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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois
December 28, 1934

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

Dear Sirs:-

Reference is made to your letter of December 24,
1934, relative to the assignment of Special Agent
in Charge E. J. Connelley to supervise all invest-
igation in the Chicago area, of the DILLINGER,
BREMER, KANSAS CITY MASSACRE, and STOLL KIDNAPING
cases.

It is believed that the instructions contained in
your letter of December 24, 1934 are fully under-
stood by the Chicago Division Office, and this
office will continue as it has in the past, in
furnishing all necessary assistance to Mr. Connelley
in connection with the investigation of these cases.

Very truly yours,

E. J. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Louis FILE NO. 4105

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/18, 27/34	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH
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: Sam R. Wright, Rural Route #7, Decatur, Ill. is father of Lee Wright, Tulsa, Okla., resides with his wife and daughter at home of one Albert Klam, near Decatur, Ill. The only person with whom the mail carriers are at all acquainted, who has appeared at home of Sam R. Wright is one William McCullough, who is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated 12/17/34.			
DETAILS: At Decatur, Illinois. It was ascertained through Mr. E. J. Dillehunt, and Mail Carrier Edward F. Quintenz, that Sam R. Wright, who is approximately 35 years of age, and who formerly lived at 1140 E. Cleveland Street for a period of approximately five years, moved to Rural Route #7, Decatur, Illinois into a small house, located approximately five miles from Decatur, four months ago, and is presently residing with his brother-in-law, one Albert Klam, in the house on Rural Route #7. Quintenz, who has known Sam R. Wright for five years, said that while the latter resided at 1140 E. Cleveland Street, Decatur, Illinois, no one lived with him other than his wife and a son, Ira Wright, who is presently in the U. S. Army, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He said that Lee Wright, mentioned in the letter of reference, is Sam R. Wright's son and has resided in Tulsa, Oklahoma for a number of years; that Sam R. Wright was formerly a salesman for the McNeess and Watkins Medicine Company, but, to his knowledge, who has since worked for several years.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. E. Bush</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3691	RECORDED AND INDEXED JAN 4 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Oklahoma City 2 E. J. Connelley, P. O. Box 829, Chicago, Ill.		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 4 1935 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: JAN 7-1935 JACKETED:
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Rural Mail Carrier Lon Tolley, 944 N. Water Street, who delivers mail to the Elams and Wrights on Rural Route #7, was interviewed and stated that the only persons who resided with Elam are Thelma Wright, approximately 24 years of age and who is Sam R. Wright's daughter, and Sam R. Wright and his wife, however, that during the past two or three weeks, he had seen an old roadster, bearing foreign license plates parked in front of Elam's house and thought that this automobile probably belonged to Lee Wright of Tulsa, Okla. He said that the only other automobile that he had seen parked in Elam's yard, were 2 Chevrolets, one of which Elam owned and that the other one belonged to Sam R. Wright or his daughter. Tolley further stated that he had seen a "palefaced" man, approximately 25 years of age in the aforementioned roadster on several occasions, but did not know whether this individual was Lee Wright.

Agent exhibited photograph of Alvin Karpis to Tolley, whereupon, he said that this photograph bore a slight resemblance to a person he had seen in the roadster, however, that he had paid very little attention to this individual's face and had not observed him enough to furnish agent a physical description.

Thereafter, agent, accompanied by Mr. Emory Thornell, Sheriff at Danville, Illinois and 2 deputies, proceeded to the Elam home on Rural Route #7 to conduct a discreet investigation, under the pretext that an investigation was being made of all automobiles, bearing foreign license plates. Upon arriving at the Elam home, it was ascertained that Sam R. Wright and his wife were the only persons on the premises and upon being interrogated regarding the roadster parked in front of the house, Wright stated that this roadster was the property of one "Willie" McCullough of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, who he said had recently visited him with his son, Ira Wright of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and that when McCullough and Ira Wright returned to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri a few days prior to agent's arrival in Decatur, they left McCullough's roadster at the Elam home and returned to Jefferson Barracks in Ira Wright's automobile, however, that they would return at a later date and drive McCullough's car back to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Agent examined the roadster in question and ascertained that it is a Peerless Roadster, motor #11E9479 and that it bore 1934 Missouri license plates #26-988. Upon returning to St. Louis, Missouri, it was ascertained that 1934 Missouri license plates 26-988 were issued to A. Seigel, Company F, 6th Infantry, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri for a Ford, motor #4,712,590. In view of the fact that McCullough's roadster bore one license plate only, it is believed that he borrowed this license plate from Seigel, in order that Ira Wright might drive the Peerless Roadster to Decatur, Illinois.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

January 3, 1935

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.

Reference is made to Division letter dated December 5, 1934, and the Division is requested to furnish the Charlotte Office with fifteen photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge

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January 8, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1218;
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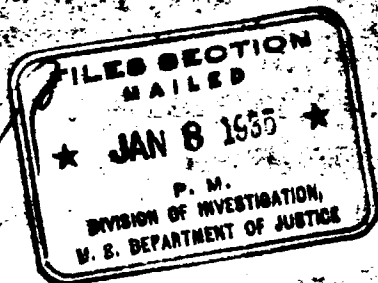
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated January 5, 1935, there are transmitted herewith fifteen (15) photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 803884.



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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Laughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

DIRECTOR

BREKID AUTHORITY REQUESTED PAY FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS
ONW MONTH RENT APARTMENT 307 SURF LANE APARTMENTS TO COVER
MILDRED KUHLMAN APARTMENT G ONE SURF LANE WHERE SHE AND EVIDENTLY
ARTHUR H BARKER LIVING AS A. R. ESSER AND WIFE. BARKER APPARENTLY NOW
OUT OF CITY. ACTIVITIES MILDRED BEING FOLLOWED FOR RETURN BARKER ET
ALSO AUTHORITY EXPENSE INSTALL TELEPHONE ABOVE APARTMENT.

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DECEMBER 31 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

***** MR. CONNELLEY - CHICAGO OFFICE

AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS FOR ONE MONTHS RENT
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 3, 1935.

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 teletype from the Division dated 12/29/34, requesting that this office obtain from the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, a photograph of Edna Murray, which was taken at the time of her arrest as Doris Farrell, on 9/4/31, on a charge of general principles.

There is attached hereto the photograph requested, bearing Chicago Police Department No. C-31722. It will be noted that this photograph is practically identical with the photographs of Edna Murray already in possession of the Division.

Very truly yours,

J. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 889,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1217;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-22

A Ford V-8 coach, black in color, bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 1266231, was seen by an Agent of the Chicago Division office on 12/22/34 to drive up to the address 541 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent R. C. Suran, who saw this car, believed same was being driven by subject Alvin Karpis. This car was purchased in the name of E. B. Bolton from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, on 8/29/34 and bears motor No. 1130843. The circumstances under which this car approached the address 541 Oakdale Street, and the same under which it was purchased, J. B. Bolton, Harrison Hotel, indicated quite specifically that Agent Suran's belief that Alvin Karpis was driving the car may be correct. It is requested that the St. Paul Division office and all offices receiving copies of this letter immediately contact the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the states within their respective jurisdictions and arrange to be advised should this car be re-registered in any State for the year 1935.

It has also been ascertained by the Chicago Division office that subject Russell Gibson as Andrew Allen, purchased a 1934 Victoria coupe, black in color, bearing motor No. 1142465 and Illinois 1934 license No. 1289927. Gibson purchased this car on 11/23/34 from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois. Each office receiving copies of this letter is likewise requested to make arrangements to be advised by the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus should this car be registered for the year 1935.

Dr. Joseph P. Moran, one of the subjects of this investigation, is the owner of a 1933 model Pontiac coach, dark in color, bearing motor No. 935155, serial No. 815237. Information as to the license plates on this car is unknown. It is desired that each office receiving a copy of this letter also request the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the various States to advise when this car is registered for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for this car for the year 1934.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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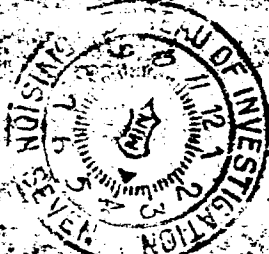
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
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E. J. CONNELLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREXID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER TO ST PAUL DIVISION OFFICE DATED DECEMBER TWENTY
SIX NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR IMMEDIATELY FURNISH DIVISION FULL DETAILS
RELATIVE OBSERVATION OF CAR AT SIX FOUR ONE OAKDALE STREET CHICAGO ILLINOIS
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY SUBJECT ALVIN KARPIS

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Sent 4 P.M. by R. J.

Post Office Box 4012
Detroit, Michigan
January 2, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4012
Chicago, Illinois



Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1213;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1214;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1215;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming and supplementing your long distance telephone
conversations with Special Agent D. E. Hall of this office at Detroit,
Michigan and Toledo, Ohio under date of January 2, 1935, please be ad-
vised that Agent Hall contacted

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that Bart Angus had told the
boys, not mentioning any names, apparently in a long distance telephone
conversation, the place from which the call was made or received being

Page 2.

unknown, that George Sargent had called him, Bert Angus and requested him to communicate with the gang and have Mildred return to Toledo as the Toledo police are looking for him, Sargent, and he feels certain that the reason they are looking for him is because Mildred is supposed to be with the gang.

In this connection Bert Angus is reported to have stated that Sargent called him at the Casino Club by telephone to make this request, thinking that the telephone at the Casino Club was tapped.

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[REDACTED]

In connection with the fact that George Sargent is being looked for, informant advised that Captain George Timmony of the Toledo Police Department is endeavoring to locate and apprehend George Sargent, who is at present hiding some place, probably at the home of Jennie Licavoli in Toledo as it is generally conceded in Toledo that Sargent has become the boss racketeer and that on the nights of December 29 and 30, 1934, Timmony, with other officers of the Toledo Police Department, called at his place of business, observed it and accused him of harboring Sargent, which he denied. Informant stated that he feels positive that the absence of Mildred from Toledo has no connection with Timmony trying to locate and apprehend Sargent.

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Very truly yours,

DEH:MIB

Wm. Larson

cc - Division
St. Paul

Special Agent in Charge

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E P GUINANE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BREKID WIRE IMMEDIATELY TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT CAR NINETEEN THIRTY
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600 Foster Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 4, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 828,
Chicago, Illinois.

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.

With reference to your letter dated December 26, 1934, this is to
advise that arrangements have been made at the State Motor Vehicle Regis-
tration Bureau, Little Rock, Arkansas, that the Little Rock office be ad-
vised should the following cars be registered in the State of Arkansas:

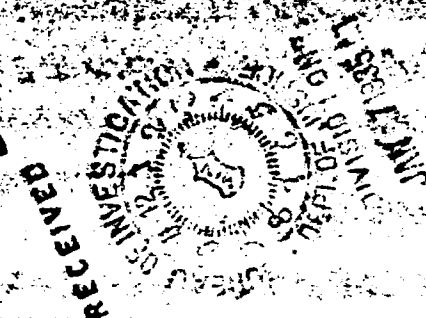
Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130845; Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, motor
#1142463; and 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #935155.

It was further determined that no license plates were issued by
the State of Arkansas during the year 1934 for the 1933 Pontiac Coach,
motor #935155.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JANUARY 8, 1935.

R. J. Connally
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 829
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
1219, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Your attention is respectfully invited to report of
Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri
1-4-35, on pages 10 and 11, where, through a typographical
error, the Chicago address of Subject Russell Gibson is re-
ported to be 1233 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On this date [redacted] through whom this information
was furnished, was again interviewed by Special Agent R. P.
Shanahan who was definitely informed that the above address
should read 1253 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The latter address is the correct address, according
to the information furnished [redacted] mentioned in reference report,
and is the same address that was communicated to the Chicago
Office in a letter from this office dated December 28, 1934.

This information is being communicated to you at this
time so that no confusion will arise from the address set forth
on page 10 of the reference report and also in the undeveloped
lead for the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota,

St. Paul

FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/3/34 to 1/2/35	REPORT MADE BY: O. G. Hall
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. #1235; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Motor Vehicle Departments of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, contacted with reference to Ford 1934 V-8 Sedan, motor #899565, Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656; stop cards placed in city for 1934 and 1935. Various underworld characters viewed at St. Paul, Minnesota, but no information of value obtained. A \$10.00 note of the ransom money located at Anagwah-ching, Minnesota. No information secured as to identity of person passing note. CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases, is not identical with JOHN HAMMOND, with aliases. OPAL LONG is no longer in the St. Paul District.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 12-14-34.			
DETAILS: Investigation reported herein was conducted by Special Agents working on this case.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. M. Ladd</i> Special Agent in Charge		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 7 1935 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: ONE FILE	
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. H. Motesteen on December 18, 1934:

ROBERT SCHMIDT, alias "Frisco Dutch", now held in the County Jail in St. Paul under State charge of operating a gambling device, was interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Motesteen of the St. Paul Division Office on December 18, 1934 and photographs of all subjects in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases exhibited to him.

SCHMIDT had previously refused to give any information whatsoever to members of the St. Paul Police Department, but on this occasion advised agent that he had, to the best of his recollection, seen KARPIS and the BARKERS at the Plantation Club, which was operated by him; that these men had undoubtedly been in there during the summer and Fall of 1933. Concerning HARRY SAWYER, "Frisco Dutch" stated that SAWYER weighs approximately 300 pounds, and is otherwise similar in appearance and description to the photograph in this file.

"Frisco Dutch" denied any association with underworld characters in St. Paul, stating that he had a good remunerative business and would not prejudice his position by having anything to do with kidnapers and bank robbers; that whenever "heavies" appeared in his establishment he was very careful to have nothing to do with them. "Frisco Dutch" further stated that his record of no arrests during the past nine years substantiated his claim that he had had no association whatsoever with members of the kidnaping gang, and that he had no knowledge concerning the activities of the persons involved.

Continued questioning failed to develop any further information from ROBERT SCHMIDT, alias "Frisco Dutch".

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On December 3, 1934, the Kansas City Division Office, by telegram, advised the St. Paul Office that Ford Sedan, motor #899365, was sold on October 10, 1934, to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri, by an individual giving the name of E.J. POWELL, for \$350.00 in cash. Advice was received that the car had been repaired at the Skiple Auto Top and Body Works, Minot, North Dakota. It was stated that the person bore some resemblance to RUSSELL GIBSON.

In connection with the above, Special Agent J.H. Rice, on December 15, 1934, conducted the following investigation:

At Minot, North Dakota:

Mr. M. SKIPLE, Skiple Auto Top and Body Works, after examining his records, advised that a man by the name of POWERS had wrecked, near Minot, a Ford V-8, 1934 model sedan, and on August 21, 1934, the car was brought to his place by POWERS, who was a stranger to him. The car remained about one month while being repaired. POWERS paid approximately \$200.00 in cash for the repair job. He claimed to be from Fort Peck and Billings, Montana, at which places he claimed to be operating a gambling joint and had some girls; that he was making plenty of money. As far as SKIPLE knows, POWERS did not stay at Minot, but, while the car was being repaired, he made several trips to see how the repair job was progressing. No identifying data concerning the motor number or license plates was secured. There might have been Ohio license plates on the car.

MR. SKIPLE and his sons, described POWERS, initials not known, as about 28-30 years of age; 5'9" tall; 150 pounds; blond hair; blue eyes; well dressed; no visible scars; clean shaven; very talkative. He was accompanied by another party about the same age, height, weight, but dark complexioned. The SKIPLES saw no women with these men. POWERS claimed that no one was injured in the wreck. They have not seen these men since about September 21, last, when the repair bill was paid. These men were not observed to be armed and neither did their actions arouse any suspicion.

