florida. It has likewise been reported that Harrison is a keen follower of horse races, and it has been reported that he will undoubtedly be found around a race track as long as he has money.

Harrison had formerly operated taverns at Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, and is reported to have operated a tavern during the winter season at Miami, Florida, about two seasons ago.

During the race meetings of the Arlington Downs, Arlington, Texas, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at this race track and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector

CC - Division ✓
- St. Paul

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

November 16, 1934.

DIVISION ONE
NOV 20 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Box 1457,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

RE: Alvin Harris, 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.

There is attached hereto, for your guidance, a blank form Weekly Report of Activities, which is put out by the Department of Conservation of the State of Illinois, and is for the purpose of outlining the work performed by the various investigators and district inspectors of the Department of Conservation in their respective districts in the State of Illinois.

This form was furnished to Special Agent J. L. Kadala, of this office, by Paul C. Upton, Inspector of Kendall, Will and Kankakee Counties, Illinois, and he explained in this connection that if same is properly executed they should reflect all investigations on the part of the investigator of alleged game law violations, names and addresses of persons interviewed, and complaints received in this respect. These reports, when prepared, are then transmitted to the Director of the Department of Conservation at Springfield, Illinois, at the end of each current week and are retained on file there.

Concerning the above it will be recalled that according to Victim Bremer's statement that on one occasion during his captivity a visitor, who was believed to have been a game warden, visited the hideout house and talked with one of the kidnapers concerning hunting licenses and illegal fishing through the ice. He remained for approximately one and one-half hours. In this connection, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent John L. Kadala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 30, 1934, which generally corroborates the above incident, in that Fred Goetz, with aliases, had informed

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his wife, Irene Dorsey, that on one instance during Bremer's abduction, one or two game wardens entered the hideout house and demanded Coats to display his hunting license. It is not known what prompted the game wardens' visit on this occasion, but it is highly probable that the investigator answered a complaint or became suspicious of the activities of the persons in this house and went there to investigate. Also bear in mind in connection with this matter that the only name Victim Bremer heard while at the hideout house was the name, Pancho, or some similar name.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that you immediately have an agent examine the files of the Department of Conservation at Springfield, Illinois, for the period January 17 to February 8, 1934, with a view to finding any report made by an investigator which might in any way relate to the above mentioned incident.

Kindly give this matter your immediate attention and advise this office promptly.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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CC: St. Paul
Division

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

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November 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O
1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,
I.O.1215; DR JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O.1232; ET AL; Edward G.
Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 9-30.

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DIVISION ONE
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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a tracing from the mail of MRS. EMILY GORDON, 1904 Scheffer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, bearing the return address of the New Schuylar Hotel, Rushville, Illinois.

It is believed by this office that HARRY SAWYER, who is wanted for questioning in connection with this matter, is in contact with EMILY GORDON, and it is therefore requested that appropriate investigation be made by your office at Rushville, Illinois, for the purpose of ascertaining if SAWYER is presently at that address.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Nov. 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - L.O. 1212, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

While Agent McLaughlin was at Reno conducting an investigation in the case entitled LESTER M. GILLIS, et al, he was advised by Chief of Police Kirkley of Reno, that the two men being held by the Los Angeles Police in connection with the killing of Courtland Howard in November, 1933, on the Sky Line Highway, outside of Los Angeles, were formerly connected with the so-called Karpis-Barker crowd when that gang resided in Reno, Nevada and Lake Tahoe.

It is possible that some information might be obtained from the prisoners being held, relative to their connections with Karpis and Barker brothers. It is suggested that you communicate with the Los Angeles Police and have an Agent interview the two persons being held, to see what information they would give concerning their connection with the gang, or whether they are in possession of any information concerning the Bremer kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

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E. P. Guinane,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURTHER EMPLOY INFORMANT [redacted] FOUR DAYS AT $5.00 PER DAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 23. IF HIS FURTHER ASSISTANCE DEEMED NECESSARY AFTER NOVEMBER 22 AUTHORITY REQUESTED PAY [redacted] $25.00 PER WEEK FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TAP TELEPHONE BUCKINGHAM 0147, TELEPHONE NOW USED BY MRS. MABEL GUYMON, SISTER OF CLARA GIBSON, WIFE OF SUBJECT GIBSON, WHO HAS MOVED FROM 529 CORNELIA STREET TO 596 HAWTHORNE PLACE. ALSO AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO RENT APARTMENT 103 THIS ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AT $8.00 PER WEEK FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES. ALSO TO PAY ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY $7.25 FOR INSTALLATION AND RENTAL FOR ONE MONTH TELEPHONE IN APARTMENT 103. AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO PAY [redacted] $10.00 FOR SERVICES UNTIL NOVEMBER 26, WHEN AUTHORITY REQUESTED PAY HER $7.00 PER WEEK FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS

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November 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 7, 1934, transmitting four lifts of latent prints and two cut film holders for development of photographs of latent prints taken at 210½ North Twelfth Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Five latent fingerprints of value appear on the lifts and photographs and they have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals with negative results:

Edna Murray, #9397
William Weaver, #17920
Arthur Barker, #289428
Harry Campbell, #419856
Harry Sawyer, #421335
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, #95780
Mrs. Dora Proctor, #1953 PD Kansas City, Kans.
Marjorie Kerting, #822111
Bertha Engler, #822121
Jess Doyle, #99402
Russel Gibson, #57685
Volney Davis, #4 0441
Fred Barker, #59165
Alvin Karpis, #199217
Irene McCann, #386238
Joseph B. Moran, #794777
Clyde Mimerick, #77961
Bernard Phillips, I.C. #1196
Mrs. Jack Snyder, #454330
Myrtle Eaton, #337474
Paula Harm n, #105880
Charles P. Clouse, #185726

In addition, one of the latent impressions has been searched through the single fingerprint file without effecting an identification, and it is now being placed in the unidentified section of this file for comparison with the fingerprints of additional persons as they are absorbed therein.

In accordance with your request, the two cut film holders have been loaded and are being returned to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1818
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.1213,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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HARRISON had formerly operated taverns at Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, and is reported to have operated a tavern during the winter season at Miami, Florida, about two seasons ago.

During the race meetings of the Tropical Park Track, Miami, Florida, Hialeah Park, Miami, Florida, Oriental Park, Havana, Cuba, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at these race tracks and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219,
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During the race meetings of the Epsom Downs, San Antonio, Texas, Alamo Downs, San Antonio, Texas, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at these race tracks and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

Very truly yours,
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S. P. COLLEY
Inspector

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

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During the race meetings of the Bowie Race Track, Bowie, Maryland, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at this race track and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

Very truly yours,

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S. P. COWLEY
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Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

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During the race meetings of the Jefferson Park Race Track, New Orleans, the Fair Grounds, New Orleans, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at these race tracks and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

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Very truly yours,

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S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

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During the race meetings of the Oaklawn Park Race Track, Hot Springs, Arkansas, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at this race track and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

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S. P. CORLEY
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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

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During the race meetings of the Santa Anita Race Track at Arcadia, California, and Agua Caliente, Agua Calienta, Mexico, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at these race tracks and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

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Very truly yours,

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S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.1215,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1238
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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During the race meetings of the Charles Town Race Track, Charles Town, West Virginia, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at this race track and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

Very truly yours,

NOV 23 1934

S. P. COLLEY
Inspector

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934

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

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 MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232
EDWARD GEORGE BRUETT - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
#7-82

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During the race meetings of the Tanforan Race Track, San Bruno, California, and California Jockey Club, San Mateo, California, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at these race tracks and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by the followers of race tracks for the purpose of locating HARRISON and other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. It is likewise suggested that similar investigation be made at the dog race tracks being operated in your field office district.

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Very truly yours,

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

St. Louis, Missouri,
November 16, 1934, 9:50 P.M.
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S. P. Cowley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Nashville, Tenn.	11-20-34	11-19-34	B. F. FITZSIMONS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop order placed on 1934 Chevrolet coupe, motor No. 4,135,550; serial No. 1-DAO-313359, with Automobile License Bureau, Nashville, Tenn.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, dated Omaha, Nebraska, October 20, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

In compliance with the lead set forth in the report of reference with respect to 1934 Chevrolet coupe, serial No. 1-DAO-313359; motor No. 4,135,550; and bearing 1934 Iowa license No. 77-34648, appropriate inquiry was made at the office of the Clerk, Tennessee State Automobile Bureau in an effort to ascertain whether such car has been registered in the State of Tennessee during the year 1934. Due to a reorganization of the records of that office, it was impossible to determine whether the automobile in question has been registered in this State during 1934, and such information will not be available for approximately two months. However, that office was furnished with a description of the automobile, including motor, serial and license numbers, and request was made that an appropriate stop order be placed in the records of that office and the Nashville office of this Division advised immediately in the event the automobile is registered or an attempt is made to register it in the State of Tennessee during the remainder of the year 1934, and 1935.

Similar information was furnished to the Detective Bureau, Nashville, Tenn. Police Department, with request that officers of that Department be on the lookout for the automobile in question and to notify the Nashville office immediately in the event it should be observed in this district.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: N. G. Roper SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
November 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find copy of petition, copy of certificate, copy of forfeiture order #631 and copy of decree signed by Honorable S. H. West, United States District Judge at Cleveland, Ohio concerning the Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, 1934 model, Motor No. 683450, which was seized at 7009 Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio on September 11, 1934 following the search of the above premises for Harry Campbell, who is a Fugitive in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING. It will be noted that the decree orders that the car be turned over to this Division to be used in the regular course of business and that the car is condemned and confiscated to the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof. It will be noted in previous communications that this car was purchased evidently by Harry Campbell under the assumed name of George Winfield on March 21, 1934 from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio. The purchase price including the radio was $698.03. This automobile is in first class condition. The speedometer reading when the car was seized on September 11 was 7690 miles.

We have been informed by the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company that they have no knowledge of the identity of the person who purchased this car and that the address of 631 Sinclair Street, Toledo, was furnished them by the purchaser. 1934 Ohio license plates #C19563 were issued to this car under the name of George Winfield, 631 Sinclair Street. Also it has been determined that the purchaser paid cash for the car. The bill of sale filed with the clerk of the court of Lucas County, Ohio (Toledo) is #359386. Investigation at 631 Sinclair Street, Toledo revealed that these premises are occupied by the Jovial Club and no one at this place professed to know anything about Harry Campbell or George Winfield. This automobile is now being used by this office and will be carried on our automobile inventory records.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

EASTERN DIVISION

United States of America vs Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683450, Harry Campbell,	DECREE No. 621

This cause came on to be heard upon the Libel of Information in Forfeiture,

Whereupon, the Court finds that the allegations contained in the Libel of Information in Forfeiture are true and that the said Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683450 was on the date of seizure abandoned at premises bearing number 7009 Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683450 be and the same is hereby condemned and confiscated to the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof;

It appearing further that the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, has requested said automobile for use on official Government business,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the said Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683450 be retained by and delivered to the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Detroit, Michigan to be used by said Division of Investigation in the regular course of business.

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It is further ordered that the Clerk of Courts furnish William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Detroit, Michigan with two certified copies of this order.

