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#### MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

12:40 P. M.

January 12, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Connelley called and stated that they have located a map which has been identified as Doc Barker's map, on which is marked Ocala, Florida, which is the largest point near Lake Weir, and on another map of Florida, Lake Weir is surrounded by a pencilled ring. He stated that from the description given them by Monte Carter, and how to get to this point, it appears to be via Highway 41, which would corroborate the story told before by him; that he had not seen the map prior thereto. The map was secured from the apartment rented by Doc Barker. He stated that Carter has given them a "line-up" on the kidnaping, as to who kidnaped him (Bremer), who held him, and who negotiated for the ransom money, those involved being Volney Davis, Campbell, the Barker Brothers, and Karpis, Carter's part being in connection with the hide-out, which was arranged by "Shotgun" Zeigler through Elmer Farmer; that the place is in Bensenville (?) at two houses; that one of the families there at the time of the kidnaping is still residing there; that the other person who could advise as to what occurred is now living in town. Mr. Connelley stated he had in mind sending to the point - himself, Brown, Campbell and Jones - (R.L. to leave about 1:00 o'clock by chartered plane to Jacksonville, there to establish a headquarters, Jacksonville being the largest city near the point in question. They will arrive tonight about 7:00 o'clock and check the matter tomorrow morning; that the other men will leave on the 10 o'clock train tonight, the men being Wolfe, McDade, McKee, McLaughlin, Medala, Ryan, Sullivan, Melvin, J. C. White and Muzzey. Those left at the office will be LaFrance, Peterson, Durant, McIntyre, Walsh, Metcalfe, Chaffitz, Gillespie, McRae, Tillman and Winstead. Mr. Connelley stated they are still maintaining the observation of [redacted] who Volney Davis will undoubtedly contact. He stated Peterson will be left in charge, and that of course Durant and McIntyre will be there, both of whom are very substantial. Mr. Connelley stated they would take with them two rifles and a machine gun; the men going out tonight on the train will take three machine guns, two rifles, 2 shot guns, a gas gun, 3 vests, 2 sets of cuffs, flash lights and flood lights. I advised that our Thompson submachine guns were not much good against a bullet-proof vest. Mr. Connelley stated he had three Springfield rifles, and that the Jacksonville Office would undoubtedly have two rifles; that rifles will be the firearms needed; inasmuch as the ground in Florida is very level. Mr. Connelley advised he would wire when he reaches Jacksonville. Mr. Connelley stated that Mr. Nathan had suggested, in view of the new men left at the office, that about eight substantial agents be sent to the Office. I advised I would see what the Director desired to do concerning this matter. He stated that in connection with Peggy Doyle, the newspapers are endeavoring to ascertain her address, one of them suggesting that she had injured her arm in some manner, her arm being in a sling. He stated he understood one of the reporters had indicated to Mr. Nathan that they knew she had jumped from a window; that the Government was paying her a regular salary. Mr. Connelley seemed to think that if we told her to say absolutely nothing about the matter she would not do so.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1935

ELR:RD

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent W. S. McKinley called from the Charlotte Office to report that, as directed by a message from the Director this morning, Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton and Special Agents F. J. Donaghue and C. A. Whitten left Charlotte by plane at 1:44 P.M. for Jacksonville. The plane is a chartered plane which was obtained at Winston-Salem from the Campbell Flying Service.

Respectfully,

*E. L. Richmond*  
E. L. Richmond.

*Handwritten: Fred B. Ken...*

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
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January 17, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to verbal request of January 16, 1935, through Mr. Tamm, that immediate inquiry be made to ascertain all data pertaining to Harold Alderton, who is reported to be receiving \$27.00 per month compensation from the Veterans Administration and is allegedly from Bensonville, Illinois. Further, to obtain all data pertaining to one Bitty Bishop, who it is alleged received treatment for a paralytic condition during the summer of 1934 at the Edward Hines Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Bishop is also reported to be from Bensonville, Illinois.

Special Agent Burruss has been informed by Mr. J. W. Barnes, Solicitor's Office, Veterans Administration, that there is no record in the Veterans Administration of either party. In making this search, Mr. Barnes made contact with several branches of the Veterans Administration, including the records of Spanish - American War veterans.

Mr. Barnes also made inquiry at the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department with the view of ascertaining if there is any service record of one Harold Alderton or one Bitty Bishop. The War Department has reported that no World War service record could be found pertaining to either.