It was ascertained that these men had brought the car in question to the Westlie Motor Company, Ford Agency, prior to taking it to SKIPLES. JOHN WESTLIE of that company advised that they could not agree on the price for repairs. They left and went to SKIPLES. No description of the car was secured at the WESTLIE MOTOR COMPANY. The SKIPLES and JOHN WESTLIE are reasonably positive that the photograph and description of GIBSON does not resemble either of the parties who were with the wrecked Ford. Neither were they able to identify photographs of the other members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

The name of E.J. POWERS is not known to the city or telephone directory; neither can the name be located in the postal records, as well as the name of RUSSELL GIBSON, and aliases. Neither are these names, nor the photos of the BARKER-KARPIS gang known to members of the sheriff's office or the police department. The Lark Hotel is not known at the above mentioned places, nor is there any hotel or rooming house at Minot that is phonetically the same.

Re: V-30

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R.H. Frank, for the period of December 12 and 13, 1934;

For reference, see letter from the Kansas City Division Office, dated December 5, 1934.

Agent checked the 1934 St. Paul and Minneapolis City Directories and found that the names of KUSIC, KUSAC, and KUSICK, do not appear at all. However, in the 1934 Minneapolis City Directory appears the name of JOHN S. GUSICK residing at 2427 Portland Avenue, and Marietta E. Gusick, residing at 4205 Elliott Avenue. The 1934 St. Paul Directory shows that there are seventeen GUSICK names, among which appears an EDWARD GUSICK (ALICE), cabinet maker, who resides at 1426 Van Buren.

Agent had PETER H. ISAAC of the Drivers' License Division, 1275 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, check his files for both St. Paul and Minneapolis and he advised that they have no driver's license issued to anyone by the name of KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK. He located a driver's license application for an EDWARD VINCENT KUSICK, living at 1426 Van Buren, St. Paul, Minnesota. This application stated that he was twenty-four years old. Agent went to 1426 Van Buren and was advised by an elderly lady at that address that EDWARD KUSICK has been living there with his wife for the past two years and that he is not an attorney and is only about twenty-five years old, or so.

Agent interviewed DONALD ROGERS, secretary of the Minnesota State Bar Association, 921 Metropolitan Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who advised that he does not recall an ED KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK, being an attorney and his files do not show any information. ROGERS telephoned MR. CLAPP librarian of the Minneapolis Bar and he had no such record and did not recall any former attorney by that name.

Agent had the secretary to OSCAR HAUGLAND, secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners, 1123 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, check her records and no such former attorney's name was found.

Agent interviewed MAE SHERMAN of the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, room 230, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, who checked her records, which go back to 1858 and she could find no record of any such attorney being admitted to practice. She stated, however, that it is possible that he could have been admitted before some District Court Judge in Minnesota and then they could have no record of it.

Agent interviewed RAY HARRINGTON of the Identification Unit, Minneapolis Police Department, relative to the above four names, and his records disclose

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MR. HARRINGTON could not recall any former lawyer by the above name practising in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Agent interviewed S. MOORE of the Identification Unit of the St. Paul Police Department, who advised that he had no records under the name of KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK. However, they have criminal records of a RICHARD CUSICK, their #23620, and of a JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK, #22482. Detective William McMillan advised agent that these two were brothers and that there also were one or two more brothers but he could not think of their first names.

Agent secured a picture of RICHARD CUSICK, which is on file in the St. Paul Division Office. He has been arrested numerous times for investigation and other small crimes. His description in 1932 was:

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Name;
Age;
Height;
Weight;
Build;
Complexion;
Eyes;
Hair;
Occupation;
Marital Status;
Residence;

Police Number;
F.P.C.;

A picture was also obtained of JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK, which is on file in the St. Paul Division Office. His description is as follows:

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Name;
Age;
Weight;
Height;
Build;
Complexion;
Eyes;
Hair;
Occupation;
Residence;

(DESCRIPTION OF JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK)

Police Number:

F.P.C.:

Agent made inquiry at the police department as to the names of the other brothers of JOHN and RICHARD CUSICK, but was unable to secure them so agent went to 484 Burgess Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and without disclosing his identity, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. CUSICK, who stated that they have four sons, RICHARD, JOHN, MIKE, and TIM; that their sons were not lawyers. They advised that they have a nephew named EDWARD CUSICK, who lives in the Midway District, or in Minneapolis, but they do not know where. They stated that he is about twenty-five years old and got married some time ago, and that he is a "good-for-nothing" fellow. They stated that this is the only EDWARD CUSICK they know of and that they never heard of any CUSICK being a lawyer, and also did not know of any CUSICK having been killed.

Agent interviewed HAROLD BLOOM of the West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, who makes law books for the entire company. He searched their records and directories and stated that they did not have any record of an attorney by the name of EDWARD KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK; however, he located a record which showed that an EDWARD E. CUSICK, born in 1898, is a prosecuting attorney at Waynesville, Missouri. He also located a record which showed that an EDWARD CUSICK, born in 1892, is a practicing attorney at Tucson, Arizona, this CUSICK having been born in Oregon, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Wisconsin University.

No further investigation is being made by this agent in this matter.

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In connection with the efforts to locate RUSSELL HUSTEN alias "FLEA" HUSTEN, the St. Paul Police Authorities notified the St. Paul Office on December 11, 1934, that "FLEA" HUSTEN could probably be located visiting BENNY BINDER, local hoodlum, at the Lowry Hotel.

Investigation by Agents Franke and Duggan disclosed that HUSTEN had been at the hotel but left before agents arrived there.

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The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R. M. Franks:

For reference see report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 19, 1934, page 9; also see Division's letter dated November 27th, addressed to the Cincinnati office.

On December 3, 1934, agent went to 585 Oakland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which is one of the addresses for RUSSELL J. HUSTEN. This address is occupied by the Oakland Apartments and the caretaker's wife stated that RUSSELL HUSTEN did not live at this address but that his wife LILLIAN HUSTEN lived there with another girl; that they moved out about a year ago. She could not give any information as to the whereabouts of RUSSELL HUSTEN at the present time.

On the same date, agent telephoned Humbolt 3569, which is the home of MRS. HUSTEN, mother of RUSSELL, at 81 Winnipeg Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Agent pretended to be a friend of RUSSELL'S and talked to both a man and a woman there who advised that they did not know where RUSSELL is at the present time and that they have not been hearing from him. They stated, however, that he is out of town and that they did not know when he would be back.

Agent also telephoned Cedar 4060 and talked to ALICE A. HUSTEN, a sister of RUSSELL. This telephone number is for Schunemans & Mannheimers Department Store where she is employed as a saleswoman. She advised over the phone that she did not know where RUSSELL is but that he is out of town. She further stated that she did not think that he would be back by Christmas.

Agent telephoned the Automobile Department at the State Capitol and was advised that on August 1, 1933, RUSSELL HUSTEN of 81 Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, purchased from the Slawik Company, a 1933 Dodge Coupe, motor No. DP-60,717, serial No. 3634641; that this car also is registered for 1934 and it bears Minnesota license B-45417; that RUSSELL HUSTEN at the time of taking out the license gave his address as 890 South 14th, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and then later on his address was changed to the Hollywood Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota. They further advised that this car was sold on August 18, 1934, to W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY, 25 South 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Agent interviewed F. A. WHITAKER, Vice-president of the W. R. Stephens Company, 25 South 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who located their files and advised that R. J. HUSTEN of 81 Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, purchased a 1934 Buick Touring Sedan, two-door, model 58, with a built-in trunk in back, motor No. 2,902,094, serial No. 8748530, bearing Minnesota license B-495-015. Their records show that HUSTEN purchased this car on August 13, 1934, for \$1,425.00; that he turned in a 1933 Dodge Coupe and was allowed \$517.00; that he paid \$18.75 in cash and that the ZEKMAN FINANCE COMPANY of 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, financed \$900.

MR. WHITAKER called into his office MIKE MILLER, the salesman who sold this car to HUSTEN. MILLER stated that on August 13th, R. J. HUSTEN came into the garage with another fellow whom he is unable to describe or identify and purchased this Buick car and had it delivered the same day. MILLER stated that the next day, August 14th, the car was brought back to the garage as the crank case was broken as HUSTEN had driven over a stump or large rock. MILLER stated that these are the only two times that he saw HUSTEN but that now and then HUSTEN'S brother, first name unknown, brings this car into their garage and has it repaired and looked over.

Agent showed MILLER a picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN and he identified same as being the one who purchased this car. MIKE MILLER stated that he was under the impression that HUSTEN was in some kind of racket and stated that the less he knows about this kind of fellows, the better off he is. MILLER appeared to agent to be holding back some information that he has.

On December 10, 1934, agent interviewed ARTHUR ZEKMAN, President of the Zekman Finance Company, 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that he once had a contract with R. J. HUSTEN on a Chevrolet car and also a Dodge contract and that HUSTEN paid both of these contracts in full. He stated that in August, he was called over to the W. R. STEPHENS MOTOR COMPANY and there financed another car which R. J. HUSTEN was purchasing. ZEKMAN stated that R. J. HUSTEN'S mother, MRS. HUSTEN of 81 Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, is making the payments on this car. He stated that the only time he saw HUSTEN was at the W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY garage. ZEKMAN stated that there still is a balance of \$750 left to be paid on this car and that HUSTEN is supposed to pay \$100.00 a month. ZEKMAN also stated that he once financed a car for HUSTEN'S brother-in-law whose name is EDWARD W. FAIR.

Agent told WHITAKER, MILLER, and KEMMAN to keep this investigation in confidence, which they stated they would; however, when agent checked at the Automobile Department of the State Capitol regarding this Buick car bearing Minnesota license B-495-013, he was advised that this car was transferred on December 10, 1934, by R. J. HUSTEN to MRS. ALICE HUSTEN, 51 Winnipeg Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that this was a 1934 Buick Coupe Victoria, model 58, motor No. 2,902,094, serial No. 2748530; that this car was purchased on August 13, 1934, from the W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was in the name of R. J. HUSTEN, 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

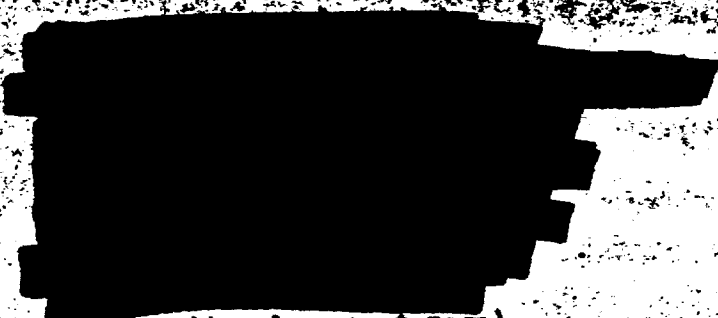
On December 11, 1934, agent personally went to the Automobile Department, State Capitol, and there found a bill of sale dated December 10, 1934, which was signed by R. J. HUSTEN, transferring the car to MRS. ALICE HUSTEN, and which was notarized by L. L. PROVENCHER. Agent interviewed this man, who is employed in the Automobile Department, and he stated that yesterday afternoon, an elderly woman and a man came to him and that he notarized the signature. He stated that he notarizes a great number of these every day so that he could not give a description or identify the man. Agent showed him a picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN and he said that he could not say whether that was the man.

Agent compared the signature of R. J. HUSTEN which appears on the bill of sale with the signature that appears on the registration report and it is agent's opinion that the signatures are the same.

On December 11, 1934, on instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge R. C. Coulter, agent saw MR. M. J. CULLIGAN, Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, and advised him that the St. Paul Division office is desirous of talking to RUSSELL HUSTEN. Chief CULLIGAN gave this information to Inspector CRUMLEY who advised that he would give this information only to certain of his men as he stated that HUSTEN has some very good friends in the St. Paul Police Department. Inspector CRUMLEY stated that as soon as they locate HUSTEN, they will advise the St. Paul Division office.

While at the St. Paul Police Department, agent secured a photograph of RUSSELL HUSTEN alias "Flee" and his description is as follows:

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[Description of HUSTEN continued]

A disposition sheet is being forwarded to the Division regarding the disposition of HUSTEN at the time he was arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department, their number 25682.

A picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN was obtained from the St. Paul Police Department which is on file in the St. Paul Division office.

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The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent
R. M. Pranke:

For reference, see Division letter dated November 27, 1934,
report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated December 1,
1934, and report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minne-
sota, dated November 19, 1934.

HUSKEL J. HUSTEN understood that he was wanted by Police
authorities, so he voluntarily appeared before M. J. Culligan, Chief of
Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, who advised him that he was wanted by the
United States Department of Justice. Arrangements were made whereby
HUSTEN appeared at the St. Paul Division office on Friday morning,
December 21, 1934, at 9:00 o'clock, and he was interviewed by Special
Agent R. M. Pranke regarding his knowledge of the KARPIS-BARKER gang.

He stated that he is engaged in the slot machine, gambling,
and liquor business; that he operates the Moonlight Gardens on Selby
and Avon, and also the Beer Parlor on Rice and Front Streets, both in
St. Paul. He stated that he is in business by himself, and is not in
partnership with BEN BINDER or anyone else; that for the last six or
eight months, he has been out of St. Paul most of the time; that he has
been in Chicago quite a bit, staying at the Park Lane Apartments on
3800 Sheridan Road; that he has been living there under the name of
W. L. JACKSON as he has had some trouble with his wife, so he uses an
alias. He stated that he used to spend a lot of his time at the Tracks
in Chicago, playing tips on different horses, and that while he was
at the Tracks the past summer he met a fellow known to him as ROBERT
BENTLEY, and not Joe Bentley, who also was supposed to be a gambler and
bootlegger. HUSTEN stated that he and BENTLEY went to Cincinnati where
they were to meet some fellow, name unknown to him, from New Orleans.
HUSTEN stated that BENTLEY knew this fellow, and at this meeting was for
the purpose of organizing a slot machine racket in Cincinnati. HUSTEN
stated that while he was walking around in Cincinnati, someone was
following him, and that when he met BENTLEY on a street corner, as pre-
arranged, several officers arrested him; that the officers had with
them a Jewish fellow who pulled a picture out of his pocket, thinking
HUSTEN was wanted for some crime in Detroit. HUSTEN stated that he only
stayed at Cincinnati one evening; that he stayed at the Netherland Plaza,
which is located in the business district; that he stayed there under
the name of CLARK. HUSTEN stated that while he and BENTLEY were in jail,
he asked the Police Department to get them a lawyer and that they sent
him, for his use, a lawyer who got them out of jail; that both he and
BENTLEY had to pay this attorney \$100; that he didn't know that a bond

was posted and that he had forfeited the bond, as he stated that he was advised by his attorney that everything was alright. He stated that he used the name of R. J. CLARK as he did not want it to get in any of the newspapers that he was arrested, as he stated that his mother is quite old and he doesn't want her to know about it.

HUSTEN stated that he does not know DOC or FRED BARKER, or ALVIN KARPIS. He stated that he has seen their pictures in the newspapers on several occasions; that it is not a fact that he knows them personally.

He stated that LOUIS PARCHALL is his wife's uncle, and that he lives out at Prior Lake, Minnesota. He stated that he never was arrested with PARCHALL and that he never had anything to do with him at all; that he hasn't seen PARCHALL for the past three years or so.

HUSTEN stated that HARRY SAWYER was a good business friend of his, as SAWYER used to buy his liquor from him. HUSTEN stated that the last time he had any business dealings with SAWYER was after May, 1933, as at that time he was arrested by the Post Office Department for investigation of a burglary, and that he was released by the United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, as they didn't have any evidence on him at that time, as it was a case of mistaken identity. He stated that he was arrested because of the fact that he hung around HARRY SAWYER's place on Wabasha Street, as at that time TOMMY CARROLL and several other fellows were arrested for postoffice burglaries and because of the fact that he fitted a description of a man whom the Police were looking for, he was arrested also. HUSTEN stated that off and on for two previous years to May, 1933, SAWYER would buy liquor from him. He stated that he also knows GLADYS SAWYER, wife of HARRY, and that the last time he saw her was about in May, 1933. HUSTEN stated that he never heard of the name of PAULA HARMON or WYNONA BURDETTE.