S. H. West
United States District Judge

APPROVED:

Marc D. Nelson
Asst. United States Attorney

A True Copy of the Original
Filed Nov. 17 1934
Attest: F. J. Denzler, Clerk,
By O. W. Nelson
Deputy Clerk
Dated Nov. 17-1934
Cleveland, Ohio.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

EASTERN DIVISION

United States of America vs Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683430 Harry Campbell	LIBEL OF INFORMATION IN FORFEITURE

TO THE HONORABLE PAUL JONES, S. H. WEST, AND GEORGE P. HAHN, JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, IN SAID DISTRICT:

The libel of the United States of America, by E. H. Freed, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, its attorney, who, in this case prosecutes in its behalf, represents respectfully as follows:

That this libel is filed by the United States of America, in its own right and prays seizure for confiscation by process of libel for condemnation and forfeiture of:

One Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe,
1934 Model,
Motor No. 683430

Your libellant represents that on or about the 11th day of September, 1934, at Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, within the division and district aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of this Court, William Larson, a Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, seized the following automobile:

One Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe,
1934 Model,
Motor No. 683430.

The said automobile at the time of seizure was abandoned at premises bearing number 7009 Franklin Boulevard, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Your libellant further represents that he has reason to believe that the said Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe was used and abandoned by one Harry Campell, and that he has reason to believe that the said Harry Campbell is the true owner of said automobile and that said automobile at the time of seizure was listed to and title was in a fictitious name.

Your libellant further represents that at the time of seizure the said William Larsen entered upon said premises where said automobile was, for the purpose of apprehending said Harry Campbell, who at that time was and who is now a fugitive from justice.

Your libellant further represents that an extensive investigation conducted by the United States Department of Justice has failed to disclose the identity of the person, or the person, in whose name the said automobile is listed.

Your libellant further says that said automobile is now and has been since the 11th day of September, 1934 in the custody of the United States Department of Justice.

WHEREFORE, your libellant prays that an order be entered declaring said automobile to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said automobile be retained by and delivered to the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by said Division of Investigation in the regular course of business.

United States Attorney

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STATE OF OHIO }
CUYAHOGA COUNTY } SS

E. B. Freed, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, that he has read the foregoing libel of information in forfeiture, and that he knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence

this _____ day of November, A. D., 1934.

Notary Public

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

EASTERN DIVISION

United States of America vs Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 883450 Harry Campbell	**CERTIFICATE**

It appearing that on the 11th day of September, 1934, one Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 883450 was seized by William Larson, a Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as more fully set forth in a Libel of Information;

Therefore, it is hereby certified that the expense of instituting libel proceedings in this case is justified and that the filing of such a libel is a necessary step in the prosecution of the offense in which the said automobile was involved.

United States District Judge

APPROVED:

Asst. United States Attorney

7-576-3414

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND MONITION

District Court of the United States

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
Eastern DIVISION

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United States of America

vs.

Ford V ' DeLuxe Coupe

FORFEITURE No. 651

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To the Marshal of the Northern District of Ohio—GREETING:

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 19 34, a libel was filed in the District Court of the United States, for said Northern District of Ohio, by the District Attorney of the United States, for said District, on behalf of the United States, against

Ford V8 DeLuxe Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 683450

and praying that all persons interested in said goods, wares, and merchandise may be cited in general and special, to answer the premises; and due proceedings being had, that the said goods, wares, and merchandise may, for the causes in said libel mentioned, be condemned as forfeited to the use of the United States.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, HEREBY COMMANDED to attach the said goods, wares, and merchandise, and to detain the same in your custody until the further order of said Court respecting the same; and to give notice to all persons claiming the same, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned as forfeited to the use of the United States, pursuant to the prayer of said libel that they be and appear before the said Court, at the City of Cleveland, on the 25th day of November, next, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same and to make their allegations in that behalf. And what you have done in the premises, do you then and there make return thereof, together with this writ.

(SEAL)

WITNESS, the Honorable PAUL JONES, the Honorable GEO. P. HAHN, the Honorable S. H. WEST, and the Honorable JOHN M. KILLITS, District Judges of the United States, and the seal of said Court, this 5th day of November, A. D. 19 34, and in the 159th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

F. J. Zenzler
Clerk.

E. B. Freed
U. S. Attorney.

By J. A. Green
Deputy Clerk.

U. S. MARSHAL'S RETURN

RECEIVED this writ at _____, Ohio, on _____, 19____, and on _____ 19____, and pursuant to the command thereof I did seize and libel _____

and have the same now in my custody, awaiting the further order of the Court.

MARSHAL'S FEES:

Service - - - $_____
Travel - - - - $_____
TOTAL - - $_____

_____, *U. S. Marshal.*

By _____, *Deputy.*

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Paul, Minn.	11-19-34	10/6 to 11/18/34	D. M. Ladd

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; et al ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1238; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Chevrolet Coupe of WEAVER's not registered this district. Flash cards placed. No record of BETTY and WINNIE EATON at St. Mary's Academy, which is only parochial school in or near Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Surveillance of garage at 406 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, discontinued October 25, 1934.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 10, 1934.

DETAILS:

This report sets forth investigative activity of the various agents assigned to this matter at this office.

The Secretaries of State for Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota were contacted and checks of their files reflected that the Chevrolet Coupe, motor number 4,135,550, licensed in the name of J. A. ORHOOD, an alias of WILLIAM WEAVER, has not been registered in any of these states. Flash cards were placed in the files of the Secretaries of State in order that this office will be notified immediately in the event any effort is made to register this automobile.

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D. M. Ladd Special Agent in Charge	7-576-3415	NOV 22 1934
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The cover on the garage at 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which had been maintained from July 9, 1934, was discontinued on October 25, 1934, under instructions of Inspector S. P. Cowley, inasmuch as the surveillance has been without results, and in view of the fact that this office now has an informant in this garage. This informant, [redacted] and is cooperating with this office in an effort to obtain information from EDDIE JAMES, mechanic in this garage, concerning the subjects in this case as well as the whereabouts of LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases.

In the report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, dated Detroit, Michigan, September 28, 1934, information is set forth to the effect that WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON are alleged to have left Toledo, Ohio and proceeded to Eau Claire, Wisconsin and to have obtained BETTY and WINNIE EATON from a parochial school at that place. In accordance with this information, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. Matney of this office.

Agent interviewed FATHER ORTHEN, Catholic Priest at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who stated that there was not a Catholic boarding school in Eau Claire where people could leave their children, but that there was such a school at Altoona, Wisconsin, which is located about five miles from Eau Claire. Agent was informed that there was a Sacred Heart Catholic School in Eau Claire, but it was not a boarding school. Agent was informed that this school closed before the first of June in 1934 and that there was no one at the school after that date. FATHER ORTHEN was then shown a picture of BETTY, who was later seen with WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON, and agent was informed that the picture did not resemble anyone that attended the Sacred Heart Catholic School in Eau Claire. It is worth while to note that the Sacred Heart School closed before the first of June and is not a boarding school.

<u>At Altoona, Wisconsin</u>

Agent interviewed SISTERS CORRINE and LEONETTE, who stated that they were in charge of St. Mary's Academy at Altoona, Wisconsin, and that they knew all of their students personally. Agent was informed that at no time during the past year were there two children answering the descriptions of BETTY, age 10, and WINNIE, age 14, attending St. Mary's Academy. Agent was further informed that at no time during the year were there children that were supposed to be sisters at St. Mary's Academy.

Investigation revealed that St. Mary's Academy at Altoona, Wisconsin closed on the first of June, 1934, and that after that time there had been only one girl leave the school. Agent was informed that this girl's parents had come to the school and explained that they had been transferred by the United States Government to Chicago, Illinois. The name of this girl's father, according to school records, was WILLIAM H. HUTCHISON. The name of the student was BETTY JANE HUTCHISON.

The records of St. Mary's Academy show that BETTY JANE HUTCHISON entered school March 3, 1934 and left June 2, 1934. Records also revealed that there was a notation to call 4193 and MR. ZIMMERMAN would call MR. HUTCHISON to the 'phone.

Pictures of BETTY, as mentioned in reference, were shown the Sisters, along with pictures of MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER, but agent was informed that no person resembling the child or its supposed parents had been in or around the St. Mary's Academy during the past year.

At Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Agent then telephoned the number given on the school record card to ascertain information concerning HUTCHISON, and was informed by MR. N. J. ZIMMERMAN that he was the office manager for the WALTER BREWING COMPANY in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Agent interviewed MR. ZIMMERMAN and was informed that WILLIAM H. HUTCHISON was employed by the Internal Revenue Department of the United States Government, and that during the month of June, 1934, he had been transferred to Chicago, and was at present working in another brewery in that city.

On October 11, 1934, a telephone call was received at this office from the Minneapolis Police Department and the writer was advised that one H. R. DANENS of 3121 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, had information relative to the BREMER kidnaping case, and accordingly, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. N. Franke:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. N. Franke:

On October 13, 1934 agent interviewed HENRY R. DANENS, who has been living with Robert Nadeau at 3125 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Apartment 5. He stated he has been staying there for about two weeks but plans on moving out the first part of the week; that he does not know where he will be located but he can be reached through Gus Larson's Sign Shop at 3125 Nicollet Avenue, telephone Regent 3021. DANENS stated that he has been in the private investigating business for about six years; that he has done some work for Mr. W. J. Caldewood of the Ministers Life & Casualty Union of Minneapolis, and that he has also conducted private investigations for other people.

MR. DANENS stated that he was in Chester, Iowa, from about May 20 to June 1, 1934; that he was painting and repairing a home in this town; that while he was there he got in a conversation relative to the BREMER kidnaping case with the Jones Brothers, who operate a Phillips 66 oil station right on the main highway in Chester, Iowa; that they said a man by the name of FROST must have had something to do with the kidnaping because very shortly after BREMER was released FROST paid off a mortgage on his mother's home or farm, and that he also purchased a new automobile; that FROST also had been making trips to Waterloo, Iowa.

MR. DANENS stated that the Jones Brothers understood that BREMER received a shirt from the kidnapers which bore a Waterloo label on it; that FROST lives at Lime Springs, Iowa, which is about twelve miles from Chester; that FROST was a man of mystery, and that the Jones Brothers did not know what his racket was, but he always seemed to have a lot of money on his person; that the Jones Brothers also mentioned that there were railroad tracks about two blocks from the place where FROST lives, and that there is also a Catholic church nearby; that they also understood FROST was going to or did build a basement garage under his home.

MR. DANENS also advised that while in Chester, Iowa, he went into a pool hall, which is located about 1/2 block away from the Phillips 66 Oil Station right on the main highway also; that while he was there he heard some fellows talking about the BREMER kidnaping case, and that they stated they thought BREMER was held captive in their vicinity; that these fellows also mentioned the name of FROST, and that they said he had a lot

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of money after BREMER was released. DANENS stated that he did not know the names of these men as they were sitting in a booth in this pool hall.

MR. DANENS stated that he left Chester, Iowa, around June 1, 1934 and came to Minneapolis, and did not make any report of this to authorities because he figured that he would go back to Chester, Iowa, again to do some more painting work there and then he was going to make a further investigation; that it now seems that he will not be able to go back there and he thought it proper to notify the authorities; that on last Tuesday or Wednesday he went to the 4th Floor of the Federal Building in Minneapolis and told some officer there, and that this officer advised that he would notify the proper authorities.

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An Addendum to above investigation, by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson:

The party referred to in this memorandum, by the name of FROST, is identical with one VAIL FROST of Lime Springs, Iowa, who was previously investigated in connection with this case, with negative results. The investigation with reference to VAIL FROST is set out in the report of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 21, 1934, beginning on page three.

DLN:HWM

RE: 7-30

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John V.Anderson:

On September 6,1934, one, FLORENCE DOW, 1611 North 8th Street, Superior, Wisconsin, addressed a letter to G.L.BOATWRIGHT, Secret Service, St.Paul,Minnesota, requesting a personal interview with him on an important matter. In response to a letter by Mr.Boatwright dated October 8,1934, in another letter addressed to Mr.Boatwright, dated September 9,1934, MRS. DOW advised that she wished to speak to MR.BOATWRIGHT concerning ransom money taken from St.Paul.

On October 13,1934, Agent Anderson interviewed MRS. FLORENCE DOW and she advised that during the early spring of 1934 she answered a blind add in "The Superior Telegram", a local newspaper; that she, then, was given an interview with LAWRENCE DuPLAISE, guardian for RUSSELL VANDERPORT, who is known as "MAC"; JAMES VANDERPORT, who is known as "BUD"; and ARTHUR VANDERPORT, who is known as "DOTTY"; whose ages are 16,17, and 9 years, respectively. She advised that her duties were to care for these individuals at 243 Main Street, Superior,Wisconsin, which is located on Connor's Point, near the interstate bridge between Duluth and Superior. She advised that JAMES VANDERPORT, the father of these boys, had died just previous to her employment at the Vanderport home; that JAMES VANDERPORT had the reputation of being a bootlegger and narcotic smuggler. She advised that very mysterious things happened while she was employed at 243 Main Street. She stated that mysterious men came to this address at various times; that she also learned JAMES VANDERPORT, the father, had been living at the address, above, with a woman and various men would come to the place and ask if things were running the same as before; that on April 8,1934, one, RED HAGGERTY, a narcotic violator who was assassinated in Chicago during the summer of 1934, came to the place and asked for a blue print. Subsequently she saw at the place $96,000.00 in currency; that same was marked, "St.Paul". From the information,she gathered that this was part of the BREMER ransom money. She stated that same was in Mason fruit jars, about five or six in number, and that same was hidden in an old automobile trunk under the house; that there was no basement under the house and there was about four or five feet of room under the house. She stated that this money was at 243 Main Street, until about the first of October,1934, the last she knew. She advised that JOHN HAMILTON, associate of JOHN DILLINGER, came to the house one night and warned her not to say anything. She stated that she had a friend by the name of GENEVIEVE DOOLITTLE, who kept company with JOHN HAMILTON, and that she met HAMILTON through her on the street at Superior, Wisconsin, prior to this time. She advised that the VANDERPORT children, particularly, "MAC", were thieves. She had been previously giving certain information to the Duluth and Superior Police Departments which lead to their apprehension; that the had been stealing

ore in Duluth; they had robbed a filling station in Superior, and had stolen brass from the Northwestern Railway in Superior. "MAC" was convicted and received a sentence of around five years and he was out on parole with his grandmother at La Crosse, Wisconsin. She advised that MARGARET PALKO was the housekeeper for JAMES VANDERPORT, the father; that her present address was unknown to her; that men would come to the place and ask for this woman. She turned over to agent a snapshot, supposedly of GENEVIEVE DOOLITTLE, whom she states was a friend of JOHN HAMILTON, whom she states was 5'10" tall; of slender build; had naturally blonde hair, but wears it red; weighs about 106 to 110 pounds. Agent gathered the impresson from interview with FLORENCE DOW that she was probably suffering from some obsessions.

However, Agent, with ED HANSON, chief deputy sheriff of Duluth, made a search of the premises at 243 Main Street, Superior, Wisconsin, which consists of a ramshackle house and several outside buildings and particularly a search was made of the space under the house. Nothing was found of any interest except that there was some indication that someone had possibly been doing some digging. An old rusty automobile trunk was found in the back yard. ED HANSON advised that RUSSELL VANDERPORT had been confined in the St.Louis County Jail during July,1934, and he was sentenced to sixty days in the St.Louis County Workfarm;before he served a sentence he was turned over to the Superior Police Department. Subsequently, while at Superior, Wisconsin, agent interviewed JOHN W.ARIO, special agent for the Chicago Northwestern Railway, and he advised that he knew FLORENCE DOW ; that he was not quite able to figure her out but that her father was an engineer for the Chicago Northwestern, working at Itasca, which is a suberb of Superior; that she was married to a railroad man who was killed in some sort of accident at Detroit, Michigan. He advised that in the past FLORENCE DOW gave him some information that lead to the recovery of some brass stolen by a VANDERPORT from the Chicago Northwestern. He advised that information had come to him that she had given the information that lead to the apprehension of RUSSELL VANDERPORT at Duluth,Minnesota, and subsequently at Superior, Wisconsin.

JAMES MORIARITY, station agent, Chicago Northwestern Depot, Superior, Wisconsin, advised that he had talked to FLORENCE DOW on several occasions and she had told him about the ransom money supposed to be at 243 Main Street, Superior; that he advised her to get in touch with MR.BOATWRIGHT of the Secret Service in St.Paul. Subsequently, agent again interviewed FLORENCE DOW and she advised that if the money were not at 243 Main Street, Superior, Wisconsin, it was probably now in possession of CATE VANDERPORT, a relative of the VANDERPORT who lived at 243 Main Street, up to about October 1,1934. She advised that the money would subsequently find its way into the hands of the elder BUSHIE, or EDWARD BUSHIE, his son, who live on Connor's Point. The money would be kept and secreted at the place of a man named FLOOD, on Garfield Street, the second house from an old sausage factory on Wisconsin Street, towards Superior, Wisconsin. She advised that the money would be taken over from Superior to

Duluth by the elder BUSHIE in one of his two rowboats and that the bay would have to be calm, but that there had been no calm days since October 1,1934, and she was therefore positive the money was still in Superior. She advised that she quit her position with the VANDERPORTS on August 8,1934, and had no more to do with them and she is afraid that somebody will bump her off.

She also related a similar experience in respect to answering a blind add in Chicago, Illinois, in the spring of 1933 where she became housekeeper at 4886 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for one, ANNIE HUSTON, and that these people were also narcotic smugglers.

JVA:TC

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R. W. Frankel:

Sometime around the first part of October, while agent was at the St. Paul Police Department, he was advised by SID MOORE, clerk in the Identification Unit, that a RUSSELL HUSTEN was arrested at Cincinnati, Ohio, with another fellow just about the time the three women were arrested at Cleveland in connection with the BARKER and KARPIS mob. MOORE stated that he made inquiry around the station and understood that HUSTEN used to hang out around SAWYER'S place and MOORE further stated that he thought there might be some connection between HUSTEN and the BARKER-KARPIS crowd and told agent to keep this information confidential.

While agent was at the St. Paul Police headquarters on October 17, 1934, MOORE asked agent whether he had made any inquiry relative to HUSTEN, and agent stated that he had not inasmuch as MOORE stated to keep it confidential.

On October 19, 1934, while agent was at the Minneapolis Police headquarters, he made inquiry there relative to RUSSELL HUSTEN, and RAY HARRINGTON of the Identification Unit located a fingerprint card which had a photograph of RUSSELL HUSTEN but no fingerprints [redacted]

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ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER also associates of this bunch.*

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Agent secured from MR. HARRINGTON a photograph of RUSSELL HUSTEN alias "FLEA" and LOUIS PARCHALL, and these photographs are on file in the St. Paul Division office. HARRINGTON stated that PARCHALL had no Washington record.

When MOORE talked to Agent on October 17, 1934, he also stated that he happened to be in a beer joint and that he met a woman who he later found out was "FLEA" HUSTEN'S sister, MOORE stated he pretended he was a good friend of "FLEA" and tried to get information from her; that she stated that "FLEA" had come back to town and had a large roll on him and that he also bought for the family a Buick car; that he left town again. MOORE stated this sister is supposed to be working at Schunemans & Mannheimers Department Store.

BNP:HVS

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Cincinnati, Ohio

Will conduct appropriate investigation at Cincinnati, Ohio for the purpose of ascertaining the charges placed against RUSSELL HUSTEN and LOUIS PARCHALL in an effort to ascertain if these individuals have any connections with the subjects in this case, it being noted that they were arrested in Cincinnati at approximately the same time as GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and WINONA BURDETTE were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio.

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November 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

References is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota November 19, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted on Page 9 that one Russell Huston, St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department No. 21504, is alleged to have been an associate of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. It is further noted that this individual was arrested by the Cincinnati, Ohio Police Department at about the same time that Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested by the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department.

An examination of the files of the Identification Unit reflect that Huston, as Robert S. Clark, No. 29604, was arrested at Cincinnati, Ohio on August 17, 1934, charged with being a suspicious person and released upon bond which was later forfeited. This information was telegraphically furnished the Cincinnati office by the Division on November 23, 1934.

There are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, photographic copies of the fingerprints and photograph, together with copies of the abstract of the criminal record of this individual.

In view of the report that Huston is an associate of Karpis and Barker and was in Ohio at about the same time that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in that vicinity, appropriate investigation should be conducted looking to the location of Huston. A notice is being placed in the Identification Unit to the effect that this individual is wanted for questioning in connection with the above entitled case.

★ NOV 27 1934 ★

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC St. Paul
Chicago
Detroit
} Encls. - photographic copies of fingerprints and photograph, together with criminal record of Huston.

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Washington, D. C.

November 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith one copy each of abstracts of criminal records as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Martha Murray and Dorothy Sullivan.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
November 21, 1934.

JHH:TS

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that I arrived in Birmingham, Alabama at 2:35 p.m. today, from Miami, Florida. Special Agents P. C. Dunne and L. J. Metcalf of the Birmingham office, and Special Agents H. C. Douglas and M. C. Falkner of the Nashville office, left Miami at 10:35 on the night of N ovember 20, 1934, via railroad, and it is expected that Special Agents Dunne and Metcalf will arrive in Birmingham at 5:35 a. m. November 22, 1934; also that Special Agents Douglas and Falkner will arrive at about the same time in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they will pick up the Division owned automobile assigned to the Nashville office, and then proceed to Nashville.

Special Agent R. E. Peterson, who accompanied me from Miami on the plane chartered by the Chicago office, is expected to arrive in Murfreesboro, Tennessee about 8:45 a. m. today.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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

November 21,1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.,
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.JOS.P.MORAN, with aliases,I.O.#1232;
ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING. St.Paul File No.7-30.