Pictures of the KARPIS-BARKER gang were exhibited to HUSTEN and he stated that the only one that he knew was HARRY SAWYER and his wife, GLADYS SAWYER.

HUSTEN stated that he used to see TOMMY CARROLL in HARRY SAWYER's place quite a bit, and also used to see CLARENCE COLTON and his brother, ALBERT DE VOL. He also stated that he knows PAT RILEY very well, knowing him most of his life; that he has heard of JACK PHEIFFER, but does not know him personally; that he knows TOM FILBIN slightly, as FILBIN is supposed to be in the same business as he is. He stated that he does not know TOMMY GANNON or CLARA, nor does he know DOLORES DELANEY or MARGARET KEATING.

He stated that a few days before he was arrested in Cincinnati, he purchased a Buick car in Minneapolis; that this car was bought for the use of his mother and brother, as he stated his mother is old and the car was purchased so that she can enjoy herself; that he is supposed to pay \$160 a month on the car, and that he pays most of it to his mother, who in turn pays the finance company.

HUSTEN stated that he has five brothers, John, Paul and James, who live at 81 Winnipeg, and a brother, Raynold who lives out of town some where. He also has two sisters, Marie Afar, who lives at 178 North Avon, telephone, Dale 8338, and a sister, Alice Husten who lives at 81 Winnipeg.

HUSTEN stated that if we desired to talk to him, we should call and get in touch with him at either of the above addresses.

He stated that if he ever runs across HARRY SAWYER that he will report it to a Division office or proper Police officials, but stated that he hoped that he never does on account of the unpleasant relations which might result.

On November 8, 1934, ANNA C. DALLAIRE, postmaster, at Ah-gwah-ching, Minnesota, notified the St. Paul Division Office, that she had in her possession a \$10.00 Federal Reserve note, serial #104781023A, drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The above serial is listed in the list of bank notes paid as ransom in this case.

In connection with the above, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry made the following investigation: (Under date of December 15, 1934)

MRS. ANNA C. DALLAIRE, postmaster, Ah-gwah-ching, Minnesota, was contacted by this agent and exhibited the note which she still has in her possession and the number was verified as being the one mentioned above. She was unable to give any information as to the possible passer of this note; however, she advised that she was sure that she received it only a few days prior to November 8, as that was the date she noticed it, and that she never held money very long, and it was either that day or a few days prior to that time. She further advised that she was sure that the money was paid for a money order, otherwise, if it had been for the purchase of stamps she would have recalled the person passing that large a bill in the purchase of stamps in such a small place. This Agent, with MRS. DALLAIRE, examined the applications for money orders for November 8, 1934, and several days prior thereto, but was unable to find anyone other than employees of the State Hospital there that had made purchases. It was the opinion of MRS. DALLAIRE that the note had been received by some of the employees from the bank at Walker, Minnesota, when their checks were cashed, as she was personally acquainted with all the

ones that had purchased money orders in that immediate period, and was sure that none of them would intentionally pass the money. She also advised that the patients sometimes received money and purchased money orders with it, but there was not any making purchases in that period.

MRS. DALAIRE stated that she now kept track of all bills passing through the office with the ones name that passed them to the office, and should she happen to find another she would know exactly who passed the money and would immediately notify the St. Paul Division Office.

At one time, it was believed that JOHN HAMMOND, with aliases, subject of St. Paul File No. 25-2528, was identical with CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases, who is sought in connection with this case. At that time, the fingerprints of HAMMOND were forwarded to the Division and the fact was established that HAMMOND is not FITZGERALD.

On November 19, 1934, the Detroit Office, in a letter to the Chicago Office referred to the Chevrolet automobile with serial #1D0749257, motor #4543656. This car apparently has had a connection with HARRY CAMPBELL and EYONA BURDETTE. An owner's service policy was found in the abandoned apartment occupied by them. Reference is also made to a Ford 1934 De Luxe Sedan, motor #899365. Request was made that the State License Bureaus in the territory of the St. Paul Division Office be contacted and the records searched and STOP card placed for 1934 and 1935.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.H. Franke on December 13, 1934:

For reference, see letter from the Detroit Office to the Chicago Office, dated November 19, 1934, serial #4358, St. Paul File.

On December 13, 1934, agent had Miss Eleanor Arrend of the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, search their records to see if they had anything in their files relative to a 1934 De Luxe Ford V-8 Sedan, motor #899365, or if they had anything relative to a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656. She advised agent that they do not have any record relative to these two motor numbers.

At agent's request, Mrs. Stoven, also of the Motor Vehicle Department, stated that she would have placed in their 1934 and 1935 files STOP cards relative to these two automobiles, bearing the above motor numbers, and that if these cars are registered in the State of Minnesota, they will notify the St. Paul Division Office at once.

The motor vehicle bureaus of South Dakota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota, were contacted by mail and STOP cards placed. No record was found of either of the above automobiles in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or S.D. 30

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30

On December 13 and 14, 1934, the following investigation was made at Duluth, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson:

With reference to the report of Special Agent M.C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 4, 1934, agent consulted the 1934 Duluth City Directory but no one was listed as living at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, the alleged hideout for the BARKERS and KARPIS. There was no 1933 City Directory at Duluth, but the 1932 City Directory disclosed that R.C. WISTROM, barber, and his wife, MARY WISTROM, as well as HENRY LISAKER, resided at 1814 Piedmont Avenue in 1932. It was ascertained from the City Directory that HENRY LISAKER, was employed by GUS HJELM, grocery, 1819 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth.

Agent interviewed LISAKER and he advised that up to about a year ago he had lived at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, with his mother in a downstairs flat; that R.C. WISTROM had operated the barber shop at this address and had lived upstairs. In March, 1933, R.C. WISTROM moved to a farm in the Woodland District, which is a suburb of Duluth. He advised that WISTROM had lived at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, for three or four winters. He advised that WISTROM had been married three times; that his first wife had died and that four and five years ago WISTROM married a second woman, whom he does not know; that WISTROM divorced her; that there was something peculiar about their relations; that he could not quite figure the matter out; that he now is married to another woman, who is very religious. He advised that both WISTROM and his present wife are religious people and, as far as he knows, bears a good reputation. Agent exhibited the group photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, JOSEPH P. MORAN, WILLIAM WEAVER, RUSSELL GIBSON, JESS DOYLE, HARRY SAWYER, C.J. FITZGERALD, MYRTLE EATON, EDNA MURRAY, BORIS O'CONNOR, and KATE BARKER, to LISAKER and he advised he has no recollection of having seen anyone who resembles anyone of these individuals at this address. It will be noted here that the store where LISAKER is employed, is located at 1810 Piedmont Avenue, which is next door to the 1814 Piedmont Avenue North, the place in question. The premises at 1814 Piedmont Avenue are vacant.

Agent ascertained, through the Superintendent of mails office, post office, that the last known address of R.C. WISTROM was Route 4, Box 485, Duluth, Minnesota. Agent proceeded to this address and interviewed a JENNIE WIEGHER, who advised that on May 5, 1934, R.C. WISTROM, and his wife, moved to Big Fork, Minnesota. She advised that she knows very little about WISTROM and his wife, except that they were financially embarrassed and were living at the place where she now resides, gratis.

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On December 24, 1934, the Chicago Office, in a letter to the Division regarding OPAL LONG and PATRICIA CHERRINGTON, requested that OPAL LONG be interviewed regarding the alleged death of JOHN HAMILTON. Acting Special Agent in Charge R.C. Coulter reports to this agent that OPAL LONG is no longer in the territory of the St. Paul Office but is believed to have returned to Chicago and her location known to that office.

Special Agent John E. Brennan has maintained contact with certain informants in St. Paul in order to secure some information as to the whereabouts of HARRY SAWYER and others in this case.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Alt called in connection with the Bremer case to advise that information had come to a Deputy Marshal in Tampa from a girl employed at the Knox Hotel in Tampa, a disreputable hotel, that a Mrs. Arthur Radke has been there for two or three weeks with her husband, Arthur Radke, who somewhat resembles Doris O'Connor. Arthur Radke stays in his room all day and only comes out at night. There is another member of the party named Cooper with whom Mrs. Radke associates. They have a Pontiac sedan, maroon in color, with 1934 California tags 2H66-39. I suggested he send a wire to California to check on the license plates, and requested that Mrs. Radke and her associates be carefully checked to ascertain whether she is, in fact, Doris O'Connor.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1212;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1212;
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1212;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

For your information, when Jimmie Wilson was being questioned at the Chicago Office relative to contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo, Ohio, he stated that Arthur R. Barker, while in Toledo during the spring and early summer of 1934 on a few occasions at least, went out with "Marie", the book at the Casino Club in Toledo, where members of the gang frequented, which is operated by Ted and Bert Angus, known contacts of the gang. "Marie" has since been identified as Marie Borley, Marie Girard (which is her maiden name) and Marie Henderson (she having been married to an individual by the name of Henderson and also a man by the name of Borley).

On December 17, 1934, according to information obtained from [redacted] "Marie" obtained a divorce from Borley and on that date left Toledo, Ohio with a purported hoodlum, whose given name was "Tommy". The identity of this individual has never been established, but in view of her former connections with Arthur R. Barker, it is thought possible that the hoodlum she is with might be a member of the gang but investigation to date would indicate that if she is, it would not be Arthur R. Barker, as his paramour is apparently Mildred Kuhlman, who is discussed in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated December 21, 1934.

On January 3, 1935, [redacted] advised that he had been successful in securing from one [redacted] that Marie had been married to the individual known as Tommy on Christmas Eve at Austin, Texas where they are residing; that Tommy is one of three brothers who reside in Austin, Texas in houses on the same street adjacent to one another and that one of the brothers operates a night club or tavern in Austin, Texas.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted at Austin, Texas to determine the identity of the man Marie is with to ascertain whether he may be a member of this gang and if identified as a member of this gang, appropriate steps should be taken to cause his ap-

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prehension.

For your information, the following is a description of
Marie Dorley alias Marie Girard alias Marie Henderson:

Age - About 38 years
Height - 5' 1 or 2"
Weight - 140 lbs.
Build - Plump
Complexion - Dark
Hair - Black
Eyes - Blue
Build - Stout
Very modest dresser


Very truly yours,

DEH:MEB

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division
Mr. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota		FILE NO. 7-2 CT	
REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-12, 17-34 12-1, 4, 5, 13-34	REPORT MADE BY: Robert Chambers
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim;		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING	
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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of police departments at Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, Tenn., disclose that no members of the Barker-Karpis gang are wanted by them; and that there is no information on file regarding previous arrests or associates. Appropriate wanted notices placed with these police departments. Investigation at Chattanooga reveals no information regarding whereabouts of W. S. Fitzgerald.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Division letter dated October 13, 1934. Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated November 14, 1934 at Birmingham, Alabama.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>At Nashville, Tennessee</u></p> <p>The following investigation was conducted at Nashville, Tennessee by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons:</p> <p>Reference is made to the letter from the Director, dated October 13, 1934, with which was 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.</p> <p>Please be advised that on November 12, 1934, agent called on Joe Dixon, Bureau of Identification, Nashville Police Department in connection therewith. Mr. Dixon searched his files, but could find no record of an arrest by the Nashville police of any of the individuals in question.</p>			
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A set of wanted notices was left with Joe Dixon and he has placed them on his "wanted list" which he checks against all arrests. Mr. Dixon will immediately notify the Nashville office in the event he receives any information concerning the whereabouts of the individuals who are being sought.

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted at Memphis, Tennessee, by Special Agent Louis DeWitte:

Referring to Division letter dated October 13, 1934, agent advises that following receipt of the instruction to call on the Identification Bureau of the Memphis Police department, interviewed Inspector E. A. Parker, in charge of the Identification Bureau, and left with him the several photographs with request that he have his records searched to ascertain what, if any record he might have of these persons. Inspector Parker has advised agent that search of his records revealed the following:

None of the listed persons are now wanted by the Memphis police; however, notation was made of the fact that they are wanted by the Division of Investigation, and Inspector Parker stated he will personally observe fingerprints coming in and if any one of them, taken by him or his assistants, show the subject to be one of those wanted he will immediately notify the Nashville Division office.

On Fred Barker, Division No. 59163, Inspector Parker had a reader out of West Plains, Mo., issued for the murder of Sheriff Kelly on December 19, 1931. This is a combined reader for Barker and Karpis, and shows Karpis to be an ex-convict out of Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1926 as No. 7071; also of the State Penitentiary of Kansas, at Lansing, Kansas, in May, 1930, for burglary. This reader shows that Barker did time at the state penitentiary at Granite, Oklahoma, in 1923 for robbery, and also at the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, in 1927, crime not shown; also that he was arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 28, 1926, under the name of Fred Barker, alias F. B. Lang Little Rock, P. D. #3575. The charge was as fugitive from justice, and this arrest apparently led to his extradition to Kansas, where he served the term at Hutchinson.

Inspector Parker has rather an extended record concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald, not named in the Division letter, but whose photograph was included with those sent to agent. Inspector Parker advised that Fitzgerald's record is already in possession of the Division, and agent therefore did not copy this record.

The records on Barker and Karpis did not contain any data reflecting whom their friends or associates might be.

Inspector Parker stated he has on file the office telephone number of the Nashville Division office, and will communicate promptly if he obtains any information concerning any of the listed persons.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. M. Woods:

At the Knoxville Police Department, Raymond Siler, of the Identification Bureau, searched his records and stated that none of the individuals mentioned in the Division letter under reference was wanted by the local police; and that no records appear in the files showing previous arrests, associates, or other information which might be helpful in locating these individuals.

Copies of the temporary wanted notices and Identification Orders relative to them were left with the police, in accordance with instructions in the reference letter.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted by Agent Chambers:

Detective Sergeant J. E. Dorsey, in charge of the records of the Chattanooga Police Department, stated, after a search of his files, that none of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, listed in the Division letter under reference, was wanted by the local police; and that the files contain no record of any previous arrests of these persons, or any other information about them. Sergeant Dorsey recalled, however, that Charles J. Fitzgerald had been arrested at Chattanooga a number of years ago, before the present filing system was begun. This lead was covered and reported in the report of Special Agent D. E. Wells, dated October 16, 1934, at Nashville, Tennessee, in the case entitled Vernon G. Miller, with aliases, (deceased) et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners; and no information of value regarding the whereabouts of Fitzgerald was obtained.

Copies of the temporary wanted notices and Identification Orders regarding the persons in question were left with Sergeant Dorsey.

Detective D. D. Griffin stated that he had no personal knowledge of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and could furnish no information of value about him.

Agent found the premises at 619 Walnut Street to be an office building, used at present only for the offices of Squire H. F. Lawrence. In the absence of the squire, his clerk, Mr. E. D. Murphy, stated that they had occupied the building only during the last year or two; that it had never been used for residential purposes; that it belonged to the Elks Club, who had bought it from the Title Guaranty and Trust Company. Mr. Murphy had no recollection of Fitzgerald or his sister, Jessie Fitzgerald.

Michael O'Grady, Secretary of the Elks Club, stated that his organization did not purchase the property at 619 Walnut Street until about 1920; however, he recalled that the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, who occupied it in 1914, had rented out offices to several attorneys. He stated that Senator J. B. Frazier, Judge Martin Fleming and Carl Abernathy had offices there. Mr. O'Grady did not remember Fitzgerald or his sister.