Reference is made to Director's letter dated October 13,1934, and letter dated October 31,1934, the former enclosing anonymous letter mailed at Minneapolis,Minnesota, October 1,1934, which refers to the BREMER kidnaping case, and alleges that DR.MORAN was seen going into the home of DONALD BENNYHOFF of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the latter part of September,1934. Reference is also made to letter from the St.Paul Office to the Division, dated November 13,1934, setting out interview with MR.BENNYHOFF, wherein he advised that he thought the writer of the anonymous communication was one, MRS. H.COMFORT, 3010 Humboldt Avenue North, Minneapolis,Minnesota.

A letter has been secured, written by MRS. COMFORT to MR.O.D. SIGFRID, Stillwater,Minnesota. This letter, which is apparently in the same handwriting as that of the anonymous communication, is forwarded herewith to the Division in order that it may be definitely ascertained whether or not MRS. COMFORT was the writer of the anonymous communication.

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Very truly yours,

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

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-3419

Specimens: One original letter dated November 10,1934, addressed to Mr. O. D. Sigfrid, and signed Mrs. H. Comfort.
One envelope in which the above letter was mailed, postmarked 3 Minneapolis, Minn. Nov 10, 1934, 10 PM.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office.

Date received: Nov. 26, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

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TO: ____Director
____Mr. Nathan
____Mr. Tolson
____Mr. Edwards
____Mr. Quinn
____Mr. Tamm
____Unit Two

____Unit Four
____Files Section
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____Equipment Section
____Chief Clerk's Office

____Unit Five
____Identification Unit
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Any record on John Hanser mentioned in attached?

Supervisor OMR

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Date 12/4 1934.

To: ____Director
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____Mr. Edwards
____Mr. Clegg
____Mr. Egan
____Mr. Tamm
____Mr. Quinn
____Mr. Cowley
____Miss Gandy
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____Mr. Newby

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E. P. Coffey

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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November 21, 1934

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Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
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Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Agent Peterson at Miami last night and conveyed to him your instructions relative to the return of the various Agents from Miami to their posts of duty. Mr. Peterson was instructed to have Agents Hurt and Campbell remain in Miami and to inform Mr. Cowley that he should return to Washington, D.C. for a conference with you.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Date 11-21-34

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,
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Division of Investigation
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In 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 - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Division dated November 6, 1934, relative to the steps being taken by the various banks holding Bremer ransom money located within this territory, as to its disposal.

Special Agent J. L. Madala, on November 15, 1934, telephonically communicated with the officers of the various banks holding such money within the Chicago office territory.

Mr. H. J. Wuehrman, president of the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, transmitted under date of November 7, 1934, $900.00 of ransom money, to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago.

Mr. Vincent W. Becking, Cashier of the Howard Loan and Savings Bank, 1737 Howard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, delivered under date of November 6, 1934, $1,295.00 of ransom money.

Mr. Everett Kilgore, Assistant Cashier, Main State Bank, 1695 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, transmitted under date of November 6, 1934, $300.00 of ransom money.

Mr. William H. Bleschke, Assistant Cashier of the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, delivered under date of November 6, 1934, $155.00 ransom money.

Mr. E. K. Hart of the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank, Lake Villa, Illinois, transmitted under date of November 5, 1934, $25.00 ransom money.

None of the above banks has received any additional money identified as part of the ransom paid in the above entitled case other than that originally reported.

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Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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cc-St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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November 20, 1934

Time: 1:35 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Miami and stated that in checking automobile licenses in the vicinity of the El Commodore Hotel on Duke Randell, they checked a license number from North Carolina, and it developed that the man has a good reputation at the hotel; that they learned that this man has been the clerk at the hotel for two weeks; that they contacted this informant who advised that these two men (Randell and Trotsky) are friends of Mr. Adams who is the manager of the Hotel. Mr. Cowley stated that they had learned that the residence to which they trailed the car of Randell the other night is that of one John Knight, whose brother, Bob Knight, owns the El Commodore Hotel; that Adams is a brother-in-law and general manager; that the three of them are mixed up in racing, gambling, etc., being racketeer politicians of Miami; that his informant advised him, Cowley, that these other men came down there in a car which bore New Jersey license plates, which are still there, and which they are having New York check; that as soon as these men arrived in Miami they purchased another car, but he didn't know from whom; that Mr. Cowley thinks this informant will be of use to them in this investigation. Mr. Cowley stated they have two men living at the El Commodore hotel; that they have been checking golf courses, automobile agencies and night clubs, and all the information obtained so far is to the effect that Willie Harrison's photograph has been identified at a couple of golf courses, but not within the last two weeks; that they were checking further on this angle, and were making the rounds of gambling houses this afternoon.

Mr. Cowley advised that they needed two men down there to work in an undercover capacity at the hotel and to keep in touch with the clerk; that someone will be needed there when the dog racing season opens, for if the Barker-Karpis gang are not there now, there is a strong likelihood that they will be later; that Willie Harrison has been there before, as indicated above, and that he seems to be the contact man and makes all arrangements; that he, Cowley, had in mind having Hurt and Campbell stay there; that these two agents have identified themselves to no one except the clerk in the hotel, who they would have to keep in touch with anyway; that they are registered at the hotel and are keeping the people involved under observation. I advised that I thought this would be a good idea; that to have these two remain there in an undercover capacity for at least forty-five days or so.

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I advised Mr. Cowley that if possible he should ascertain where the automobile came from; that the motor vehicle commissioner should know who bought and who sold the car. Mr. Cowley stated that the only record is that it was sold by Charles M. O'Bronson, which is the name Karpis used in purchasing the car, to Duke Randell; that Randell is living at the El Commodore hotel free of charge. Mr. Cowley stated there were two methods of procedure to be followed in connection with learning something about the automobile; one, to contact Duke Randell and the men there and ask them how they made their contacts to get the car; the other, to work in an undercover capacity and see if they could locate the people there, or when they did arrive. Mr. Cowley advised that the car transferred was a 1934 Ford V-8. I suggested contacting the Ford dealers there to see if the car in question had been turned in for a new automobile, and Mr. Cowley stated that the indications were that they did not; that they went over to the license bureau and Randell made the application for transfer of title; that there were two men together when this application for transfer was made, which might indicate that Karpis was with him during this transaction. I suggested that the men might have traded the car in on a new car and left their title at the dealer; and Mr. Cowley advised that they had checked all dealers there and unable to identify any of them as trading in or purchasing a car.

Mr. Cowley stated that Duke Randell and the others must have a contact in Miami, as his information is that these men never go into a town unless they have good contacts; that he believes the contacts in this instance are the Knights or the Adams; that the Knight who lives in the house to which they trailed the car used to be City Commissioner and happens to be the man who appointed the present Chief of Police, and who was also responsible for firing the former Chief of Police who was a former agent and United States Marshal in Miami.

Relative to Mr. Cowley advising in a previous call that one Dolores Delrose had made reservations in a hospital for January, he stated that this was not the Dolores they were interested in.

Mr. Cowley stated that they had about three identifications of Willie Harrison and two identifications of Monty Carter on two different golf courses, but none of them within the last two or three weeks; that they are checking the records to compare them with the handwriting of these two persons.

Mr. Cowley stated that he would call me either tonight or tomorrow morning and unless he was advised to the contrary, all of the agents, with the exception of Hurt and Campbell, would check out for their respective headquarters. I told Mr. Cowley to make arrangements so that Agents Hurt and Campbell could call him without revealing their identities.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In 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 - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

There is being submitted to the Division under separate cover on this date by registered mail one Colt automatic pistol, calibre .25, No. 327502, with clip.

This gun was found among the effects of subject Russell Gibson in his apartment at 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The same have been appropriately wrapped in cellophane.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
RDB.

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith twenty-five copies of the photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of William Harrison, our file #727007.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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November 20, 1934.

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Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy

EAT:CDW

Time: 6:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Miami, Florida and stated that as they were finished there, unless instructed to the contrary they would leave Agents Hurt and Campbell at Miami, Agent Hollis and himself would return to Chicago, and Agent Hansen would return with them as far as Atlanta; that Agent Peterson would go to either Nashville or Chattanooga, and the other men would return to their headquarters to-night by train.

I told Mr. Cowley that I had not had your reaction to these plans as yet as I had not had an opportunity to talk with you about them. I called your office, but discovered that you were out. I told Mr. Cowley that I would again get in touch with him about 10:00 P.M. to-night at the Alcazar Hotel in Miami.

Mr. Cowley stated that the only thing that would materially change these plans would be the development of something further in their canvass of the various clubs in Miami to-night.

With respect to Agent Falkner, Mr. Cowley states that he has been working on a special at Nashville, and wanted to know if he should return there. I told him that Agent Falkner should return to Nashville.

I inquired of Mr. Cowley the name of the informant who has been working down there and was informed that he is [redacted]

In connection with the get-away of Volney Davis, I inquired if any of the Agents was at fault. Mr. Cowley stated that due to the fact that Davis was in a taxi-cab and the fact that it was not known to the Agents that he was actually in the cab, the fact that they went down to the corner and turned around was the only plausible action that could be taken under the circumstances; that had they gone around the block, they would have missed seeing the car altogether; that as it was dark, it was not possible to ascertain the identity of the person in the cab; that Davis had not seen this girl for about a year, and he, Cowley, did not foresee the situation as it turned out.

Respectfully,

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

NOV 26 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. 1818.
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I. O. 1819.
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases - I. O. 1815.
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - I. O. 1838,
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, St. Louis, Missouri, dated November 9, 1934, wherein it is related that telephone number Franklin 6948 was listed in the name of Mrs. Virginia Coff on April 4, 1925, and remained in her name until June 9, 1934, when it was changed to Clarence Coff, the address being 4373 West Papin Street, St. Louis. It will be observed that Willie Harrison called this telephone number from Hammond, Indiana on April 15, 1933.

It has been ascertained that Clarence Coff is a semi-professional golfer in St. Louis, and has been a close friend of William J. Harrison, whom he has known for the past twenty years. Coff is now salesman for the Crystal Water Company, St. Louis, and is residing with his father, Clarence J. Coff, Sr., at 4373 West Papin Street. This individual is well known to detective Alex Magee, Auto Theft Bureau, St. Louis Police Department. Detective Magee informed Special Agent R. L. Shivers of this office that he could talk to Coff in a confidential way and could ascertain Harrison's whereabouts if known to Coff.

On being contacted by Agent Shivers and Detective Magee Coff stated that he has known Willie Harrison intimately for the past ten years, and was with him for a short time in Calumet City, Indiana in 1933, at which time Harrison operated a tavern. He stated that Harrison was in St. Louis, Missouri about three weeks ago, and visited his parents here for three or four days; that he is reported to have left St. Louis on November 2, 1934 by airplane for an unknown destination. Coff advised that while Harrison was in St. Louis on the occasion just mentioned he called him at his home and at his place of business; that he met Harrison pursuant to these telephone calls, and sometime in the early part of the week of October 28, 1934 he went to Harrison's home at 4339 Gibson Street, where he met him, and later that night they went to the Kit Kat Night Club, located in the Missouri

Hotel, St. Louis; that while at the night club Harrison was met by four or five other men, who were unknown to Coff, each of whom was accompanied by a girl; that at one time there were about ten people in the party at the night club, none of whom were known to Coff. They were drinking heavily, and Harrison became intoxicated. Coff further stated that he left this group at the Kit Kat Club and was to meet Harrison the next day for a golf game, which did not materialize, and that when he again tried to communicate with Harrison he was advised by his mother that he had left town. He stated that he does not know where Harrison is at this time, unless he is in Chicago, Illinois, that is, he is either there or somewhere in Calumet City, Indiana. He stated that the persons he saw with Harrison at the Kit Kat Night Club, as stated before, were unknown to him, and that if Harrison called their names at any time during the evening, he cannot remember what they were.