W. Sherman Beck, an official of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, 617 Walnut, stated that his company had occupied 619 Walnut in 1914, and to the best of his recollection, did not rent out any offices at that time. Mr. Beck said that he was in constant touch with the personnel of the company in 1914, and was certain that neither Fitzgerald nor his sister had been employed there. He had no knowledge of the Fitzgeralds.

It should be noted that C. C. Abernathy, (deceased) Attorney at Law, who formerly maintained offices at 619 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, very probably represented Fitzgerald as attorney, (see report Special Agent Louis DeNette, dated August 20, 1934, at Nashville, Tennessee, paragraph 5 on page 3), which explains the giving of the above address by the Fitzgeralds.

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January 5, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1934, transmitting three papers in connection with the sale and registration of Ford sedan, Motor #009268, in the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

No latent fingerprints of value could be developed on the certificate of registration, #83932, Ohio, 1934. On the bill of sale from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo Ohio, to E. J. Powell, 1312 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, there appeared two latent impressions, and three additional latent prints were developed on the bill of sale from E. J. Powell dated October 10, 1934, to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

The five latent fingerprints developed on these articles have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

Lester M. Gillie, deceased
Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1218
Volney Davis, our #400441
Arthur Barker, I.O. #1219
Fred Barker, our #08143
Harry Sawyer, our #411338
Bernard Phillips, I.O. #1196
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454350
Marjorie Keating, our #821111
Paula Harmon, our #106580
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #95780

John Hamilton, I.O. #1220
Jess Doyle, our #00402
William Weaver, our #17920
Harry Campbell, our #419846
Charles F. Clouse, our #183726
Clyde Wimerick, our #77061
Mrs. Nora Prester, #1953 PD Kansas
City, Kans.
Bertha Engler, our #821161
Russell Gibson, our #67486
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, S.M. #1232

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Very truly yours,

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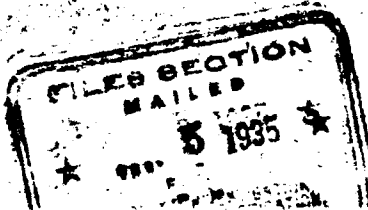
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Mr. Connelley called in connection with the Bremer case relative to the car which was observed at 641 Oakdale Street. He stated that on December 22nd Mildred Tuleman, Doc Barker's paramour, went into that address and while there a Ford V-8, black coach, drove up with Illinois tags 1266231; that while there was nothing to show that she got out of the car, while Suran was calling in the car left and they did not get a chance to see whether she got back in the car; that the car had again been observed today with an individual in it who possibly was Willie Harrison and possibly Doc Barker; that they were contacted by a Dodge car with 1935 Illinois tags 118532, which passed them on the street and the occupants of the two cars spoke to each other. The other car was checked to 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, in the immediate vicinity in which the woman has gone. Since that time two women have showed up at that place in a Ford V-8 sedan with Iowa 1935 tags 111193 and they took all their baggage into the place; that of course they could not tell whether these women went into the same apartment, as there are four apartments to that entrance. Mr. Connelley stated that they are checking these addresses very carefully.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-18-34 to 1-2-35	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. SHANAHAN
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			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Edward George Bremer - Victim Circumstances surrounding the arrest of Martha Murray, who is identical with Edna Murray, on 8-14-34 at Joplin, Missouri, set out. Investigation regarding Rex Weisner, alias Melvin Stofor, former associate of Doris O'Connor, to be conducted. H. O. Stanley, brother of Edna Murray, now residing at 205 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas; mail stop at Pittsburg, Kansas, surveillance being conducted for possible appearance of Sidney Davis there and at Belton, Missouri. All communications addressed to relatives of Davis and George E. Barker being covered at Neosho, and Joplin, Missouri, respectively. Reports of Russell Gibson's presence in Kansas City apparently unfounded. Movements of Fisher family followed by Division Agents, also activities of friends of Mildred Kuhlman, reported to be visiting at Leona, Kansas. Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130843, Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #1142463, and 1933 Model Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, not registered in State of Missouri. Requests made of Motor Vehicle Department, State of Kansas. Reports of "Doc" Barker in Kansas City during Christmas holidays apparently erroneous. Further inquiries relative to "Doc" Barker and Doris O'Connor at Kansas City, Missouri, and Hill City, Kansas, respectively, unproductive.			
DETAILS:			
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City,
12-19-34.

DETAILS:

In connection with Division letters dated 10-13-34 and 10-25-34, 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, further inquiries have been made at the Police Department of Joplin, Missouri, in regard to the arrest on 12-14-34 of Martha Murray, Joplin Police Department #2710. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney of the Kansas City Division office, who was advised that on the prior date Martha Murray, who is identical with Edna Murray, the woman companion of Volney Davis, was arrested in company with two men on a vagrancy charge and was released on parole. The inquiry conducted by Agent O'Mahoney was to ascertain the identity of the two men who were arrested at that time with her. From the records of the Joplin Police Department it was learned that one Jack Murray, who claimed to be the husband of Martha Murray, was arrested with her, the date of arrest being given as 12-14-34 and the latter having Joplin Police Department number of 2708. On 5-18-25 he received a sentence of one year for possession of liquor. Murray made bond and later on 10-1-25 was sentenced at Kansas City to serve a term of twenty-five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, for robbery. It will be recalled that Edna Murray was also sentenced at that time on the same charge, was subsequently incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, from which she escaped on three different occasions and is still at large. The other party arrested with her in Joplin was one Edward G. Graham, alias Edward B. Graham, alias Bill Burns, alias Edward Brophay, alias Edward Sucoy, Joplin Police Department #2709, date of arrest being 12-13-34, when he was held for investigation. A full physical description of Graham was obtained from the Police Department at Joplin and is being kept on file in the Kansas City Division office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. M. McGrath, dated at New Orleans, 12-20-34, in which is set out the facts obtained from the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department relative to Doris O'Connor, who is wanted for questioning in the instant case. Among the associates of the latter the above mentioned report states that one Melvin Stofer, alias Rex Reiser, was apprehended along with Doris O'Connor in New Orleans on 8-3-35. Both Doris O'Connor and Reiser were released from the Parish Prison, New Orleans, on 8-13-23. It should be noted that Reiser is also the subject of Kansas City file 31-1862, Rex Reiser, alias Charles Reiser, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen - Victim, White Slave Traffic Act. A review of the latter file discloses that a complaint charging a conspiracy to violate the White Slave Traffic Act was filed against Reiser and Victim, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, on 5-26-31 at Kansas City, Missouri.

This matter was presented to the grand jury, Kansas City, Missouri, 11-4-34, but was not billed. The file further reflects that at the time of Reisman's apprehension he was located at the premises of his father, J. M. Reisman, 2412 Elmwood Street, Kansas City, Missouri. These facts are being set out at this time so that an investigation might be conducted looking to the present whereabouts of Reisman so that, if possible, information regarding the present location of Doris O'Connor might be obtained. The address indicated above, namely 2412 Elmwood Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is now vacant and the file in the Kansas City Division office reflects no further information pertaining to any former address of Reisman other than the one given above. For this reason it is suggested that the New Orleans office review their file 51-1245 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Reisman can be located at any addresses in that district. Further investigation along these lines will also be conducted by the Kansas City Division office as soon as possible.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-17-34, on pages four and five, in which is set out recent surveillance conducted over the activities of Harry C. Stanley, who is the brother of Edna Murray, in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kansas. As a result of further inquiries made in Pittsburg by Special Agent E. J. O'Mahoney it has been learned that Harry Stanley has recently arrived and engaged a furnished house located at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas. Investigation through the Post Office where R. Mangrum, Postmaster, and John Waggner, who delivers mail at 206 East Adams Street, were contacted, developed information that one J. D. Miller, who operates a taxicab at Pittsburg, Kansas, owns the above premises, bears a good reputation and could be relied upon to furnish information. The latter was contacted and stated that on 12-16-34 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley engaged the residence at the above address and paid the rent up to the first of the year. From the conversation had with Stanley, Miller stated that he thought they intended to remain there until the spring. Miller further advised that on Sunday, 12-23-34, a young man and a girl had driven a new car, the make of which he did not know, into the garage used by Harry Stanley for his Buick; that after placing the car in the garage the young man and the girl locked the garage door and left with the Stanleys in their car. This occurred shortly after noon. Along about five or six o'clock the same afternoon all four parties returned and the young couple took the car from the garage. Miller stated that he paid no particular attention to the matter but in his opinion the car had been placed in the garage with the idea of keeping it out of sight. Miller also stated that on Tuesday or Wednesday after 12-16-34 when the Stanleys rented the house at 206 East Adams Street, a letter and a package were delivered there addressed to Mr. Naverre (phonetic). Stanley brought both the package and letter over to Miller's house and asked whether or not he knew the party to whom it was addressed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller stated that as far as they could remember the package and the letter bore no return address but they were under the impression they both had

been mailed either at Independence, Kansas, or Wichita, Kansas. Miller took both the package and the letter to the Post Office which were evidently later returned to Wichita.

Miller is in the taxi business at Pittsburg and uses his residence, 202 East Adams Street, as his office consequently during the greater part of the day while he is not out on a taxi run he is present at home and is in a good position to observe any activity which occurs at 206 East Adams Street. Arrangements were made with him that in the event any stranger appeared at the Stanley residence the Kansas City Division office would be immediately notified. He was likewise furnished with a photograph of Volney Davis and also of Edna Murray in order that he might make a comparison with any strangers that might appear at the above address. Cooperation in this investigation will still be had from the Pittsburg Police Department where Chief of Police Ross Armstrong and Thomas Stowers are very willing to be of assistance. Attention is called at this point to Division letter dated 11-7-34 to the Kansas City Division office suggesting that the two different photographs of Volney Davis be shown to persons who are acquainted with him in order to determine which one more closely resembles him. With this thought in mind a memorandum was prepared by the writer suggesting that the photographs be exhibited to W. H. Boyce, R.F.D. #2, Pittsburg, Kansas, who is the father-in-law of Harry Stanley. However, in light of the recent developments in Pittsburg it is not deemed advisable at this time to pursue this course. Subsequently this may be done if it can be ascertained that Boyce is a reliable type and would not harbor Davis or any of the other Subjects in this case. It will be recalled by referring to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, 11-17-34, that W. H. Boyce owns the premises on R.F.D. #3 at Pittsburg, Kansas, where a surveillance was conducted during the month of November looking to the detection and apprehension of Volney Davis. The above information, namely that Harry Stanley is presently residing at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, was communicated to Mr. E. J. Connelley in Chicago by telephone on 12-24-34.

Information was subsequently received from Thomas Stowers above indicated of the Pittsburg Police Department that the 1934 Pontiac Sedan bearing Missouri registration #585254 had been seen in the vicinity of the Stanley residence. It is recalled at this point that Subject Davis is reported to be operating such an automobile. Upon receipt of this information inquiry was made of the Secretary of State's office at Jefferson City, Missouri, which office informed that the above registration was issued to Bruce R. Hansen, Box 102, Belton, Missouri, for 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor #1058715, Missouri title indicating that this car was purchased on 10-11-34 from the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., 24th and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

G. E. Douglas, sales manager of the above company, upon being interviewed on 12-31-34 by Special Agent W. J. Mahoney and the writer, stated that the instant car was purchased by a woman on 10-11-34 and that she paid \$886.90 in cash. At the time of the purchase of this automobile the woman stated that she was buying the car while her "boy friend was flushed." The salesman who closed the deal, Mr. Lohmeyer, was also contacted but was unable to identify either the picture of Edna Murray or Doris O'Connor as the woman with whom he had done business. Photographs of all Subjects connected with this case were exhibited to both Mr. Douglas and Mr. Lohmeyer with the same result. Since the date of the purchase of the car the latter had been serviced by the Noel V. Wood Motor Company on the following dates:

11-3-34	mileage	5,505
11-12-34	mileage	7,011
12-17-34	mileage	12,240
12-22-34	mileage	13,154

Further inquiries were immediately made by the same Agents at Belton, Missouri, which is located approximately fifteen miles south of Kansas City, Missouri, on highway #71. J. O. Goehnauser, Postmaster, stated that a party giving the name of G. E. Hansen had rented box 102 for the last quarter of 1934. As well as he could recall only one or two letters, other than letters received from the Secretary of State's office, Jefferson City, Missouri, had been in the box. He further explained that the lease on the post office box expired as of 12-31-34. It was also ascertained that the same party who rented box 102 at Belton, Missouri, had also secured a Belton city automobile license. H. H. Thompson, City Marshal, offered this information, stating that G. E. Hansen had made application on 11-11-34 and had received city license 164 which expires 2-15-35. At the time of procuring the same Hansen stated that he was living just within the city limits of Belton and was anxious to obtain a license because of the many times he had been stopped in Kansas City, Missouri, by traffic officers. Numerous inquiries were made in Belton but Agents were unable to locate any person by the name of G. E. Hansen or Grace R. Hansen. From the extended travel evidenced by the mileages of this Pontiac Sedan when it was being serviced by the motor company in Kansas City, Missouri, together with other mysterious movements of the party known as Hansen in and around Belton, Missouri, indicate that further investigation along these lines be considered. With this in mind both the Postmaster and City Marshal, as well as the officials of the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, were requested to immediately notify this office if either party put in an appearance in the future. All parties so requested expressed their willingness to supply this office with such information. It should be noted that photographs of the individuals being investigated in this case were also shown to H. H. Thompson, City Marshal, Belton, Missouri, and while his identification was not definite, he indicated that the photograph of Volney

Davis as contained in a strip of photographs furnished by the Division to all offices, resembling the person known to him as G. E. Hanson.

With reference to memorandums of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and Special Agent M. S. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-10-34 and 11-30-34, respectively, in which is contained information offered by T. W. Shearin, former Sheriff at Neosho, Missouri, to the effect that the latter had observed an individual talking to one of the proprietors at the Tri-State Filling Station in Joplin, Missouri, heretofore mentioned in this case, who greatly resembled Fred Barker. It was subsequently ascertained, as is set out in the second memorandum indicated, that the true name of this individual thought to be Barker was a Dr. Cochrane, a dentist with offices in the Elk's Building, Webb City, Missouri, and residing at 903 South Madison Street, Webb City, Missouri. In this connection Shearin also remarked that George Barker, the father of "Doc" and Fred Barker, during the few weeks previous was seen to go out on highway #37 considerably which is east of Joplin, Missouri, and that he thought it possible that Barker might be receiving mail at some point other than Joplin, Missouri, inasmuch as he was no longer receiving any mail at the Peoples Oil Company, which is same location as the Tri-State Filling Station mentioned above. Pursuant to this information contact was had with the Postmaster at Webb City, Missouri, and Carterville, Missouri, to inquire as to whether any communications addressed to George E. Barker, father of Fred Barker, or mail cover at Joplin, Missouri, on George E. Barker, as well as Neosho, Missouri, on relatives of Volney Davis, is being continued. Arrangements have been made with the Post Office, American Railway Express and Western Union at Joplin, Missouri, to watch for any communications addressed to the relatives of Volney Davis, and to forward same to the Chicago office. Arrangements were also made with the authorities at the Western Union, Post Office and Railway Express Agency at Joplin, Missouri, to furnish the Kansas City office with information regarding any communications transmitted to George E. Barker in care of the Tri-State Oil Company filling station at Joplin, Missouri.

On 12-21-34 Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago office called by telephone to advise that Mrs. Mabel Guymon, sister of Clara Gibson, who is the wife of Subject Russell Gibson, was leaving Chicago at 10:35 P.M., 12-21-34 on a Santa Fe excursion train scheduled to arrive at Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:25 A.M., 12-22-34, and that she was accompanied by her brother Frank Fisher and a cousin Pauline.

Agents R. P. Shanahan and A. R. Miller met the Santa Fe train on 12-22-34 and observed the arrival of Frank Fisher, Mrs. Mabel Guymon and Pauline. These people got into a Yellow Cab and drove to 217 West 11th Street

where Pauline got out. The sub then proceeded to the Fisher residence at 502 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It was suggested by Agent Brown that some surveillance be kept on the premises at 502 Myrtle and on the evening of Saturday, 12-23-34, Agent A. R. Miller parked his car from about 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at a suitable spot to observe this residence, but noted nothing of importance. This place was further observed from 7:50 P.M. until 9:15 P.M. on the same evening with no results.

On Sunday, 12-23-34, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Nathan and Agent A. R. Miller drove by the Fisher residence at 502 Myrtle and there observed a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1934 Ohio license plates #463-169. A further surveillance was maintained for a portion of the evening of Sunday, 12-23-34, by Agent A. R. Miller.

On Monday, 12-24-34, Special Agents A. R. Miller and R. G. Reed interviewed J. E. Fisher, who is employed in a garage at the American Can Company, North Kansas City, Missouri. Fisher, who has previously been interviewed by Agents of this office, stated that he had heard nothing concerning Russell Gibson and volunteered the information that his son Frank and daughter Mabel were visiting over the holidays at their home, 502 Myrtle and that he had not heard them say anything about Russell Gibson or their sister Clara up to that time. He again indicated his distinct dislike for Russell Gibson.

On 12-25-34 a wire was sent to the Cincinnati Division office inquiring the ownership of license #463-169. The Cincinnati Division office replied on 12-24-34 indicating that this license number was issued 6-15-34 to Laura Verier, who presently resides at Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed by the Emergency Feed Office, United States Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent A. R. Miller on 12-27-34 interviewed Miss Laura Verier at the Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and during the course of the conversation learned that Miss Verier is at this time rooming and boarding at 502 Myrtle Street with the Fishers. Miss Verier appears to be a single woman, age 35, 5 feet 5 inches in height, pink-marked complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, medium slim build. She states she has been in Kansas City, Missouri, since 10-18-34 and has been rooming at the Fishers since 11-1-34; that she formerly was employed in Chicago and has a girl friend who is a friend of a Miss Bailliff, who resides on Thompson Avenue, which is immediately across the street from the Fisher residence; that upon coming to Kansas City she met Miss Bailliff and in order to be near her took a room at the Fisher residence. Miss Verier appeared to be a person entirely trustworthy and reliable. She stated that she is constantly being asked to visit with the Fisher family on evenings and she is positive, after being shown a photograph of Russell Gibson, that he has not been at that residence since she has been

living there. She further states that Mrs. Fisher has, on one or two occasions, mentioned a daughter who is away from home, who she believes to be Clara Gibson and that Clara Gibson is at this time residing in New York City, address unknown to Miss Verier. She stated that at no time in her presence has Russell Gibson ever been mentioned, except for the fact that she has learned from Mrs. Fisher that her daughter in New York is married.

Miss Verier appeared to be entirely cooperative but stated that she has asked to be transferred to Columbus, Ohio, and will undoubtedly be transferred there in the very near future. She stated she could be reached after transfer to Columbus at the Agriculture Department, Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio. She stated that should she learn anything before leaving the Fishers she would be glad to communicate with this office. She promised Agent she would call the office when she found out definitely about her transfer to Columbus.

Agent contacted the mail carrier delivering mail at 502 Myrtle, who is already familiar with this residence, and he stated he has observed nothing of unusual importance other than the visit of the son and daughter from Chicago. He stated that Mrs. Fisher does not leave outgoing mail at the house mail box but delivers the mail to the street box at Independence and Monroe Avenue.

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of 12-24-34 having reference to telephone message of Special Agent in Charge Connelley from the Chicago office to the effect that Mrs. Tillie Lonquest and daughter Barbara Lonquest, who are friends of Mildred Kuhlman, reported girl friend of "Doc" Barker, were visiting relatives at Leona, Kansas, namely J. N. Cross, and asked this office to make discreet investigation relative to the character, reputation and possible contacts of J. N. Cross. He also added that these women were driving a Pontiac with Illinois license #652-629.

On the evening of 12-24-34 Special Agents A. R. Miller and B. P. Cruise went to Troy, Kansas, which is the county seat of the county in which Leona is located, and there made inquiry of Deputy Sheriff Larson, who is known to this Division to be a reliable peace officer. Upon being questioned concerning the identity of one J. N. Cross, Mr. Larson stated that he knew a Jasper Cross of Leona, Kansas, who was about 50 years of age, had lived around Leona, Kansas, for ten or twelve years, had always borne an excellent reputation and was well thought of in the community; that this Cross had no family and was employed by the County Highway Department in the Maintenance Division and received a salary of \$125.00 per month. He could not say for sure whether or not Jasper Cross was J. N. Cross.

Agents A. R. Miller and B. P. Cruise and Deputy Sheriff Larson

then drove to Leona, Kansas, which is located about eighteen miles from Troy, Kansas, where Agent A. R. Miller contacted Postmaster Dennis, who runs a small store at Leona, Kansas, a town of about 250 population. Mr. Dennis informed Agent that Jasper Gross was J. M. Gross; that on that day, 12-24-34, Mr. Gross had been in his store and stated to him that he and "the folks" were going to the Christmas tree celebration at the church in Leona that evening. He verified the statements made by Mr. Larson as to the character and reputation of J. M. Gross. He stated that Mrs. Gross had a sister by the name of Mrs. Lonquist and that he presumed Mrs. Lonquist and her daughter were the persons referred to as "the folks" by Mr. Gross when he mentioned going to the Christmas party. He could not say for certain as to whether or not they were actually in Leona at that time, although he stated that Mrs. Gross often received visits from her sister in Chicago. Agents drove by the residence of Mr. Gross which is located in Leona, but did not observe any Pontiac Sedan at that place. Agent impressed upon both Mr. Larson and Mr. Dennis the desirability of complete secrecy with reference to these inquiries and both promised to say nothing concerning it. Agent did not reveal the nature of the case upon which the instant investigation was predicated.

The presence of the Agents at Leona, Kansas, on Christmas Eve was not observed by anyone other than Mr. Dennis.

On 12-31-34 Miss Verier was again contacted by the writer at her place of employment which is at the Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, where she advised that she expected to be transferred very shortly to Columbus, Ohio, however, she said that this information was not definite and that she would be sure to again get in touch with the Kansas City Division office before she left town, in the interim she promised to cooperate as well as circumstances would permit in securing what information she could concerning either Russell Gibson or his wife from the Fisher family where she was still residing. Since the date of her first interview she said that she had learned nothing further concerning either of the two above mentioned individuals but did state that Mabel Guymon left for Chicago on Saturday, 12-29-34, in response to word received from her husband in a special delivery letter received on the afternoon of Saturday, the letter apparently set out that Mr. Guymon was being transferred to Duluth, Minnesota, there to continue work for the same firm with which he has been previously employed. Frank Fisher had left for Chicago two days previously so that at the present time none of the parties who had left Chicago to visit the Fisher family were any longer there. She also stated that Rose Atkins, the mother of Mary Atkins, previously mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-17-34, on page 11, was a frequent visitor at the Fisher home and that Mary Atkins had come from Newark around the first of

November, together with her husband, Harry Sumner, and had resided with the Fisher family until about 12-10-34 at which time she left to rejoin her husband in the east, inasmuch as he had left the day after Thanksgiving. From all indications it would seem, according to Miss Verier, that Rose Atkins is not at all pleased with her son-in-law and that the latter was practically forced to leave on the day after Thanksgiving. The information set out above concerning the recent investigation conducted at Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain if Gibson was in Kansas City was communicated to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago by letter on 12-27-34 at which time he also stated that the Kansas City office was in receipt of a telegram from the Los Angeles office dated 12-26-34 under the name entitled Russell Gibson National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, wherein it was stated that a true letter addressed to the Subject's mother at Los Angeles, California, was to be identical with the handwriting of Subject Gibson. This letter was postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34 with the return address of Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. However, from the surveillance conducted by Agents of this office over the above premises, as well as the information obtained from the informant, Miss Verier, it appears at this time that Subject Gibson was not present at the above address. In this connection reference is also made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 12-19-34, concerning prior investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain Gibson's whereabouts. In that report it has been set out that one Tony Gizzo, alleged Italian gangster of Kansas City, was interviewed. A few days after the said interview Gizzo telephoned Special Agent H. E. Andersen of the Kansas City office and advised him that if this Division was of the opinion that Gibson was in Kansas City it was mistaken as he, Gizzo, had ascertained through his contacts that Gibson was not presently here. This information was likewise communicated to Mr. Connelley of Chicago in the letter dated 12-27-34 indicated above.

It should likewise be noted that the facts obtained through the investigation conducted both at Troy and Leona, Kansas, by Special Agents A. R. Miller and B. P. Cruise of this office, which is set out above and which was made pursuant to a telephonic request of Mr. Connelley from Chicago on 12-24-34, were also communicated to Mr. Connelley of Chicago by letter under date of 12-27-34. Further investigation at the above places will be conducted as soon as possible. For further information concerning both the prior activities and associates of the above mentioned Mildred Kuhlman, reference should be had to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated 12-21-34 at Detroit. With further reference to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34, this office has been further advised by Assistant Sheriff John Kelley at Kansas City, Missouri, that Russell Gibson is reported to be residing now at 1233 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. This report was obtained by Mr. Kelley's informant [redacted] from an unnamed individual frequenting the place operated by C. R. Tate, referred to in the

above mentioned report of Agent Spear. This individual volunteered the information when he overheard [redacted] ask Tate whether he had recently heard from Gibson and Tate had replied in the negative. The same party further informed [redacted] that he had had a letter from Gibson at the above address, namely 1833 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, "the day before yesterday" which would have been on or about 12-24-34. Mr. Kelley is securing the name of this individual who did the speaking at that time and will advise the Kansas City office. These facts were communicated to Mr. Connelley at Chicago by letter under date of 12-28-34.

Reference is made to the letter of Mr. R. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, to the St. Paul office dated 12-26-34 in which three automobiles having a direct bearing on this case were definitely and minutely described with the request that all offices request the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the various states to advise when any of these cars was registered for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for these cars for the year 1934.

In response to such a request made of the Secretary of State's office, Jefferson City, Missouri, this office has been advised under date of 12-28-34 that Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130843; Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, motor #1142463, and 1933 Model Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, have not been registered in the State of Missouri. Stop cards have been placed in the files of this office. The same request was also made of the Motor Vehicle Department for the State of Kansas to which, at the present time, there has been no response. However, judging from experiences with this bureau in the past it is apparent to this office that no registration of these cars will be found there inasmuch as the Kansas City office would have been notified before this time. As soon as confirmation of this fact is received it shall be duly reported.

On 12-24-34 Frank Stone and Mr. Silverthorne of the Kansas State Highway Patrol called at the Kansas City Division office and advised that a woman informant, who had been working with Silverthorne in certain other matters and who has at times been reliable and at times unreliable, had told Silverthorne that a group of outlaws, including "Doc" Barker, were planning to have a party in Kansas City on Christmas at the residence of one Inez Wickersham, with address given at 616 East 14th Street. No further details of the proposed meeting were available. The informant upon being questioned had stated that she had in the past an opportunity to become acquainted with these people although having had no recent contact with the same. An investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and H. A. Dietz on 12-24-34 at which time they maintained a discreet surveillance over the premises located at 621 East 14th Street, inasmuch as the city directory showed the address at 616 East 14th Street to be vacant, but that one Inez Wickersham was listed as residing at 621 East 14th Street. No un-

usual activity was noted at that time nor did anything occur which would indicate in any way that any persons wanted by the Division in this case were in the vicinity. From the meager information afforded by the above mentioned informant it appears at this time that the rumor of the possible presence of "Doc" Barker at the above address was erroneous; however, further discreet inquiries will be made so as to exhaust all possibilities.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-6-34, in which it is set out that one Frank Nichols should be interviewed in order to ascertain if he could offer any possible information concerning Doris O'Connor, formerly known as Doris Stucklich and Mrs. Earl Stucklich, Edna Murray or any of the other Subjects. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate Frank Nichols he was finally interviewed by the writer on 12-31-34 at his place of business which is a small restaurant located at 714 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. His home residence is listed in the city directory as 4036 Waddell. It was ascertained upon interview that he and Gus Nichols are not identical but are brothers. It will be recalled by reference to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34, that Gus Nichols is now incarcerated in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, where he has been for the past six or seven years. Pictures of the Subjects in this case, with particular emphasis being placed on those of the above mentioned women, were exhibited to Frank Nichols. He stated that he knew none of them and had never heard of their names. When asked about this he explained that for some time prior to his brother's entrance to the Minnesota State Penitentiary he had not been closely associated with him and therefore had known none of his associates. He seemed to be truthful and sincere; nevertheless none of the details of the investigation in this case were disclosed to him. He was supplied with the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Division office and expressed a willingness to pass on any information he might subsequently receive.

In this same connection inquiries were made at Hill City, Kansas, by Special Agent N. O. Scott in response to further facts which have been set out in the memorandum of Special Agent B. P. Cruise dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-24-34, which in turn is predicated upon the facts outlined in the above mentioned report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-6-34. In the memorandum indicated it is reported that both Mr. and Mrs. Stucklich, the latter being identical with Doris O'Connor, now thought to be the woman companion of Jesse Doyle, resided in Hill City, Kansas, at the time of the bank robbery which was perpetrated there. County Attorney J. S. Parker and Sheriff Bill Jones of that locality were contacted regarding this matter. They both advised that Mrs. Earl Stucklich, who is a

sister of Edna Murray, had left her husband, Earl Stuchlik, about six months ago and returned to Oklahoma. Parker further advised that he had been on the lookout for Edna Murray, as well as for any other members of the Barker-Karpis gang but he is positive that some of them have been in or around Hill City. It is suggested here that the Oklahoma City office make the contacts they deem advisable to ascertain whether or not Doris O'Connor is now located in that district or associating with any of the contacts heretofore mentioned in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at New Orleans, Louisiana, will review the file in which Rex Reiser, with aliases, is the subject and which has been indicated in the body of this report, so that an investigation may be conducted looking to the possibility of finding out the present whereabouts of Doris O'Connor, who in the past has been associated with Reiser.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Kansas City, Missouri, will also peruse the file entitled Rex Reiser, with aliases, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, so that pertinent inquiries can be made relative to Doris O'Connor.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will investigate the address of 1233 LaSalle Street, which is set out in the body of this report on pages 10 and 11. According to an informant in Kansas City the above address is now supposed to be that of Subject Russell Gibson.

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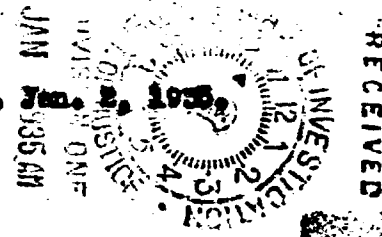
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Dear Sir:

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
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Reference is made to the letter from the Denver office to the Kansas City office, under personal and confidential cover, dated December 29, 1934, in which the attention of this office was called to the letter from the Denver office to the Division dated December 22, 1934, regarding [REDACTED] who is desirous of securing Division employment as an under-cover informant.