Coff has promised Detective Magee to notify him immediately if he should hear from Harrison, and stated that if Harrison returns to St. Louis and contacts him he will advise Detective Magee at the earliest opportunity.

The photographs of members of the Barker Gang were not presented to Coff for identification at this time, as it is thought he will be more likely to furnish information of Harrison's whereabouts if he is unaware of his connection with this gang.

Coff was not questioned closely by Agent Shivers, as it was not deemed advisable to acquaint him with the importance of locating Harrison; however, he will be contacted again in the near future and closely questioned concerning Harrison's associates and present activities, unless information as to his whereabouts is received from him.

Jack Langer, proprietor of the Kit Kat Night Club, was interviewed by Agent Shivers and stated that he knows Willie Harrison and recalls that he was at the club about three weeks ago with Clarence Coff, whom he also knows. He advised that Harrison has come to the club several times within the past year, his first appearance being about a year ago, at which time he informed him that he himself operated a night club in Hammond or Calumet City, Indiana. Mr. Langer was unable to recall any other persons in Harrison's party on the last occasion mentioned, and when the photographs of the Barker Gang were exhibited to him he was unable to identify them as persons who were with Harrison or Coff at that time. Arrangements were made with Mr. Langer to notify the St. Louis Division Office should Harrison come back to the club at any time in the future. The telephone number of the St.

Louis Office and the residence and telephone numbers of Agent Shivers and the writer were left with Mr. Langer. He was assured that nothing would be done which would embarrass the club, and if notified of Harrison's presence there arrangements would be made to take him into custody as he was leaving the hotel. Mr. Langer promised his cooperation, and stated that he would, without fail, advise the St. Louis Office if Harrison again came to the club.

Donald and Elmer Harrison, brothers of Willie Harrison, are professional golfers, the former being the golf professional at the Algonquin Club and the latter the caddy master. These brothers are well known in golf circles here, as is also Willie Harrison. Efforts to locate Harrison through the professionals at other golf clubs here were unsuccessful; however, he is known in golf circles and to most of the golf professionals in St. Louis.

Mr. Gus Wamhoff, Manager of A. G. Spalding & Brothers Athletic Goods Company, St. Louis, was contacted in an effort to enlist his cooperation in locating Willie Harrison through his brothers, Donald and Elmer. Mr. Wamhoff stated that the latter gentlemen were among Spalding's best customers in St. Louis, and that he would hesitate to take any action which might reflect against the company. He advised he would make no personal inquiry through these brothers; however, that one of his salesmen is a very close friend of Donald and Elmer Harrison, and that he would endeavor to learn Willie Harrison's whereabouts through him. He later advised that he had contacted this employee, who stated that he knew Willie Harrison; that he is in Chicago at the present time and frequently contacts Johnnie Miller, Manager of the Golf Department of A. G. Spalding and Brothers in Chicago.

At the present time Special Agent W. L. Buchanan of the St. Louis Division Office is living at 4341 Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, which residence adjoins that of the Harrison family. He will remain there in an effort to ingratiate himself into the confidence of that family and for the purpose of being in a position to observe Willie Harrison's next appearance in St. Louis.

According to Clarence Coff, Willie Harrison informed him that he was going to leave St. Louis by airplane, but did not announce his destination. All the air line companies operating out of St. Louis were checked for the period from October 1st to date, but no record could be found of this individual's travel from St. Louis by plane under the name of William J. Harrison.

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[redacted] Clarence Goff, and arrangements are being made to check all long distance telephone calls made from the telephone at his home, and that at the home of Harrison's parents. Goff stated that while he and Harrison were good friends the latter never wrote him; that in fact Harrison did not correspond with anybody as he could hardly write.

Efforts are being continued to locate Harrison through contacts in this city.

This information is being submitted to you by letter for your use in the investigation being conducted in Chicago for the same purpose. It is suggested that Johnnie Miller, who is in charge of the Golf Department of A. G. Spalding Brothers should be contacted, as he may be in a position to furnish information as to Harrison's whereabouts.

You will be advised of further developments.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
cc St. Paul
cc Kansas City

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, November 19, 1934.

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

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 BREWER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 12, 1934, which indicates that there were two copies of same transmitted to the Butte Office, however, there was but the one copy received and this is to request, if available without having to transcribe same, it would be appreciated if the second copy of this would be forwarded to this Office.

Yours very truly,

D. M. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.C. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.C. #1216;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with alias, I.C. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.C. #1222;
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic request of Special Agent E. B. Brown of the Chicago Office of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson of the Detroit Office today the following information is being submitted:

It is noted on Page 53 of report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/25/34, that there was found in the apartment at 9000 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, which was occupied by Harry Campbell and Kyneme Burdette, an owner's service policy issued to H. J. Morley, 33½ Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, on August 3, 1934, for a Chevrolet automobile, serial 1-DA-0749267. It is further noted on Pages 26 and 27 of report of Special Agent E. B. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10/1/34, in the statement of Jimmy Wilson that Arthur R. Barker used the alias of H. Morley in Toledo, Ohio.

At the office of the County Clerk, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, it was ascertained that on August 4, 1934, a sworn bill of sale had been filed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., of Toledo, reflecting the sale on August 3, 1934, of a Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor 4543656, serial number 1-DA-0749267, to H. J. Morley, 33½ Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio. It was further ascertained at the office of the County Auditor that apparently on August 4, 1934, Ohio 1934 license plates K-74235 had been issued to H. J. Morley, 33½ Summit Street, Toledo, for the aforedescribed automobile. The bill of sale was signed for by the grantor, Willard D. Robison, and was witnessed by H. Berry and Irene Taylor, having been subscribed and sworn to before Evelyn McPartland, notary public. Both of the witnesses and the notary public are employed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc. To date no investigation has been conducted at the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., in view of the under cover investigation in progress by confidential informants at Toledo, Ohio.

It is further noted that in report of Special Agent B. M. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/25/34, on Page 37, there was recovered at 9009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, the premises which were occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, a 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor number 683-450. This car was taken in custody by Agents at that time. Investigation has reflected that this car was purchased from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. When the investigation was being conducted at the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales to determine title to the aforedescribed Ford Coupe, T. B. Reed, salesman who sold the car, advised that the sale of this car had been made to an individual introduced to him by Bert Angus, a brother of Ted Angus of the Casino Club of Toledo. This car was sold to a person who gave the name of George Winfield, which was an alias used by Harry Campbell. Mr. Reed was unable to identify the individual who purchased the car as Harry Campbell or any of the other subjects or persons connection with this investigation. Mr. Reed informed Agent Hall that on May 21, 1934, Bert Angus called him over the 'phone and asked him if he had a black Deluxe 4-door Sedan in stock. When advised that he had, Angus said he was bringing a man over to see it. A short time thereafter, on the same day, Bert Angus and a person whom he introduced as E. J. Powell appeared at the salesroom where Powell inspected the 4-door Sedan in stock, which was a 1934 model Deluxe Ford V-8 Sedan, motor number 899365, equipped with red wire wheels. The car apparently suited the individual introduced as Powell with the exception of the fact that he wanted black wire wheels. He insisted that black wire wheels be placed on the car which was done immediately. He paid $707.00 in cash for said car. Mr. Reed described the car as being a 4-door Sedan, black with red body stripe extending around the body and onto the hood, with black wire wheels. He stated that at the time the car was sold, Powell appeared to be in very much of a hurry and executed a sworn bill of sale before him, Reed being a notary public, and also executed blank application for 1934 Ohio license plates, leaving immediately in Bert Angus's car. Subsequently, Mr. Reed accompanied Bert Angus to the State Automobile License Issuance Agency at 726 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, where license plates were secured for this car. Bert Angus then left with the new car.

Inquiry at 726 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, resulted in it being ascertained that on May 21, 1934, Ohio State 1934 license plates C-55-952 were issued for the aforedescribed car, in the name of E. J. Powell, who gave his address as 1312½ Adams Street, Toledo.

Photographs of various Subjects involved in this case and persons connected therewith were exhibited to Mr. Reed and he immediately identified the photograph of Jimmy Wilson as being the person who purchased the aforedescribed Ford Sedan under the alias of E. J. Powell.

It is requested that the Chicago Office interview Jimmy Wilson concerning the Ford Sedan described in this letter and ascertain for whom said car was purchased.

It is requested that all offices communicate with State Automobile Registration Divisions of the various states covered by their territories in order to determine whether the aforedescribed Ford Sedan is registered in any of those states, in view of the fact that Jimmy Wilson at the time this car was purchased was closely associated with various Subjects in this case and they were at that time in Toledo, Ohio.

If the aforementioned Chevrolet Sedan has not been definitely located, the Chicago Office is requested to circularize all other field offices to determine whether same has been registered in any other State.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - All Field Offices

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

November 21, 1934.

Mr. Roger L. Mahin,
Dallas Park Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir: In 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 - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Acting on instructions of Inspector S. P. Cowley, who is now at Miami, Florida, the following photographs and handwriting specimens are enclosed herewith:

15 photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bolton
15 " " of William J. Harrison
15 " " of Mrs. Katherine Barker
7 photostatic copies of handwriting specimen of Byron Bolton
7 photostatic copies of handwriting specimen of Alvin Karpis
7 photostatic copies of handwriting specimen of William J. Harrison
7 photostatic copies of handwriting specimens of Mrs. Katherine Barker and Arthur R. Barker
2 photostatic copies of fingerprints of William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;
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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pete's Place, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, owned and operated by H. T. Pace, local bootlegger and of type who would harbor fugitives. Pace has many friends in Jacksonville Beach and Frank Osborne received mail in care of Pace for several months. Pace's establishment now inactive. Photographs of individuals wanted in this case could not be identified by Postmaster or assistant. Telephone number 5-4584-W, Jacksonville, Florida, unlisted, assigned to Ruby Platt, 1923 Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida, who left said address opening beach season 1933. Her present whereabouts unknown. Mrs. Tucker unknown 1923 Boulevard, Jacksonville. Post office officials have no forwarding address for either Mrs. Tucker or Ruby Platt. Ruby Platt at one time, under name Ruby Platt Phillips, employed by local Post Office; resigned November 26, 1923.

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DETAILS: REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, dated November 2, 1934, and letters from the Chicago Division office dated November 5 and 10, 1934.