Please be advised that [REDACTED] was personally contacted on the evening of December 31, 1934, by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan of this office, at which time he stated again his wishes of working for the Division as an under-cover informant, pointing out his accomplishments in the past as a narcotic investigator and in other such matters. He claimed that if he were allowed to work in the capacity of an under-cover informant for the Division for approximately thirty days he would be able to deliver the subjects involved in this case and offer an entire solution of it. When further questioned as to how he would bring this about, he claimed that he was positive that he could gain the confidence of one Bossie Nigro of Kansas City and become a member of his mob. Further, he stated that Nigro knew of the present whereabouts of practically all of the subjects in this case and that the same information would be conveyed to him in a short time, owing to his ability to become closely associated with underworld characters.

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Agent Shanahan was further informed that this matter had already been taken up with the Division through the Denver Division office but that no word had as yet been forthcoming, consequently [redacted] as told that if the Division was desirous of employing him in such a capacity that he would be so notified by the Denver Division office and that the matter would be consummated one way or the other at that point. It should be noted here that during the interview [redacted] talked at length about various investigations he had been on, the credit for whose solutions he always claimed for himself. He boasted openly of his abilities to secure confidential information from any and all underworld characters and stated repeatedly that the Bremer case would be solved if he were put on the job, however, when put to the task of explaining just how this would be done his answers were evasive and indefinite.

It appears to me that from the information which [redacted] has furnished in the past, together with the statements made to Agent Shanahan, it is extremely doubtful that he would be able to develop information of value in Kansas City and I am submitting this additional letter in order to possibly assist the Division in reaching a determination in this regard.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Butte, Montana, January 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

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:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Frank J. Bell, Billings, Montana, stating that he has received an old letter from W. E. Head, and sends it to the Butte Office. He states that it is characteristic of Head's spelling, mis-use of capital letters, etc. It was in relation to securing a position for Dr. Bell's son Norman at the World's Fair in Chicago. This letter is dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 1933, and is signed by W. E. Head, the letter being typewritten as you will see.

The notation at the top "The Christian Kid" is evidently written by Dr. Bell.

I thought it might be of some use and I am sending the original, herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

As a result of a mail cover on mail directed
to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Newbold, sister and brother-in-
law of Alvin Karpis, who reside at 2840 North Francisco
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a tracing was submitted by the
Chicago Post Office, showing that Mr. and Mrs. Newbold
received a letter postmarked December 30, 1934, at Tulsa,
Oklahoma, with the return address "Mrs. Dorothy Karpis,
21 1/2 East Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma". The number "10" appears
directly after 21 1/2 East Brady, the return address.

It is requested that you inquire at St. Paul
Brady to determine the identity of Mrs. Dorothy
Karpis, and if possible, if she is in fact Dorothy

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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

FILE NO. **9-33**

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/6/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. J. L. PIERCE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harrison not located in vicinity of San Francisco. Photographs distributed.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector S. E. Conley dated November 20, 1934, Chicago, Illinois.			
DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA This agent with Special Agent T. P. Geraghty exhibited photographs of William J. Harrison to Paul Mingle, in charge of guards at the El Cerrito Kennel Club, leaving photographs to be shown to the eight men under him. Mingle stated that he did not recognize the photograph as being any person that he recalled being at the El Cerrito Dog Tracks and that he would advise the San Francisco office of the Division if this person appeared there. These agents mingled with the crowd but no identification was made. It will be noted that this is the only dog track in operation at this time and that John Patton was not known to the operators of the El Cerrito Kennel Club. The taverns and gambling resorts in the vicinity of El Cerrito Kennel Club, near Berkeley and San Pablo, California, were covered by agents, photographs being exhibited and contacts being made whereby the Division office would be notified if Harrison should show up, particularly at the Acme Club, the 90 Club, and the ranch at San Pablo. The police departments of Berkeley and Richmond, California, were contacted and given the photograph of Harrison together with information which would assist them in possibly locating him. The St. Marks, Oakland, Nevada and Leamington hotels in Oakland, California, were covered and photographs exhibited to bell boys and clerks in an effort to determine whether or not Harrison had stayed at these hotels, but no			
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identification was made. However, arrangements were made that the Division office in San Francisco would be notified if he made his appearance at these places.

It was noted in the letter of reference that Harrison might make an appearance at Tanforan Race Track, San Bruno, California, but as this race track is not in operation, no investigation was conducted at San Bruno, California. California Jockey Club, Bay Meadows, at San Mateo, California, is closed for the season, and it is stated by persons acquainted with the tracks that a large drawing is expected at the new track open in Los Angeles, which is now in operation, known as the San Anita Race Track. Several photographs are being attached to the copy of this report for the Los Angeles office for their aid in possible apprehension of Harrison at Los Angeles.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

The Los Angeles office at San Anita Race Track will continue the appropriate investigation at race tracks, taverns, and other hangouts frequented by race track followers for the purpose of locating Harrison and other members of the Karpis gang.

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

FILE NO. **V-5**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/4/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/28/34-1/3/35	REPORT MADE BY JAY C. NEWMAN
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			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Ford automobiles registered in 1934 in Illinois under names of J. B. Bolton and Andrew Allen not licensed to date in states of Colorado and Wyoming. No record in either of these states of subject Moran's Pontiac coach. Stop orders placed.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter of SAC E. J. Connelley, dated Chicago, Ill., 12-26-34.			
DETAILS: <p>Through correspondence with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Treasurer's office, Denver, Colorado, and the office of the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, it has been determined that Ford V-8 coach, motor #1130843, registered in the State of Illinois in 1934 under the name of J. B. Bolton, and Ford V-8 Victoria coupe, motor #1142463, registered in the State of Illinois in 1934 under the name of Andrew Allen, had not been licensed to date in either Colorado or Wyoming. It was also determined, through communication with the Motor Vehicle Department of these states, that 1933 Pontiac coach, motor #935155, serial #815237, owned by subject Moran, had not been registered to date.</p> <p>Stop orders have been placed on all of the above described automobiles.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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in the Motor Vehicle Division in the states of Colorado and Wyoming,
and this office will be notified in the event efforts are made to
register them during the year 1935.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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January 5, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:-

I telephoned Mr. Nathan concerning the St. Louis situation and instructed him to proceed to St. Louis from Springfield, Illinois, and to return to Chicago to be present at the Karpis-Barker conference scheduled for next Wednesday, January 9th. At the conclusion of this conference, Mr. Nathan will return directly to Washington. I have also instructed Mr. Newby to be present at this conference.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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Mr. Tracy ✓

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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January 7, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan.....
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In connection with developments in the Bremer Kidnaping case during the past week, reports and memoranda of 'phone calls, received at the Division, indicate that a number of contacts and addresses under surveillance in Chicago will produce results in the near future.

A conference of Agents familiar with various angles of this case will be held at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935 for the purpose of developing a definite plan of action to be taken in this case, checking over old leads and developing new leads.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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January 5, 1935

Mr. Harold Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Confirming Mr. Tolson's conversation with you, I desire that you and Mr. Connelley take charge of the conference at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935, to be attended by Special Agents from the various field offices and Mr. R. E. Newby of the Division, who are especially familiar with the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang. Attention should be given to all possible angles of the investigations looking to the location and apprehension of members of this gang. A definite plan of action should be adopted and given vigorous attention. Leads to the several field offices should be carefully followed up.

The agents who have been instructed to attend this conference are as follows:

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Kansas City office
Oklahoma City office

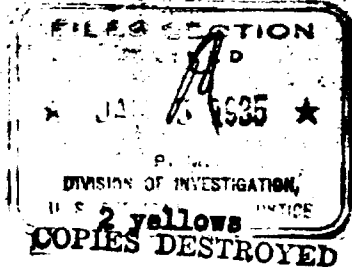
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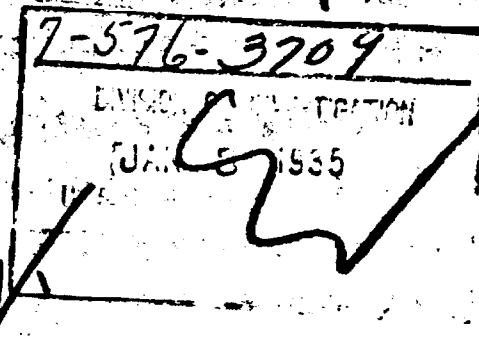
The following agents of the Chicago office should also attend this conference:

R. D. Brown
R. E. McKee
Clarence Hart
G. G. Campbell
John Madala
R. C. Suran
J. T. McLaughlin

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A report, incorporating all practical suggestions developed at the conference should be distributed to all field offices.

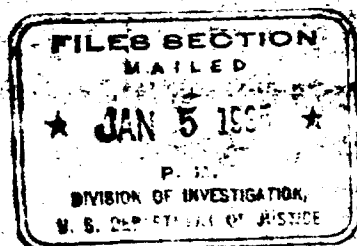
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/7/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/26, 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. GREEN DME
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. #1238; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Bert Robertson, State Penitentiary #11707, Lincoln, Nebraska, reported to have been an associate of Clyde Nimerick, advises he has never known or associated with Nimerick.			
REFERENCE: Division letter, dated December 19, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Lincoln, Nebraska Reference letter requested that Bert Robertson, alias T. A. Redbridge, Nebraska State Penitentiary #11707, reported to have been an associate of Clyde Nimerick, be interviewed immediately for the purpose of obtaining any information in his possession relative to Clyde Nimerick.			
DETAILS: The reference letter also stated that Robertson, as Bert T. Robertson, with aliases, USM #463, Denver, Colorado, was arrested on March 4, 1931, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, but no disposition was given; also, as Bert Thomas Robertson, Denver PD #15850, was arrested in Denver, September 24, 1933, charge - fugitive (bank robbery), no disposition given.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Werner Hammi</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-3710 JAN 9 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE FILE: STAT. SECT.	
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Mr. W. E. Schroeder, in charge of the State Identification Bureau at Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that Bert Robertson was sentenced at Pierce, Nebraska, September 29, 1933 to fifteen years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for robbery of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Foster, Nebraska, September 12, 1932, when he was accompanied by William Knight, at which time he escaped in an automobile parked in front of the bank; that Robertson gave the names of his parents as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Robertson, Ignacio, Colorado; his brother, Gordon Robertson, also of Ignacio; and a sister, Mrs. Della Perino, of Alliance, Colorado; that when incarcerated, Robertson stated he had had a three-years college education.

Mr. Schroeder had no information which would connect Bert Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

Fred G. Benton, State Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebraska, whose office formerly had a wanted notice for Bert Robertson and now has an outstanding notice for Clyde Nimerick, advised that their office had no information which would in any way connect Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

Bert T. Robertson, when interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, advised that he had never been in any prior trouble, excepting as heretofore noted, and had never served time in any penal institution prior to his present incarceration; that when arrested by the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado in 1931, he was arrested on mistaken identity and released after being held in the county jail at Denver for four days; that when arrested at Denver on September 24, 1933, it was in connection with the charge on which he is now serving sentence; that he has spent most of his life in and around Ignacio and Denver, Colorado, except for the following:

He enlisted in the United States Army at Durango, Colorado, June 8, 1917, was assigned to Company C, 43rd Inf. and was discharged June 9, 1919, at San Antonio, Texas, Camp Travis, his compensation file number being 236728; that he draws disability compensation of \$50.00 per month, \$35.00 of which is now being sent to his son, living with his wife, from whom he is now separated and whose address he does not have;

In the fall of 1929, he worked at the Boeing Air Field, Cheyenne, Wyoming, for several months; from January to August, 1930, he worked for the C.I.T. Corporation, at Los Angeles, California, then returned to Ignacio, Colorado; that in August and September, 1933, he worked for the Chevrolet Company in the branch plant at Saint Louis, Missouri under the name of Robert Jackson, Plant #12306; that in the

latter part of 1930, he worked for the American Foundry Company, at Denver, Colorado; also, later for the Robertson Incubator Company, out of Denver and for various garages in and about Denver and Ignacio, Colorado; that he was in Louisiana from February to May of 1935, around Shreveport, going under the name of Bob Robbins. At that time, he was a fugitive on the bank robbery charge; that he had never been in Kansas City, except on two occasions - once when going to Saint Louis and again when returning from Shreveport; that on one occasion he stopped during the afternoon in Kansas City and on the other occasion, stayed over night; that he had never been in the States of Iowa, Oklahoma or Texas, except for his Army Service at the latter place; that he never knew anyone by the name or description of Clyde Nimerick; that he has not often been in the company of criminals and only numbers four criminals among his acquaintances, and none of these answers the description of Clyde Nimerick, and all four were, at some time or still are in penal custody, during the past year and a half, during which time Clyde Nimerick has been at large; that if he could be advised as to when he was supposed to have been associated with Nimerick, he might be able to recollect him, but could not do so without this information; that he would willingly furnish any information he could to the Government, in connection with the instant investigation, the nature of which he was not advised.

The penitentiary authorities advised that Robertson is one of their grusties and any information obtained from him, in their opinion, could be depended upon.

Should further interview be desired with Robertson concerning Nimerick, it is suggested that the Division furnish the Omaha Office with what information is available, disclosing the association of Bert Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DENVER DIVISION OFFICE: - At Denver, Colorado, is requested to ascertain the disposition of Robertson's criminal record, as furnished by the Division; USM, Denver, #463, arrested 3/4/31, as Bert T. Robertson, N.M.V.T.A.; and as Bert T. Robertson, Denver PD #15850, arrested 9/24/33, as fugitive (bank robbery).

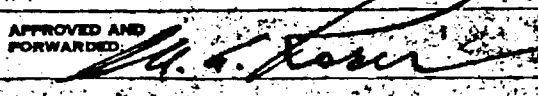
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-2 OT**

REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-7-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-19, 29-34	REPORT MADE BY: Louis DeNette
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1218; 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: KIDNAPPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Tennessee 1934 auto license tags 43-951 were issued March 14, 1934 at Memphis, Tennessee to G. J. Willard Chisca Hotel, Memphis, for Chevrolet sedan, motor 3,963,860. Auto license clerk who issued tags does not remember person procuring them. No record of G. J. Willard, or similar name, at Chisca Hotel, for month of March 1934. Effort to locate Russell Gibson as groupier in gambling resort at Memphis not successful.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, 12-17-34. Letter from Oklahoma City office to Nashville of- fice, 12-12-34.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.</u></p> <p>Agent, with the assistance of J. T. Douglas, deputy county clerk, of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, checked Tennessee 1934 auto license tags 43-951 through the records of the clerk's office and agent saw retained triplicate of auto registration dated March 14, 1934, showing these tags had been issued to W. J. Willard, giving address of Chisca Hotel, Memphis, for Chevrolet sedan, motor 3,963,860. Deputy County Clerk, H. McWeaver, who actually wrote out the registration slip, stated that he did not remember Willard or the incident of issuing the tags, as it was an ordinary daily duty.</p> <p>Manager Scott, of the Chisca Hotel, Memphis, allowed agent to look through all registration cards for the month of March 1934, but no registration of G. J. Willard or similar sounding name, except Williams, known to Mr. Scott and not fitting the description of Homer Wilson, was found. Mr. Scott stated it is</p>			
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a common occurrence for people, in registering autos, to give the name of some hotel. Agent took a tracing of the name "G. J. Willard" off the auto registration retained slip and tried to compare handwriting with registrations at the Wilson Hotel, but found nothing to resemble the writing. As Chicago already has carbon of the signature "G. J. Willard" on the duplicate registration card, the tracing made by agent is retained in the Nashville file.

The reference letter from the Oklahoma City office quoted one B. C. Hyde as stating he had seen a man resembling Russell Gibson as croupier at a gaming establishment at No. 214 South Main street, Memphis, Tennessee. In view of the suggestion in the reference letter that caution should be exercised in giving this information to the police at Memphis, agent discussed the matter with only one police officer, this being Captain S. D. Richards, in whom agent has confidence. Captain Richards procured a photograph of Gibson from the Memphis Identification Bureau and later reported he had canvassed this place at 214 South Main and found it to be nothing but a pool hall in which an occasional game of "craps" is shot by interested players. This information was later verified by agent. Captain Richards stated he likewise visited another pool hall at 167 South Main, but said no gaming goes on there. He said he is continuing a quiet investigation and if he located Gibson he will take him into custody.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Mr. Tamm.....
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Miss Gandy.....