DETAILS:

For the information of the office of origin, which office did not receive copies of the reference letters, it is stated that the letter of November 5, 1934, advised that on April 14, 19, 20, 21, 1933, long distance

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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telephone calls were made from the Willie Harrison residence in Hammond, Indiana, to Jacksonville, Florida, telephone number 5-4584-W, and also that on April 24, 1933, a telephone call was made by a Mrs. Tucker from Jacksonville, Florida, telephone 5-4584-W, to telephone number 1663, Hammond, Indiana, the latter telephone being listed in the name of Willie Harrison, Hammond, Indiana.

The letter of November 10, 1934, advised that Frank Ostrowski alias Frank Osborne, Chicago Police Department No. C-25203, was presently residing with his wife at 637 Ingram Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. Investigation at Calumet City, Illinois, resulted in developing that Osborne is a close acquaintance of Willie Harrison and a former partner of one Frank McIntyre. Further, that since April 1934 up until about two weeks prior to November 10, 1934, Osborne had been at Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and received mail in care of Pete's Place, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, under the name of Frank Osborne. Said letter also stated that Osborne had in his possession at the present time a Ford V-8 sedan bearing Georgia license 62-402 C.

Agent interviewed Mrs. S. E. Koehler, Postmaster, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, residing at 223 South 1st Street, Jacksonville Beach, who advised that Pete's Place, which is located on Railroad Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Jacksonville Beach, is owned and operated by one H. T. Pace alias Pete Pace, and that the establishment is conducted as a bootleg house where H. T. Pace offers for sale only bonded liquors. H. T. Pace is well known at Jacksonville Beach, having been there for the past several years, possessing a host of friends, and is well liked by all who know him. During the past several years and up until the 18th Amendment was repealed, H. T. Pace was known as a bootlegger who handled the best makes that could be purchased at the time. His establishment is alleged to be frequented by the higher class of those individuals seeking such entertainment.

Mrs. Koehler further advised that H. T. Pace recently purchased a new Dodge coupe, the license number of which is not at this time known. H. T. Pace is not at this time married; however, he has been married and divorced. He is alleged to be living with or intimate with one Mary Crane, who operates an establishment next door to Pete's establishment known as the Honeymoon Cottage. At the present time Mary Crane is in Eustis, Florida. However, Pace is still in Jacksonville Beach.

Postmaster Koehler further advised that in the past H. T. Pace has been a very close associate of Jack Adams, an extra police officer at Jacksonville Beach, who resides next door to Mrs. Koehler, and for the past several days Pace has been residing at the home of Adams, through which source it is believed that he receives ample protection in his various activities.

I. R. Lane, clerk in the local post office at Jacksonville Beach, is a very close friend of E. W. McCormick, who is night captain of the local police force, and who is alleged to be a close friend of H. T. Pace, in fact, so close that any information received concerning enforcement of laws reaches Pace through McCormick.

Mrs. S. E. Koehler advised that at the present time Pace's establishment is not frequented by many persons, particularly because it is not the season for tourists and is not active at this time. Mrs. Koehler then stated that any inquiry made of the local police or merchants would be merely electing an intermediary to transmit such information as was divulged to H. T. Pace, noting that in the event it was desired that the location of any of his friends was sought they would be immediately notified, and, in this connection, Mrs. Koehler stated that H. T. Pace is about the only individual in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, who would harbor badly wanted fugitives, that is, if there were sufficient remuneration therein. In the past, H. T. Pace's establishment has been a meeting place for numerous out-of-town guests, whose appearances would indicate they were underworld characters.

Mrs. Koehler was shown the photographs and supplied with the names and aliases of various fugitives in this case. However, she was unable to identify any of them as having spent any time in Jacksonville Beach or called at the local post office for mail or to purchase stamps, etc.

Upon inquiry of Mrs. Koehler, who has been a resident of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, for many years, concerning whether she knew one Frank Osborne, she immediately replied in the affirmative, adding that for several months up until some two or three weeks ago he had resided with H. T. Pace and received his mail in care of H. T. Pace, Post Office Box 212, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. On many occasions Frank Osborne would call at the post office for all mail addressed in care of H. T. Pace or to himself and on other occasions Pace would call for the mail, and on still other occasions Mary Crane would call for the mail. Mrs. Koehler stated that the purchase of air mail stamps by Frank Osborne was very noticeable, inasmuch as he would purchase as many as six air mail stamps at one time. However, Mrs. Koehler was unable to advise where any of the letters mailed by Osborne were sent. She further related that Osborne received considerable mail. However, she made no record of the individuals with whom he had been corresponding except those in the special delivery record, which record is maintained by all post offices. In this connection, Agent examined the special delivery records from the month of March 1934 until the present time, from which it was developed that on July 5, 1934, Mrs. Frank Osborne, who was not observed by Mrs. Koehler, received a special delivery letter from Chicago, Illinois. Further, on July 1, 1934, Frank Osborne received a special delivery letter from Calumet City, Illinois. No further in-

formation was available from the special delivery records at the post office in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Koehler also advised that she could state with some definiteness that probably Frank Osborne had received mail in care of H. T. Pace under other names, inasmuch as the mail of Pace was somewhat greater than that received by the average tourist or resident of Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Koehler also recalled the fact that Osborne owned a new Ford automobile which carried Georgia license plates and she is also familiar with the fact that Osborne made on an average of three trips each week to New Orleans, Louisiana, and back to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, supposedly for the purpose of transporting bonded liquors, probably for H. T. Pace.

Upon questioning Mrs. Koehler concerning individuals who might be found to be reliable and who would supply information concerning individuals who frequented the establishment of H. T. Pace, she stated that she was doubtful that any such individuals could be located in the vicinity. However, it was possible that one Walter Fenn, 1427 Laura Street, Jacksonville, Florida, an automobile salesman, who frequents Pace's establishment, might, when under the influence of alcohol, divulge valuable information. She further related that Jack Adams would no doubt, for proper consideration, supply any and all information available.

The various photographs of the individuals wanted in connection with this case were displayed to I. R. Lane, who spends most of his time at the post office window delivering mail to those who call for same, and he verified, but not in detail, the information supplied by Mrs. Koehler. It was also the opinion of Lane that Pace is the type of individual who would harbor and aid any fugitive from justice.

H. T. Pace was described as follows by I. R. Lane and Mrs. Koehler:

Age: 35 years
Height: 5 feet, 7 inches
Weight: 135 pounds
Build: small
Hair: black
Eyes: brown - no glasses
Complexion: dark - smooth shaven - heavy black beard
Residence: Railroad Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets, Jacksonville Beach, Florida
Occupation: bootlegger and liquor dealer
Marital status: married - divorced
Scars or peculiarities: none known
Race: White
Nationality: American

Army service: is a veteran of the World War; however service in which he enlisted is unknown, but he did receive a pension for a short time.

Further description not available at this time.

Mrs. Koehler then advised that in the event it was desired that the incoming and outgoing mail of H. T. Pace be covered, she would [illegible] upon proper request, and, further, that if a set of the photographs of those wanted were supplied to her she would immediately communicate with the Jacksonville office in event they called at the post office or in event she received any information concerning them.

It is doubtful that a contact with other individuals in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, would be wise at this time or would develop any information of value.

Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt ascertained from Mr. Harry B. Roulstone of the Jacksonville, Florida, telephone company that telephone number 5-4584 W was an unlisted telephone. However, prior to ascertaining that it was an unlisted telephone Mr. Roulstone divulged that said telephone was assigned to Miss Ruby Platt, 1923 Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida, and discontinued on June 8, 1933, at which time several unpaid bills were outstanding. The telephone company considered Miss Ruby Platt as a bad credit risk, noting that she travelled with a "fast crowd". At this point Mr. Roulstone discovered that the telephone number was an unlisted one and advised Special Agent in Charge Alt that further information could not be given unless the necessary court order were obtained therefor.

Investigation at 1923 Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida, developed that this address is an apartment house, owned and operated by Mrs. P. D. Lampru since 1921. Mrs. Lampru occupies apartment 5 and her telephone number is 5-7263 W. When questioned concerning Miss Ruby Platt, Mrs. Lampru stated that she recalled Miss Platt as occupying apartment 8 for several months during the year 1933. However, she has no records from which she would be able to supply the exact dates when Miss Platt had said apartment. According to Mrs. Lampru, Ruby Platt left the apartment when the beach season opened in 1933, at which time she proceeded to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and then to an unknown beach somewhere on the western coast of Florida, probably at St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Sarasota, or some other such point. Mrs. Lampru was not intimate with Ruby Platt. However, she does recall that Ruby Platt stated that her father supported her, that he was a man of approximately seventy years of age, retired, and residing at some resort south of Jacksonville, Florida, in the State of Florida, the name of which is unknown to Mrs. Lampru.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn. FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ed Burton, Middletown, Ohio, to whom 1934 Ohio license B 10-810 was issued, was deported 4-8-34 and had no previous fingerprint record. G. S. Frambes, Sr., met Bronson and others at Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio; has no information as to their whereabouts or identities. Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, to notify Division if further orders received from Bronson or other parties.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 10-30-34.

DETAILS: AT MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

Agent endeavored to locate Ed Burton, 506 Young St., to whom 1934 Ohio license B 10-810 was issued, to ascertain the reason for the abandonment of these license plates at Niagara Falls, New York.

DETAILS: At the Union Gas and Electric Co., it was ascertained that the property at 506 Young St., belongs to Mrs. Alice Johnson, 1332 Fairmount Ave., Middletown.

Agent viewed the premises at 506 Young St., which address Ed Burton gave when license plates B 10-810 were issued to him, and found this place to be a small frame bungalow in somewhat of a run-down condition.

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1332 Fairmount Ave., the address of Mrs. Alice Johnson, owner of the premises at 506 Young St., is located on the corner next door to 506 Young St. An attempt was made to contact Mrs. Johnson for information concerning Ed Burton, and the lady who lives upstairs in her house, who would not give her name, stated Mrs. Johnson was out of the city and would not return for approximately a week. She was unable to give Mrs. Johnson's address. This lady was informed that Agent was attempting to locate Ed Burton, who formerly lived at 506 Young St., and she stated that Ed Burton had lived there about a year ago; that she had never seen him but heard that he got in trouble with the Immigration authorities and was deported for being an alien. She was unable to furnish any further information.

At the Bureau of Immigration and Customs, U. S. Custom House and Post Office Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, it was ascertained that Ed Burton's true name is James Edward Sharp alias Edward H. Burton alias Edward Burton Sharp; that he was arrested by the Middletown, Ohio, Police Department on 3-3-34 under #1870 and that he was deported to Canada by the Immigration authorities on 4-8-34 for bigamy. The criminal record as reflected by the Division file, #765452, shows the above arrest and deportation as the only record on this man.

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher conducted the following investigation:

Agent interviewed G. S. Frambes, Sr., 240 North High St., Columbus, who advised that Bronson and the other parties to whom he sold an order of shirts were unknown to him. He said he met these parties at the Harvard Club in Cleveland and knew them only as gamblers. He is not positive as to the party who introduced him to these parties but said he met them as he has met numerous other persons at the Harvard Club. Frambes stated he has visited the Harvard Club for a number of years, and has sold shirts to patrons of the Club and that one customer will tell the other about his shirts and in this way he does quite a business at the Club among the gamblers. He said the Harvard Club is considered one of the largest gambling resorts in Cleveland and it is generally understood that this Club is protected by the Sheriff's Office.