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 7, 1935.

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

This is to advise that on the afternoon of January 3, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Vivian Mathis at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time she informed that during the latter part of November, 1934, while at liberty under bond in the KANEMO case, she made a trip to Chicago, Illinois, at the request of Louis "Doc" Stacey, and that while in Chicago she made contacts with several persons, the identities of whom she declined to disclose at the time of interview, from whom she learned that Verne Miller had been wounded in the legs during his escape from the Sherone Apartment Hotel in the Fall of 1933; that he had gone to the hotel where he had been living and was there killed by "friends" and his body taken to Detroit, Michigan, where it was later found. This woman informed that she had learned the identity of the individual who "fingered" Miller and also the identities of the persons who killed him and took his body to Detroit. She stated further that Miller had been killed as the result of orders received from New York City. She intimated that the person who sent out this order was Louis Buckhalter and she stated at the time that Buckhalter, Miller and associates had connections in New York City, Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Paul, Minnesota. She informed that Miller had left the East on instructions from Buckhalter during the month of August, 1933, and that the reason for her coming to Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1933, was because of instructions from Buckhalter. She stated that Buckhalter gave her \$1,200 in cash at the time of her departure from New York.

Who is
Buckhalter?
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It being thought that the "friends" who had killed Miller might be members of the Barker-Karpis gang, this woman was questioned in that connection and admitted that the killers were members of that gang, but would not furnish their identities. She did state, however, that Harry Sawyer was the individual who had "fingered" Miller. Vivian Mathis was pressed for information concerning the identities of the persons who had killed Miller, but she declined to furnish any information at this time, stating that she would furnish full information as

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We should see Mathis woman now
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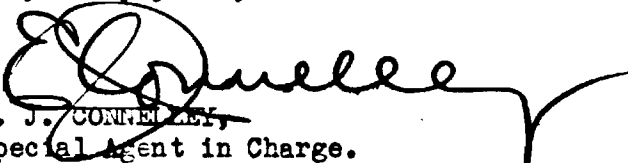
soon as she was released from prison on the sentence she expected to receive in the KALMO case. She advised that when released she would come to Chicago, Illinois, and get in touch with Agent McKee, at which time she would guarantee that the Government would get information concerning the locations of the persons who had killed Miller, and possibly others. She advised that if it was the last thing she did, she intended to see the assassins of Miller killed; that she was confident the Government would kill them if information could be obtained concerning their whereabouts; that she intended to turn them in as she wanted to see them dead and did not want to take a chance on going to the electric chair by killing them herself.

This woman also said that Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas Holden, Leavenworth penitentiary prisoner, had doublecrossed her and that as soon as she was able to come to Chicago she intended to take her for a ride and give her the worst beating she had ever seen. Vivian would not elaborate on this matter. She did remark, in connection with the Holden woman, that she believed members of the Barker-Karpis gang are intimate with her.

Vivian Mathis requested Agent McKee not to relay this information to Washington, D. C., because of the data she had supplied concerning a "leak" in Washington. The data supplied by her as to the alleged "leak" has been communicated to you under personal and confidential cover. Agent McKee, of course, told this woman that this matter would be treated in the strictest of confidence.

This data is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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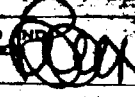
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

JAX FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/7/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15/34/35	REPORT MADE BY J. P. Lacour
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: Dog tracks operating in Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Jacksonville, Florida, have been covered at regular intervals with no indication to date that Willie Harrison is frequenting or working at any of them; similar coverage of these tracks will be made at regular intervals in future and Chicago Office notified immediately in event any information about Harrison learned, the Jacksonville Office taking proper and necessary steps in such event.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 20, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida: The dog track operating at Tampa, Florida, has been visited several times by Special Agent E. F. Yearsley accompanied by Post Office Inspector Sanford, who is well acquainted with the underworld characters frequenting that track as well as the associates and representatives of Capone who have a connection at the track. To date no information has been developed at this track which would tend to point toward Harrison's presence there or the presence of any of his associates or members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The attendance at this track has been unusually small this Winter and it is comparatively easy to observe nearly all present; for this reason Agent Yearsley is quite positive that Harrison or members of above mentioned gang are not present. The dog track operating at St. Petersburg, Florida, only opened recently and as yet has not been covered by Agent Yearsley, but he has made arrangements to visit this			
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place regularly immediately, as well as make further visits to the Tampa track when it re-opens after the Holidays.

At Miami, Florida:

The dog track operated by the Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami, Florida, has been frequented by Special Agent R. L. Main of the Jacksonville Office with no information developed as to Harrison's presence. Most of the employees are known at this track by Agent Main who will make further calls in an effort to gain any possible information of value.

At Jacksonville, Florida:

The Clay County Kennel Club, Orange Park, Florida, just outside of Jacksonville, has been frequented at least once weekly by Agents of the Jacksonville Office including this Agent and Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt and it might be said that practically every employee and person connected with this track are well known to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt. The crowds attending the races have been unusually small this season and it is felt by those who have made visits to this track that Harrison or his associates are certainly not here, however, the Agents of this office will continue to visit the track as well as the track which will soon open in Jacksonville which is owned by the Jacksonville Racing Association and which is to be operated by a Chicago crowd. In the event any information is developed at any of the points mentioned in this report, the Chicago Office as well as the Division will be immediately notified and such other steps as are proper and necessary will be taken by the Jacksonville Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE will continue to periodically frequent these tracks in an effort to locate Willie Harrison or members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the event they put in their appearance at these places.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
January 7, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 880
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. 1217
ET AL. - KIDNAPING
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

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Dear Sir:

JAN 28 1935

Reference is made to letter from this office to you dated January 3, 1935, particularly to that section relating to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wherein it is set forth [REDACTED] that Bert Angus had told the boys, not mentioning any names, apparently in a long distance telephone conversation, that George Sargent had called him, Bert Angus, and requested him to communicate with the gang and have Mildred return to Toledo, St. Detroit.

On the evening of December 30, 1934, [REDACTED] communicated with the Detroit office and advised that he had ascertained [REDACTED]

that on Christmas day, December 25, 1934, they had been visited by two members of the gang, Shorty and Slim. He stated that Shorty was Doc Barker and that he did not know the identity of Slim.

Under date of January 4, 1935, Special Agent S. A. Hall personally interviewed [REDACTED] and he advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Shorty Barker and another member of the gang, [REDACTED] had visited them on Christmas day at their apartment. He further advised that he had been unable to determine how long the boys had been in Toledo or when they had left, but he gathered [REDACTED] and they had probably left either Christmas night or the following morning, [REDACTED] unable to ascertain their destination.

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[redacted] had endeavored to secure further details. At 2 A.M. on the morning of January 8, 1935, Informant was again contacted by Agent Hall. [redacted]

[redacted] however, that he had been unable to secure any information from them inasmuch as they had two guests there who were drinking [redacted] being engaged in bootlegging, and would not discuss the matter with any guests present. He advised that as soon as an opportunity offered itself, which he expects to be in the next few days [redacted] will again visit [redacted] to secure all information they have concerning the whereabouts of any members of the gang.

In view of the fact that it is set forth in reference letter [redacted] that Bert Angus had had a conversation [redacted] Informant is of the opinion that at the time [redacted]

[redacted] that the boys had evidently returned to Chicago, and he stated that he was in error concerning the long distance telephonic conversation between Bert Angus and the boys.

[redacted] will be contacted on January 8, 1935, in order to ascertain whether he has secured any further information [redacted] concerning the whereabouts of members of the gang.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

DER:vss
cc Division
St. Paul

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Fla.

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January 3, 1935.

Mr. Geo. H. Wilder,
Motor Vehicle Commissioner,
Tallahassee, Florida.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

In the conduct of a certain important investigation being made by this Division, we are desirous of securing information concerning the following three automobiles:

1934 V-8 Coach, Motor No. 1,150 843
1934 V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 1,142 443
1934 Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 958 168, Serial No. 815 237.

It is respectfully requested that in the event application is made to register for title or tag any of the aforementioned automobiles for the year 1935, you advise this office by telephone collect - Phone No. 3-2780.

Please place a stop card in your file against each of the above described automobiles.

It will also be appreciated if you will immediately advise whether any of these cars were registered in the State of Florida for 1934 tags.

At this time I want to take the opportunity of expressing to you the appreciation of this Division for the splendid co-operation you have always afforded us.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

With the best wishes of this Office for a happy and successful New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. A. Alls,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division.
Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Post Office Box 889,
Chicago, Illinois.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 5, 1935.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Pursuant to suggestions at a conference with Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm, the following agents have been instructed to report to Assistant Director Harold Nathan at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935, to develop a definite plan of action with regard to locating members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Both Mr. Nathan and Mr. Connelley are being advised of this conference by air mail, special delivery letter.

Chicago office R. D. Brown
S. K. McKee
Clarence Hurt
C. G. Campbell
John Madala
R. C. Suran
J. T. McLaughlin
Detroit office..... William Larson
Kansas City office..... W. F. Trainor
Oklahoma City office..... Dwight Brantley
Paul Hansen
Omaha office Orville Dewey
St. Louis office R. E. Vetterli
St. Paul office O. G. Hall
San Francisco office..... W. R. Ramsey

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-22 HM

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-8-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-4, 7-35	REPORT MADE BY: D. O. Smith.
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: No record of Ford V8 Coach, Motor #1,130,843, Ford V8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1,142,463, 1933 model Pontiac Coach, Motor #935,155, or Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, Serial 1-DM-0749287, being registered in Alabama or Georgia in 1934 or 1935. State officials will advise Birmingham office in event any of above automobiles are registered subsequently.			
REFERENCE: Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn., copy to all Division offices, dated 12-26-34.			
DETAILS: At Birmingham, Ala.			
<p>Immediately on receipt of reference letter requesting that the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in the respective states be checked relative to 1934 or 1935 registrations pertaining to Ford V8 Coach, Motor #1,130,843, Ford V8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1,142,463, and 1933 model Pontiac Coach, Motor #935,155, Serial #815,237, letters were forwarded to the Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Revenue Commission, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Chief Clerk, Auto & License Department, State Tax Commission, Atlanta, Georgia, and replies received, advising that none of the automobiles had been registered in Alabama or Georgia in 1934 or 1935; however flash cards were being placed against the respective motor numbers, and the Birmingham Division Office will be promptly notified in the event any of the automobiles are registered subsequently.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The above Registration Bureaus had previously been requested to</p>			
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check on the registration of Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, Serial #1-DA-0749267, property of one H. J. Morley; however, the Motor Vehicle Division in Atlanta, Ga., through error checked for motor #4,543,655. A search was later made for Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, and a reply received that this automobile was not registered in Georgia in 1934 or 1935, and stop card had been placed in the files in order that the Birmingham Division office would be notified in the event the automobile is registered subsequently.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/8/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/27, 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. KENNEY
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: Mail received at 1825 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California by Wyatt Winters and wife, found to be sent by relatives and friends at Davenport, Iowa. Book Island, Illinois address fictitious. Individual of similar description to WILLIAM WEAVER, involved in robbery and murder with Gail Johnson at Burlington, Iowa, 5/27/34. Mail cover placed on incoming and outgoing mail of Gail Johnson at the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents J. G. Findlay, Los Angeles, 12/3/34; J. H. Kenney, Omaha, 10/20/34.			
DETAILS: At Davenport, Iowa Agent was advised that H. E. Winters was the father of Wyatt Winters. H. E. Winters runs a Specialty Shop at 319 East 4th Street. He is, at present, chairman of the Fire and Police Commission and was formerly an Alderman. Agent was advised, confidentially, that Mr. Winters has the reputation of being willing to do anything, if there is any money involved in it. His son, Wyatt Winters, had rather a bad juvenile record while in Davenport. He went out to Arizona for his health as he is supposed to be suffering from tuberculosis and must have recently moved to Hollywood. He married a Davenport girl.			
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Agent found that 1459 West 8th Street, was the address of Hans Vollert, who is a very reputable old German. He has seven or eight children and it is one of them who wrote to Mrs. Winters, as she used to be a friend of the Vollerts. The entire Vollert family bears an excellent reputation and is not an object of suspicion in any way.

Postal Authorities at Rock Island, Illinois, advised there is no such address as "258 16th Street" as the entire 800 block is vacant.

At Burlington, Iowa

At the Police Headquarters, Agent interviewed Chief of Police F. J. Machholz and Captain Baird concerning the facts relative to the murder of Captain Sauer, of the Burlington Police Department, by Gail Johnson. They advised that Captain Sauer was shot May 27, 1934, about 5:30 A.M., while investigating a report that two men were burglarizing The Economy Store. Two men broke open two safes, obtained \$700.00 and shot Captain Sauer with a sawedoff shotgun while making their escape. Gail Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, was identified as one of the parties and was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa. His companion is unknown and there are no available parties who can identify him. It is noted that Gail Johnson was an associate of WILLIAM WEAVER when he purchased a new Chevrolet Coupe, under the alias of J. A. Orhood, at Des Moines, Iowa in March, 1934. Captain Baird, who was handling this case for the Burlington Police Department, advised the description of WILLIAM WEAVER corresponds closely with the available information they have of Johnson's companion. Johnson, however, is supposed to have been the one who carried the shotgun and who actually did the killing, and his companion carried a revolver.

At Fort Madison, Iowa

At the State Penitentiary, Agent interviewed G. L. Wayland, censor of mails, who advised he would forward copies or tracings of all incoming and outgoing mail for Gail Johnson, to the Omaha Division Office, that was in the least suspicious. He advised so far Johnson had only written to his wife, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, 1723 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa; to Charles F. Howard, a colored attorney, 515 Mulberry St. Des Moines, Iowa, who was Johnson's counsel in his murder trial; to Mrs. Johnson, Norwalk, Iowa; and to Kate Aliber, 565 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, who is a friend and associate of Johnson's.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE: Will interview Gail Johnson, at the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, relative to his association with William Weaver at the time the Chevrolet Coupe was purchased at Des Moines, Iowa, during March, 1934. This interview should not be conducted until opportunity is given for Weaver to attempt to register this coupe for 1935, as he is very probably not aware that the Division has a record of this car.

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

FILE NO. **7-53**

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: Jan. 4, 1935.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Nov. 27, 1934.	REPORT MADE BY: VERNON E. CRISS - AP.
TITLE: 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			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

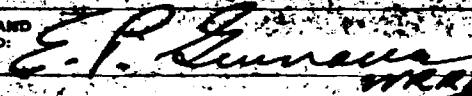
Volney Davis identified as being at Las Vegas, Nevada, in September, 1934. List obtained of automobiles of gang repaired in Reno, Nev. during latter part of 1933.

DETAILS:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

Agent while checking on the case entitled Lester Gillis (deceased) et al, was advised by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gawecki, operators of the De Luxe Auto Court, telephone Las Vegas 647, located about one mile southeast of Las Vegas, on the highway leading to Los Angeles, California, that some time during August or September, 1934, three men and several women rented one of their double cottages; that one day a woman operating the restaurant in the auto court, and a patron, observed an intoxicated man walk up to the door of one of the said cottages and knock on the door; that a man holding a pistol in his hand opened the door, while another man holding a pistol or gun in his hand, came to the window. He stated that he notified the Las Vegas Police Department about this incident, and one of the inspectors came out to the auto court, but could not identify any of the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Gawecki both immediately identified Volney Davis, from a picture displayed by Agent, as being one of the men staying at the said cottages. They also advised that the drunken man was living at the Denver Auto Camp located near the De Luxe Auto Court, and apparently knew the men, as they, on one occasion, took him back to the Denver Auto Camp, and on another occasion took him to Las Vegas; that the above men lived at the De Luxe Auto Court several days, when they left; that about two weeks later he, Gawecki, saw the same group of men at

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the Post Office in Las Vegas; that they were driving what was believed to be a 1933 Auburn Sport model touring car or sedan, with a gray canvas top, dark blue body and wire wheels.