The address and telephone number of the Cincinnati Office were left with G. S. Frambes, Jr., and G. S. Frambes, Sr., and they were requested to notify the Cincinnati Division Office if they should at any time receive information relative to the parties to whom the shirts were sold, especially if a further order for shirts should be received.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With respect to the developments in the Bremer kidnaping case, please be advised that during the past week Volney Davis called upon informant [redacted] who notified the Chicago Office, but because of the distance from the Chicago Office to her apartment and the crowded streets, Special Agents did not arrive at the designated point in time to take Davis into custody. It was at first believed that subject Davis had observed Agents arriving at the apartment of [redacted], but since then she has received a letter from Davis indicating that he will again contact her. Arrangements have been made whereby Agents are now residing within three blocks of the apartment occupied by [redacted]

One of the cars registered by the Barker-Karpis gang in Ohio has been re-registered in Florida and Inspector Cowley, together with a squad of Agents is now in Miami, Florida conducting appropriate investigation with respect to this car.

During the week Russell Gibson arranged to have his furniture moved from 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, to a storage company at 1332 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago and investigation at this place resulted in obtaining information concerning valuable contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang. It appears that Gibson and others are well known to the owner of the storage company who is now cooperating with the Division with a view to effecting the apprehension of Gibson and others. It appears that members of the Barker-Karpis crowd have frequented the Algiers Club, 100 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois which is operated by Frankie Levin. In this connection it is to be recalled that John J. "Boss" McLaughlin stated that he met Slim and Izzy through one Frankie Wright and it now appears that Frankie Wright is identical with Frankie Levin.

Special Agents of the Chicago Office have also interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Ed Konvalinka of Long Beach, Indiana who admit knowing Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, having rented a house to them during the summer of 1933. The Konvalinkas also identified Mrs. Kate Barker as a woman introduced to them by Willie Harrison.

Another interview of importance was conducted by the St. Louis Office when Dr. Boyd Rembe of Lincoln, Illinois furnished information respecting his acquaintance with George Zeigler and Monte Carter. Rembe

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corroborated the statement furnished by Irene Zeigler to the effect that she called upon him the morning following Zeigler's death and requested that he accompany her to an apartment on South Shore Drive where he was asked to alleviate the pains being suffered by an individual whom he identifies as Fred Barker, the pains being caused by operations recently performed on the fingers of Barker for the purpose of obliterating fingerprint ridges. Rembe denies having rendered any services inasmuch as Barker had already taken medicine which practically made him unconscious. Rembe claims not to have seen any members of the gang since that time and went into retirement, spending most of his time at the home of his father in Lincoln, Illinois.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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November 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated November 17, 1934, you are authorized to pay confidential informant [redacted] the sum of $10.00 per week for a period not to exceed eight weeks.

If at the expiration of this period you are of the opinion that additional payments should be made, you should direct a further request to the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

Personal and Confidential

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.

During the night of November 13th I received a long distance telephone call from confidential informant [redacted]. He stated that he had matters of interest to report and suggested that I meet him November 14th, which I promised to do at Guthrie, Oklahoma at 1:30 P.M., and which I did.

[redacted] stated that he had finally succeeded in contacting the person by the name of Duffy of Perry, Oklahoma and that he experienced great difficulty in doing so. Duffy is the person allegedly visited by "Doc" Barker some weeks ago who is supposed to arrange for the handling of the Bremer kidnap money for the Barker mob. [redacted] was asked why Duffy would want to do this and how he happened to get connected with members of the gang. He stated that from all he has been able to learn Duffy's right name is Dufek, either Charles or George, and that he has served time in Leavenworth Penitentiary and Joilet. He is of the impression that Dufek served a term in Leavenworth Penitentiary for bootlegging and in Joliet Prison, Illinois for receiving stolen property. He does not know exactly how long he has been in Oklahoma but says he is prosperous and owns a couple of nice farms and a residence in Perry. He is presently engaged in trading horses, cattle and buying and selling produce. The informant believes that Dufek met a brother of the Barkers in Leavenworth Penitentiary and that this is the connection.

The penitentiaries at Leavenworth and at Joliet should be checked by the Kansas City and Chicago offices to ascertain if such a person as Dufek served terms in said prisons.

The informant stated that he believes he has convinced Duffy or

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Dufek that he is a friend of the Barkers and that he can contact him any time he desires. He said that he talked to Dufek about handling some of the money and that Dufek told him, not mentioning any names or towns or cities, that he would have to do about a day's driving to contact the person who is holding the money and that if it were decided that [redacted] is to change some of the money, this person will later contact [redacted] in Perry. He stated that probably Dufek will make the trip to see this person in the not distant future but that he will not take [redacted] along. He stated that Dufek informed him that "Doc" Barker was in Perry some forty-five or sixty days ago and there were three other men with him but Dufek either does not know who they were or is unwilling to tell it. Asked who these men might have been, [redacted] said possibly Volney Davis and Fred Barker and the third he would not know. He was asked why he thought Volney Davis would be along and his only answer was that he knows "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis to be close friends.

[redacted] was asked whether he had heard Dufek make any remarks of any kind from which an inference could be gained as to the whereabouts of any of this mob and he replied that Dufek stated that some of them, not naming any particular members, are in Omaha but that they can not handle the money there for the reason that Omaha is too "hot" for this currency.

[redacted] wanted money, a small supply of which was furnished him. He also has been furnished with an old car for his use. The Division's name, however, does not appear in any manner in connection with this car should any inquiries be made concerning it. It will be observed that [redacted] had no information that could be considered of value and it is the belief of the writer at this particular time that the only purpose of the meeting was to obtain more money. [redacted] was so informed and was told that results are what we desire and what we expect and that if it becomes apparent that he can not obtain any information, that it would be to the interest of all concerned for him to make a frank expression of opinion with respect thereto.

Concerning the alleged presence in Omaha, Nebraska of some of the members of the Barker mob, the writer recalls observing recently a press report to the effect that a bank was robbed in Norfolk, Nebraska. It is entirely possible that the Omaha office and the peace officers in that community already know the identity of the persons who robbed this bank but should this not be the case, it is believed that members of this gang could be considered as suspects in said robbery.

[redacted] has informed that recently when he passed through Oklahoma City he talked to Art Neff, who is an ex-convict and served time with him in the penitentiary. He said that Neff told him that "Blackie" Thompson, an escape from the Texas Penitentiary and formerly incarcerated in the

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Oklahoma Penitentiary, came by his, Neff's, house in Oklahoma City on or about the night of November 1st and that Thompson is supposed to have expressed the desire to Neff that he wished to get in touch with Dewey Shipley. Shipley and Thompson are supposed to be friends.

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The informant also said that he was in Ponca City, Oklahoma on Friday, November 2nd, and there talked to a man by the name of Weetump who lives on the outskirts of that town and who is quite friendly with Shipley and Thompson [redacted] has known Weetump for many years. He said that Weetump informed him that "Blackie" Thompson had been by there and was driving a new Chevrolet automobile and was accompanied by his wife. The informant was instructed to obtain all the information he could concerning "Blackie" Thompson during his travels and to furnish this office any information obtained relative to him, which he promised he would do.

The Oklahoma City office will maintain a contact with this informant and any developments will be promptly furnished the Division and offices interested.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FROM: UNIT [redacted] & UNIT #3

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Any record of Dufek Charles or George, mentioned herein?

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

November 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith twelve copies of abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of one George Dufek, #2789, Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, who is possibly identical with the subject of Mr. Newby's inquiry.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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November 21, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one George Dufek, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as George Dufek, #2789, arrested Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, December 5, 1930, charge violation of Probation Act.

The following is the description of this individual appearing on the above print:

Color, white; sex, male; residence, Perry, Oklahoma; place of birth, Billings, Oklahoma; nationality, American; age, 35 years; height, 5 feet, 9½ inches; weight, 220 pounds; build, heavy set; complexion, ruddy; eyes, blue; hair, light brown.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report #2317 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping, there are being transmitted herewith the following which were submitted to the Division Laboratory:

Photostatic copy of Membership Card for Oakdale Riding Club.

Postal Telegraph - Cable Company identification card bearing the signature "J. George Zeigler", #87872.

Photostatic copies of the above specimens have been made for the Laboratory File.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Director,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For the Division's information, please be advised that Special Agent R. L. Main, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, informed me that Special Agents Hurt and Campbell are now residing at the La Salle Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, working under cover.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

Mr. Cowley telephoned and advised that Duke Randell, who is registered at the El Commodore Hotel is not Karpis; that the car, however, which has Florida license plates 202978, is undoubtedly the car which Karpis had with him in Cleveland; that they checked the hospitals yesterday to find out if Dolores, Karpis' girl friend was at any of them; that it had been ascertained that she was pregnant; that they had found one hospital where Dolores Delrose has made reservations for January; that so far they have been unable to find out whether Dolores Delrose is the woman they are interested in, but are checking further on this today. Mr. Cowley advised that they trailed the automobile to a house last night; that it was a very fine house and did not look at all like the kind of a house they would be in; that the house was all open, a number of people being in it, and that the blinds were up and all the lights on.

Mr. Cowley stated that although Randell is not Karpis, he undoubtedly is affiliated with the Barker-Karpis outfit; that they have seen Randell's companion, Trotsky, but they have been unable to establish the identity of either of these persons. Mr. further advised that they have two men in the El Commodore Hotel working on the case; also that the negro bellhop informant is aiding in every way he can; that they located several roadhouses frequented by these persons, and were checking on this angle; that if they fail to find out anything about the Randell, the only thing left to do is to pick him up and ask him what his connections are.

Mr. Cowley advised that he is staying at the Alcarzar Hotel, and that it is all right to call him there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I. O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of November 13, 1934, directed to the Chicago Office, a copy of which was transmitted to St. Louis with photographic copies of the fingerprints of Frank Diaz, #27128, arrested St. Louis, Missouri, August 8, 1927, charged with suspicion-robbery.

You are advised that this individual is identical with the Frankie Diaz mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, rendered at St. Louis, Missouri on November 13, 1934, who is the same person referred to in the communication sent to the St. Louis Office October 31, 1934 by Inspector S. P. Cowley.

For the information of the Division, it is stated that Frank Diaz was released from custody August 9, 1927, without being prosecuted on former charges placed against him.

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Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
November 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.B.#1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.B.#1213;
DR.JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Division letter, dated November 20, 1934 to the Chicago Office concerning Virginia Francis Sieminski, whose description was furnished with the information she was last arrested at St. Louis, Missouri, July 10, 1934.

This woman was first called to the attention of the St. Louis Police Department, April 26, 1934 by reference from the Chief of Police, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who furnished the St. Louis authorities with a photograph of one Mary Dale, #26101, who was arrested in Milwaukee, April 30, 1934, on charges of vagrancy and feigning amnesia. There was no record of this woman at the St. Louis Police Department at that time. On April 11, 1934, the Chief of Police at Milwaukee again advised the police authorities in St. Louis that this woman, as Miss "I don't know", #0-36347, was arrested by the Police Department, Toledo, Ohio December 13, 1933 and was committed to the Toledo State Hospital for the insane. It was stated in this communication that this woman's real name was Virginia Francis Sieminski of Polish descent, whose mother, Mrs. William Kozlowski, resided at 1819 Lincoln Street, Chicago, Illinois and that she had a sister, Mrs. Joseph Trappa, living at 4101 Potomac Avenue, Chicago. At 1:45 A. M., July 11, 1934, a woman was found asleep in the Hollywood Theatre in St.Louis, who on being taken into custody by the police, proved to be Virginia Francis Sieminski. At that time, she was suffering from acute alcoholism and gave the name of Jacqueline Vogelson. When questioned on July 14, 1934, she stated that her name was Virginia Sieminski and that she resided at 1819 Lincoln Street, Chicago, Illinois with her father, William Kozlowski.

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She claimed to have been travelling around the country with two men and a woman, whose names she would not divulge. The Chief of Police, Milwaukee, Wisconsin was advised that she in custody in St. Louis and he informed the St. Louis Police that he had subsequently learned that this woman was at one time an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Illinois.

Virginia Francis Sieminski was released July 18, 1934 to the Federal Transient Bureau for Women, 1808 Washington Avenue, for return to Chicago. She disappeared from the Transient Bureau on the same date and has not been heard from since.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
November 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: re: ALVIN KAMPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the communication directed to the St. Louis Office November 16, 1934 by Inspector S. P. Cowley, with which was transmitted a blank form - "Weekly Report of Activities", which is put out by the Department of Conservation of the State of Illinois and used by the various investigators and district inspectors of the Department of Conservation to record their activities in their respective districts.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the letter just referred to, Special Agent R. H. Simons contacted Mr. Charles H. Thompson, Director of Conservation, State House, Springfield, Illinois and was permitted to examine the reports of all game wardens in the State of Illinois submitted during the period Edward George Bremer was held captive. Mr. Thompson informed Special Agent Simons that in making their rounds, some of the wardens may have interrogated people in whom we are interested, without reporting the incident. There are 121 game wardens and 21 game districts in the State of Illinois. The records show that the streams and lakes in the Southern part of the state were open and free from ice during the period in question, which it seems would almost necessarily confine the locality to the Northern part of the state. It was found that most of the reports merely state "worked", "patrolled" or "covered" and give no specific information of their activities other than to show the localities covered by the individual wardens. In the examination of these reports, nothing was found that would in any way reflect the alleged interview with Fred Coetz by the game wardens, as related by Irene Dorsey.

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Mr. Thompson suggested that the best means of checking this incident was to interview the inspectors in each district of the Northern part of the state and to have them discuss the matter with their men and he furnished Agent Simons a list, which contains the names of all investigators and inspectors in the state. This list is being transmitted herewith, so that you may have these men contacted if it is considered advisable.

A Mrs. Robison, who is attached to the Conservation office and who had been contacted earlier in the year by former Special Agent George Gross in this regard informed Special Agent Simons that she had later heard Guy G. Deery, Inspector in Charge at Peoria, Illinois, whose address is 809 Gilbert Avenue, mention that he had a case in mind which would have been the right one, except for one detail, which, apparently, Mr. Deery did not explain to Mrs. Robison. At this writing, the file has not been reviewed to ascertain if Mr. Guy G. Deery has ever been contacted in this matter and regardless of that fact, he will be contacted immediately for full information relative to the incident he has in mind.

Very truly yours,

R. R. VETTELI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California
November 24, 1934

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. #1218; ET AL
Edward George Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING
L. A. File 7-42

Reference is made to your wire of yesterday, requesting that investigation requested in letter from Inspector Cowley of Chicago, dated November 14, 1934, be expedited, and that the photographs of Carter be furnished to the Division, Chicago, Denver, Jacksonville and St. Paul offices.

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, dated 11-13-34, and to the report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, Los Angeles, dated 11-22-34, which cover most of the investigation requested in letter of Inspector Cowley referred to. The remaining portion of the investigation is now being conducted.

Agent Endres again contacted Mrs. McCann at Phoenix yesterday, and succeeded in obtaining snapshots of Mrs. Carter, but Mrs. McCann could not find any pictures of Monte Carter. The photographs obtained of Mrs. Carter were forwarded airmail, special delivery, to the Chicago office directly from Phoenix last night, and the Chicago office was requested to supply an appropriate number of copies to the Division, Denver, Jacksonville, St. Paul and Los Angeles offices.

This office will keep in contact with Mrs. McCann to secure photographs of Carter, if she locates any.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. P. Dunn

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

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November 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion made by Mr. E. A. Tamm while I was in Washington, D.C. I am submitting the names of the Agents assigned to the Bremer kidnaping case and the Lester Gillis case, and their present assignments:

Special Agent R.D.Brown is supervising the Bremer kidnaping case and also does some outside work contacting informants.

Special Agents C.O.Hurt and C.G.Campbell are at the present time conducting investigation at Miami,Florida.

Special Agents R. L. Jones and R. C. Suran are located in an apartment at [redacted] Street, which is close to the residence of informant [redacted] where they can be contacted immediately by this informant in the event she receives any information to the effect that Volney Davis is in the neighborhood.

Special Agents W. C. Ryan and T. M. McDade are maintaining a telephone tap on the telephone of Mr. and Mrs. George Guyman, address 596 Hawthorne Place,Chicago,Illinois, Mrs.Guyman being a sister of the wife of Russell Gibson alias Slim Gray.

Special Agent F. G. Tillman is keeping under surveillance the residence of Eddie McFadden and his paramour Rose Curran, 249 N. California Avenue,Chicago,Illinois, whose place Doctor Joseph P.Moran is reported to be visiting.

Special Agent John L. Madala is engaged in developing leads in Chicago and vicinity in connection with this case.

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Special Agent K. R. McIntire is engaged in searching for the hideout by accompanying water meter readers in McHenry County, Illinois.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan is working in Chicago and vicinity in connection with leads looking towards the location of Willie Harrison, a known associate of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Special Agent V.W.Peterson is supervising the Lester Gillis case, and also contacts a number of informants in this case.

Special Agents M.Chaffetz and R.G.Gillespie are at the present time located at the residence of ANNA PATZKE, 1127 South Harvey St.Chicago,Illinois, for the purpose of overhearing any conversations had between her and defendant Louis P.Piquett, who has attempted to influence her testimony in the case pending against him.

Special Agent H.E.Hollis is working in Chicago and Crown Point,Indiana, in connection with the escape of John Dillinger on March 3, 1934, from the Crown Point County jail.

Special Agent C. R. LaFrance is assigned to develop leads looking toward the location of John Hamilton.

Special Agents S. K. McKee, A.A.Muzzey and C. T. Woltz are at the present time stationed in Muncie,Indiana, in connection with a report that Lester Gillis has recently been and may return to Hartford City,Indiana. They are not living at Hartford City for the reason that it is a small town and their presence there would very likely become known. They are however, keeping in close touch with the informants at Hartford City,Indiana.

Special Agents J. T. McLaughlin and C.R.Criss are working on leads in Reno,Nevada, and vicinity, Special Agent McLaughlin being assigned to the Chicago office.

Special Agents J.J.Metcalfe, C.B.Winstead and C.E.McRae are at the present time stationed at the residence of Hobart Hermanson,

at Lake Como, Wisconsin, Hermanson's place having been visited on or about September 1, 1934, by Lester Gillis, at which time Gillis asked if he might return there after the season closed, which was about November 1, 1934. Mr. Hermanson invited Gillis to return, and is at the present time cooperating with the Division.

Special Agent L. D. Nichols, assigned to the Chicago office, is now developing leads in Stockton, California, where Mr. Guinane advised this morning an identification of Gillis had recently been made.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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November 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 16, 1934, transmitting the fingerprints of Lieutenant K. B. Gloeckner and Captain Frank W. Story of the Cleveland Police Department, together with a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Frank J. Noonan, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The fingerprints of Lieutenant Gloeckner, Captain Story and Special Agent Peters have been compared with the latent prints previously developed on the get-away chart found at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as a result of which two of the five remaining unidentified latent impressions have been eliminated as those of Gloeckner.

A search of the main fingerprint files of the Identification Unit reveals no prior criminal record for Frank J. Noonan.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Date 11-21-34

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,
D.M.Ladd, esc
Special Agent in Charge,
(Official Title)

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.C. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.C. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.C. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.C. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE I.C. 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 6/20/34, particularly to page 30 of that report.

On May 2, 1934, the effects of Dr. Joseph P. Moran located in his office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard were examined by Agents of this office and a letter was located on his desk, which letter, as stated in report of reference, was postmarked Akron, Ohio, December 28, 1933. This letter was written in pencil, addressed to Dr. Moran, and signed John "Schnozz" Hauser. In this letter, advised Moran he was arrested upon arrival in Akron and was photographed and fingerprinted; that he was then released and advised "got a kite off for Murph, T. H. and F. K." He further stated in this letter "if there is anything I can do for you in any way regardless, just let me know. I didn't know what to have Murph or them do, but told them to just stand by and wait for word. By the way, burn all this stuff up and tell Mickey not to perspire too much--I will wait for word in some form or other so as to let them know what to do at the end."

It is requested that investigation be conducted at Akron, Ohio, to determine, if possible, the identity of this person, if his fingerprints and photograph are located at Akron, it is suggested that same be forwarded to this office. From the tenor of the letter, it appears that Hauser was intimately associated with Dr. Moran.

Very truly yours,

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S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN. FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Denver, Colo.	11-22-34	11/8-16/34	A. R. GERE

TITLE: 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. 1206
JESSIE CRAIN--Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, Colo. State Penitentiary #5715, states that Photograph of Henry Beckman, Miami, Fla., PD #5098, is not a likeness of "Big" Homer and that the photograph of a local citizen of Holland, Michigan, is not identical with "Big" Homer but closely resembles him.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Division to the Chicago office, dated 7-28-34.
Letter from the Division to the Los Angeles office, dated 9-5-34.

DETAILS:

AT CANON CITY, COLO.

Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, Colorado State Penitentiary No. 5715, was shown the photograph of a local citizen of Holland, Michigan, forwarded with letter of reference, dated July 26, 1934, and he stated that the same is not a likeness of "Big" Homer but that the same resembles him very much and that "Big" Homer looks much like the man indicated in the photograph.

DETAILS:

A photograph of Henry Beckman, Miami Police Department No. 5098, was also exhibited to Arthur Johnson, and he stated that the same is not a likeness of "Big" Homer and that it does not represent any one ever seen by him.

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Agent received a communication from Mrs. Anna Caskey, 426 West 11th

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Jay E. Spenner, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Street, Pueblo, dated November 1, 1934 transmitting another kodak photograph of Monty Carter and the same is being forwarded with a copy of this report to the Chicago Office. Mrs. Caskey stated that when interviewed she forgot to mention that Monty Carter is an inveterate cigar smoker but does not smoke cigarettes at all, and is very rarely seen without a cigar in his mouth.