Mr. Gawecki could not at the time locate the De Luxe Auto Court register records pertaining to the said group, but said he would endeavor to do so.

AT RENO, NEVADA:

Mr. Frank Cochran, Manager and principal stockholder in the Air Service Garage, Reno, Nevada, produced repair cards on the following automobiles which he said were brought to the Air Service Garage by members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He, Cochran, identified members of the gang from pictures.

Repair order No. 538, dated Oct. 4, 1933 - Cash transaction. Mileage 3051 on Dodge Sedan, 1933 Illinois license 1-237651.

Repair order No. 719, dated Oct. 14, 1933 - Cash transaction on same auto.

Repair order B-725 dated Oct. 16, 1933 - Cash transaction. No name. 1933 Auburn 12 - 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order No. 732 dated Oct. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction. Mileage 4519. 1933 Ford V-8 - 1933 Ohio license C-25771.

Repair order #739 dated Oct. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction - Mileage 6183. Buick Sedan, 1933 Ohio license C-25783.

Repair order #824 dated Oct. 26, 1933 - William H. Lohman - 1933 Auburn 12. 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order #848 dated Oct. 28, 1933 - Cash transaction - Buick 33-91. Ohio license C-25783 - Repairs (wreck damage) \$65.90.

Repair order #915, dated Nov. 4, 1933 - Cash transaction - Ford V-8.

Repair order #920 dated 11/4/33 - Cash transaction - Auburn 12; 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order #955 dated Nov. 10, 1933 - Cash transaction - Buick 33-91. Ohio license C-25783

Repair order #1058 dated Nov. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction - Ford V-8

Repair order #B-1079 dated Nov. 25, 1933 - Auburn 12, 1933 - Calif. license 7-H-5762

Repair order #B-1094 dated Nov. 27, 1933, Cash - mileage 11568 - Belmont Apts.
1933 Buick 8 Sedan - model 91 - 1933 Ohio license C-25-725.

Repair order #B-1094 dated Nov. 29, 1933 - Cash transaction - Ford Sedan - V-8,
1933 Ohio license C-25-771 - mileage 8058.

All of the above repair orders were marked "paid" by Frank Cochran.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Salt Lake City Division office will, at Las Vegas, Nevada, reinterview Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cawicki, operators of the De Luxe Auto Court, located approximately one mile southwest of Las Vegas on the Los Angeles highway, for register record of the Barker-Karpis gang. Also endeavor to locate gang or where they lived subsequent to leaving the De Luxe Auto Court, and obtain pertinent information that might lead to their apprehension.

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326 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
January 8, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 849,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. 1210;
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
Mr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. H. McGrath, of this office, on the above matter, dated December 30, 1934, wherein it will be noted that Mr. L. R. Hoover, an attorney at New Orleans, a number of years ago represented Doris O'Connor and M. J. Connell, a brother-in-law of Doris O'Connor, who was then Doris Connell. Mr. Hoover advised Agent McGrath today that on the afternoon of January 4, 1935, M. J. Connell called at his office in company with Mrs. M. J. Connell, the girl whom Connell married from Mt. Herman, La. Connell told Mr. Hoover that he wanted to get an old mortgage against his father's property at Chippewa Falls, Wis., which had been given to Mr. E. A. Parsons, an attorney of New Orleans, who signed a bond for Max Connell at the time Max Connell was arrested in New Orleans. Mr. Hoover said that Connell stayed only a few minutes and he asked a few questions as to what would be necessary to have the mortgage released. It was ascertained by Agent McGrath that this mortgage was dated March 12, 1921, and is registered in Volume 86, Mortgages, Page 25, at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Thomas Connell, the father of M. J. Connell, and Grace Connell were the mortgagors.

Agent McGrath then interviewed E. A. Parsons, who is Librarian of the New Orleans Public Library and who maintains a private law office at the Whitney National Bank Building, and Mr. Parsons stated that a man who gave his name as a Mr. Smith called Mr. Parsons at his private law office several times on Friday, January 4, 1935, while Mr. Parsons was out of the office. Mr. Parsons said that it later developed that the man who had called was M. J. Connell, who contacted Mr. Parsons late the same afternoon at his private law office and asked for a mortgage note which had been given by Connell's father to secure a bail bond which Mr. Parsons had furnished for Connell about twelve years ago. Mr. Parsons was not able to find the note among his old papers and Connell said that if Parsons did find the note he could forward it to M. J. Connell, 6312 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A partial identification of the photograph of Doris Connell as the woman who accompanied M. J. Connell to the office of Mr. Parsons was made

by the latter's secretary. She states that the description fits in a general way except that the woman who was with M. J. Connell evidently had had her hair dyed red. It seems somewhat unlikely that this woman would be Doris Connell because Mr. E. R. Hoover has stated that he is certain it was Mrs. M. J. Connell who was with Connell when the latter visited Hoover's office on the same day.

In view of the connection of Doris Connell with the Karpis-Barker gang, it would seem advisable to consider the farm of Thomas Connell at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, as the possible "spot" where Victim Bremer was held. Consideration might also be given to locating Doris Connell through M. J. Connell at 8518 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or through Thomas Connell, the father-in-law of Doris Connell at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO.

7-45

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 1-2-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-15-34/34 12-24/34 12-31/34	REPORT MADE BY W. B. KIRK
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.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
<p>Synopsis of Facts: Ford Sedan Motor #399368 registered in the name of E. S. Powell, Toledo, Ohio, to whom Ohio (1934) license 0-35-952 was issued. S. S. Trambas, Jr. of Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio, advises shipment of shirts was made by parcel post and not by express as formerly stated. Shipping record relative thereto destroyed. Check at Police Departments in principal cities throughout the Cincinnati District indicates identification orders on subjects on file and no further criminal history found. Ford Coach Motor #150845 Ford Coupe Motor #1142465 and Pontiac Coach Motor #355155 not registered in Ohio, 1934 and arrangements made to check 1935 registration in Ohio and Kentucky.</p> <p>3664, 3706, 3714, 3695, 3662, 3702, 3662, 3714, 3716, 3545, 3545, 3541, 3664, et al.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34; Division letter 10-13-34; telegram to the Kansas City office 12-23-34; report of Chapmon Fletcher dated at Cincinnati, Ohio 10-30-34; letter from the Chicago office dated 12-25-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents J. E. O'Hair, Chapmon Fletcher, D. C. McGovern, V. P. Keay and W. B. KIRK. WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3720	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 11 1935
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Agent Fletcher was advised by G. S. Frambes, Jr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, that he was in error in stating that the shirts were shipped to E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, by express, collect, but says they were shipped by C.O.D. Parcel Post. He has destroyed the shipping record in this case as he says is his custom when payment is made on a C.O.D. order.

Photographs of the subjects in this case have been exhibited by Agent to G. S. Frambes, Sr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, and he is unable to identify any of these photographs as being of the person to whom the shirts were sold. He states the photograph of Russell Gibson as shown somewhat resembles Bronson but that he would not want to say this is the photograph of the man known to him as Bronson. He says that Gibson's description is similar to that of Bronson, that is, they are of the same type. The group photographs of Moran, Weaver, Russell Gibson, Doyle and Sawyer were exhibited to Frambes and he did not think the photograph of Gibson in this group resembled Bronson as much as the photograph appearing on the Identification Order above referred to. The group photographs of associates of the Barker-Karpis gang which are referred to in Division letter of December 5, 1934, were also exhibited and Frambes failed to identify any of these parties as ever having been seen by him.

Agent has requested G. S. Frambes, Sr., to communicate by telephone to the Cincinnati Office any information he may secure tending to show the whereabouts of E. Bronson or any of the persons for whom the shirts were made and Mr. Frambes has promised to do this. He has been furnished with the Telephone and Telegraph address of the Cincinnati Office.

M. L. McGee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, advised Agent from his records that Ford V-8 Sedan Motor 899365 was registered in the name of E. J. Powell, 1312 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, to whom 1934 Ohio License No. C-35-952 was issued May 21, 1934. McGee advised that a careful check failed to show that either the license or automobile for which issued had been transferred.

Arrangements were made with Mr. McGee to place a notation in the files of his office to telephone the Cincinnati Division office in the event the above automobile should be transferred during the remainder of 1934 or during the year 1935.

Check has been made at the Identification Bureaus Lexington, Kentucky Police Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, and Columbus, Ohio and it was found that Identification Orders on subjects Karpis, Barker, Gibson and Moran are on file and a notation has been made to telephone the Cincinnati Division office in the event of the arrest of one or all of these subjects. The records reflect these individuals have no local criminal history.

The Wanted Notices for the individuals mentioned in Division letter of 10-13-34 have been left with the Identification Bureaus of these various police departments with a similar request that the Cincinnati Division office be notified by telephone in the event of the arrest of any of these parties or the receipt of information as to their probable whereabouts. Check of the records has failed to disclose any local criminal history for any of these individuals.

Agent Fletcher ascertained from Manley Magee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, that license No. 463169, Ohio 1934, was issued June 14, 1934, to Laura Verdier, Y.W.C.A., Columbus, Ohio, for Chevrolet Standard Coupe, Motor No. M 81455, Serial 9 DC 06-5523, 1934 Model, purchased new, Franklin County Bill of Sale No. T 4983.

Miss Webber, Thomas Davis Company, Inc., 6th and Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent from her records that her company on June 14, 1934, sold to Laura Verdier the above described automobile, the key number being 4046 and the Body number being 862. Miss Verdier gave her address as 533 East Twentieth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, and said she had previously resided at the Y.W.C.A., in Columbus. The purchase price of this car was \$559.35, \$189.35 being paid in cash and the balance financed by the General Motors Acceptance Corporation the notes being \$28.17 per month.

Mr. Schoenfeld, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Huntington National Bank Building, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent from his records that his Company financed the above described automobile, as stated. He said the contract is now fully paid, the payments having been anticipated by Miss Verdier, who, on July 13, 1934, paid \$129.00 and on July 17, 1934, paid the balance of \$321.72. From his records he stated that Miss Verdier was employed by the Agricultural Department in the Post Office Building in Columbus, Ohio. He says she had a Postal Savings account at the Columbus Post Office. Her father, L. M. Verdier resides at Sidney, Ohio. She formerly resided for five years at 1847 Chapman Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and was employed by the Fisher Body Company of Cleveland, prior to coming to Columbus. She had also been employed by May and Company and Halle Brothers of Cleveland. She was born April 21, 1902.

Mr. Glenn S. Ray, Agricultural Statistician in Charge, Post Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent that Miss Verdier was in his employ from January, 1934 until sometime in the summer of 1934 at which time she was furloughed due to falling off of work in the Columbus Office. There was an opening in the office of the Emergency Feed Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, 751 Live Stock Exchange Building, 1513 Genessee Street, N.W., Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Verdier accepted this position going to Kansas City by way of Chicago where she has friends. She drove to Kansas City in a car she had recently purchased in Columbus.

Mr. Ray describes Miss Verdier as being between thirty and thirty-five years of age, tall, slender, wears glasses, has dark red hair, uses lots of make-up to cover up marks on her face caused by small-pox.

Agent contacted Judson Harmon, Bureau of Motor Vehicles State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, and after a check of his records Mr. Harmon advised agent that he could find no record of the registration in Ohio for 1934 or 1935 of Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #1130845; Ford Victoria V-8 Coupe Motor #1142465 or Pontiac Coach Motor #935155. Harmon advised Agent that in the case of each of these cars, the records have been marked to show that the Cincinnati Division Office should be immediately notified by telephone "collect" in the event any one of the cars is registered in Ohio during 1935.

The State of Kentucky does not have a motor number index the only records being kept according to license number. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles for this State has been requested, however, to endeavor to be on the lookout for the registration of the above three cars in the State of Kentucky during 1935.

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January 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT

UNIT FIVE.

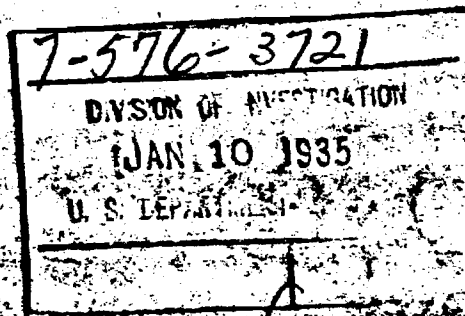
Information has been received to the effect
that subject Russell Gibson, alias Rusty Gibson, I.O. #1213
FUGITIVE, Index No. 4503, was killed
while resisting arrest on January 9, 1935. Kindly cancel
wanted notice in Fugitive Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1213-328

Dear Sir:

IN RE: RUSSELL GIBSON, alias
RUSTY GIBSON.

Identification Order No. 1213 on the above named subject
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed at Chicago, Illinois
on January 9, 1935, while resisting arrest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing
data for Apprehension Order No. 328 on Russell Gibson,
alias Rusty Gibson, Identification Order No. 1213.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #818912.

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P. O. Box #1186,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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January 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Recent investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, in an
effort to locate Myrtle Eaton, reveals that her brother-in-
law, Lawrence "Red" Joyce, has been residing at 1443 8th Street,
Des Moines. He is now driving a Dodge Coupe with Wisconsin
1934 license 102-457. Will you please ascertain such informa-
tion as is available concerning this license plate and advise?

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

January 9, 1935

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of fingerprint impressions of REGINA MORDOCK, MARJORIE HARRISON, PATRICIA LONQUEST, and BARBARA LONQUEST who are being held by the Chicago Division Office for questioning in the above case.

JAN 18 1935

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS *encl.*
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 12, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BERKID

Dear Sir:

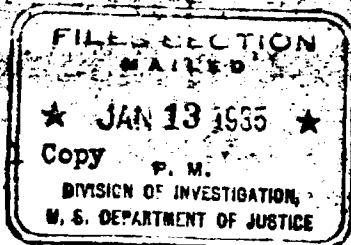
In reply to a communication received from the Chicago Division Office dated January 9, 1935, transmitting fingerprints, please be advised that a search of the files in the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning REGINA MORDOCK, MARJORIE HARRISON and BARBARA LONQUEST. However, a search of the files does reveal a record of PATRICIA LONQUEST and for your information a copy is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #293787.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Snyder called me this morning, stating that Mr. O'Hare of the Associated Press desired to receive a photograph of Russell Gibson.

This was furnished to Mr. O'Hare.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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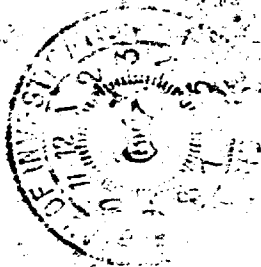
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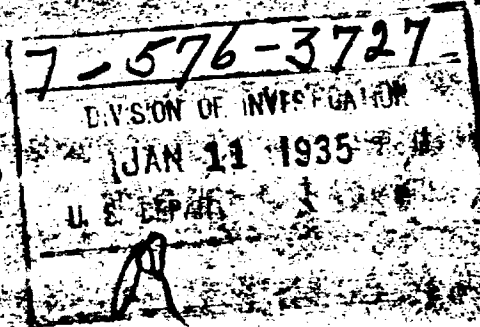
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised that the latent fingerprints which were previously developed in this case have been compared with the fingerprints of Mrs. G. D. Harris, #9019 PD Des Moines, Iowa, but no identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc - Mr. Connelley
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