The results of the inquiries made by Agent Burruss were verbally reported by me to Mr. Tamm's office, January 16, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC:St. Paul  
CC:Mr. E. J. Connelly,  
Div. of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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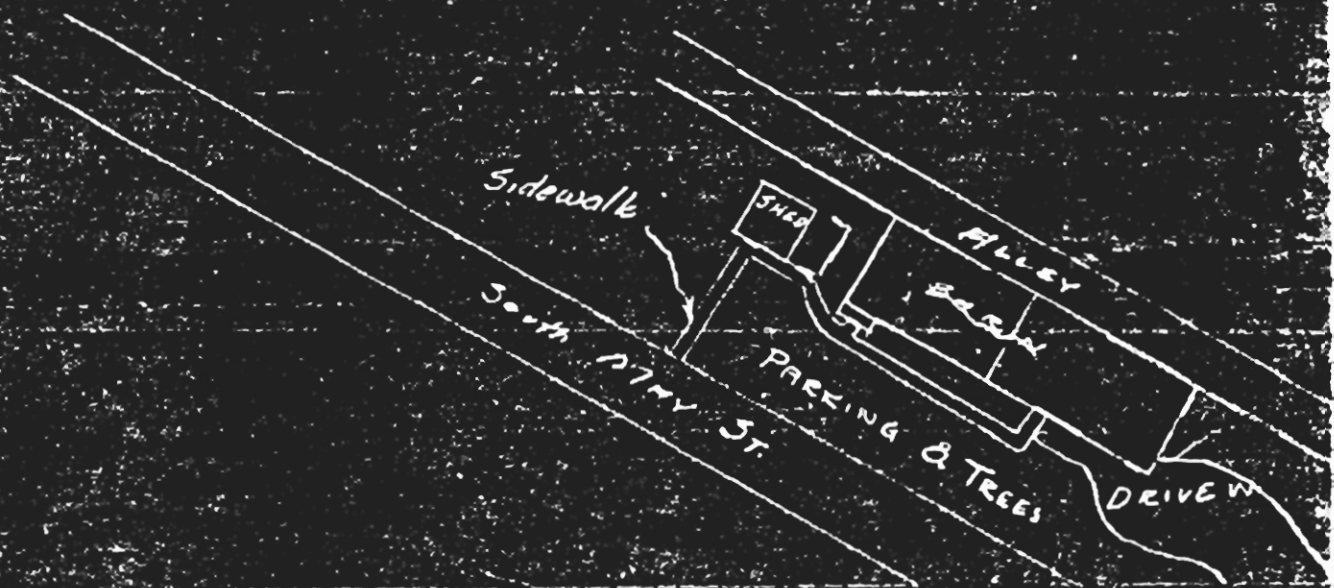
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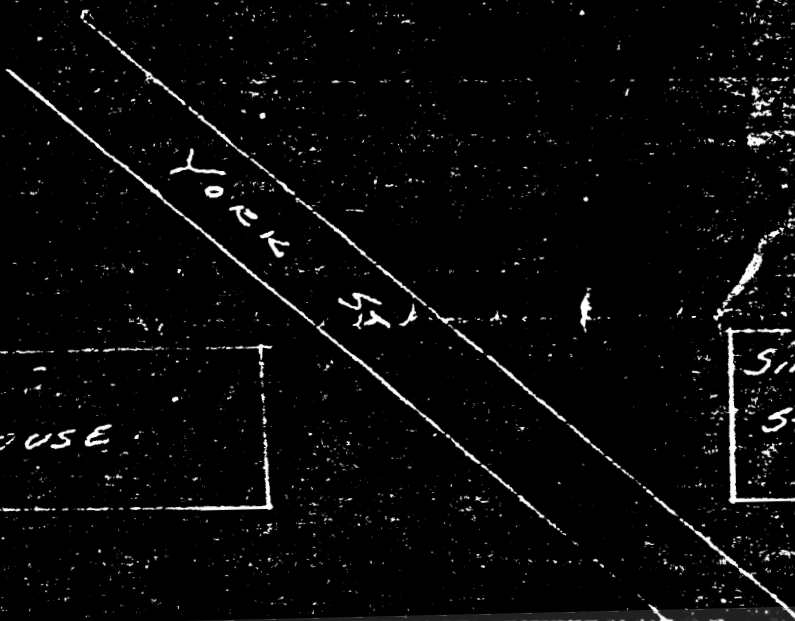
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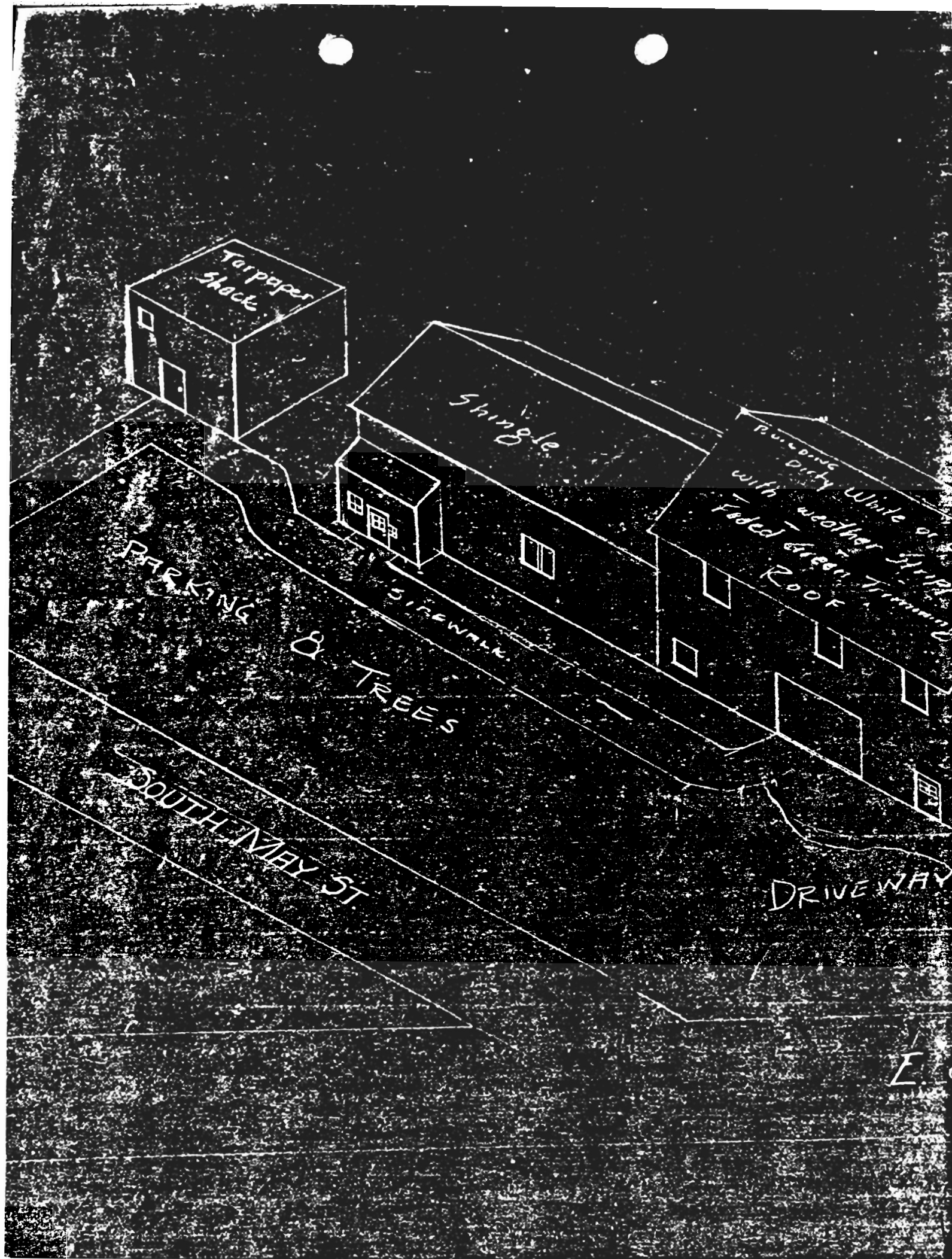
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping

Please find enclosed herewith two photostatic copies marked Exhibit #1, made of a rough drawing of the hide-out used for the purpose of holding the victim in this case, while he was in the custody of subjects. As you have been previously advised, this hideout is located at Bensonville, Illinois, approximately twenty miles west, and six miles north of the loop in Chicago.

The dwelling in which Bremer was held appears to have been a barn at one time. The front section, as indicated in the drawing in Exhibit #1, is comprised of two stories, while the back portion is shedlike in appearance, and one story in height. The red arrow indicates the entrance into the single story structure; the room in which Bremer was kept is located to the right of the entrance, and approximately directly opposite the window shown in the single story structure, and on the opposite side; in other words, adjacent to the alley.

Also enclosed will be found two photostatic copies each marked Exhibit #2, which were made from a rough drawing showing the general contour of the vicinity of the house in which Bremer was kept a prisoner, and which is self-explanatory.

At the present time, Agents of the Chicago Division Office are in possession of the house in which Bremer was kept, and are taking photographs of the interior, as well as securing exact measurements of the interior and the location of the various rooms, entrances, windows, and other particular points of interest.

Very truly yours,

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H. PURVIS, Ord.  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
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JAN 17 1935

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois  
January 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

I am returning herewith photograph  
of Edward George Bremer, along with two smaller photo-  
graphic reproductions.

Very truly yours,

DML/ir- Att.  
CC Division  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

*Confidential*

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING. File 7-82

Information has been received by the Chicago Division Office that at the time Edward G. Bremer was held by the kidnapers at Bensenville, Illinois, they stored their car or cars at a garage owned by Biddy Bishop. This garage is supposed to be about a half a block from the hideout in question. At the present time Bishop is not residing in Bensenville, Illinois, and it is known that he is a War veteran; therefore, a check of the records of the Hines Memorial Hospital, Hines, Illinois, was made and the following information disclosed:

Edward R. Bishop was admitted to the Hines Hospital on April 7, 1934, and discharged after maximum benefit received on May 23, 1934. At the present time he is not receiving compensation and the records of the hospital reveal that he is suffering from paralysis. The records further reveal that at the time of his admission to the hospital he was residing at 191 South York Street, Bensenville, Illinois. However, the records further disclose a letter under date of July 19, 1934, from Mrs. Edward Ray Bishop, Prospect and Fifth Avenue, Tomahawk, Wisconsin. This letter reveals that at that time Bishop was residing with his relatives at this address. The letter further stated that they did not expect to stay at this address but a short time.

It is respectfully suggested that Edward R. Bishop, who in all probability is Biddy Bishop, be located and interviewed and exhibited photos of the Barker-Karpis gang and questioned for any information that he might have concerning their activities.

Very truly yours,

J. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

JAN 22 1935

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JEM:ECB

January 16, 1935.

Time: 11:20 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Hanson at Birmingham and informed him of the fact that our Agents have been engaged in gun battle since early this morning with members of the Barker gang near Ocala, Florida. I remarked that I am concerned lest our Agents are in need of additional equipment and reinforcements. I stated that Mr. Lacour has already proceeded to Ocala by plane with additional equipment, but in the meantime, I am desirous of sending in more men in case the battle lasts until nightfall. Upon my inquiry, Mr. Hanson stated that he has seven Agents in his office. I instructed Mr. Hanson to proceed at once by plane to Jacksonville; to inform Mr. Alt as to the time of his arrival there, so that he, Mr. Alt, can meet the party at the airport with the latest information; that of course if the battle is over by that time it will not be necessary to continue on to Ocala, but if not, it will be necessary to go on to Ocala. I cautioned Mr. Hanson to take with him men who are properly qualified to handle such a situation, and to equip the Agents with high-powered Monitor rifles. Mr. Hanson stated that he has four such rifles. I also suggested that he take machine guns and the inflammable type of bullets.

Mr. Hanson stated that he would not be able to take more than six men. He will wire the Division as to the time of his departure.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Clegg	
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January 16, 1935.

Time: 11:25 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Stapleton at Charlotte and informed him of the gun battle now being participated in by our Agents and members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Lake Weir, Florida. I stated that Mr. Hanson is leaving Birmingham immediately with six men, for Jacksonville, and I wondered how the Charlotte Office is equipped with Agents to handle such a situation. Mr. Stapleton stated he felt there would be only two Agents in addition to himself who would be so qualified, one of whom is Agent Whitten.

I instructed him to charter a plane immediately and proceed to Jacksonville with these two Agents, making arrangements to use the same plane after reaching Jacksonville. I told him to advise Mr. Alt as to the time his plane will arrive at the Jacksonville airport so that Mr. Alt can meet him there with further instructions. I instructed Mr. Stapleton to take with him high-powered rifles, ammunition and particularly inflammable bullets. I also told him to take flares for the purpose of lighting up the surrounding territory at night.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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January 16, 1935

Time - 3:18 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Colonel Gates telephoned with reference to the affair down in Florida and stated that the Associated Press insists that there were three people killed down there. I told him that Fred Barker and his Mother were the only people killed. The Colonel inquired if we had any pictures of these people. I told him that I had sent pictures of these people around to Mr. Suydam this morning. I further informed Colonel Gates that the battle lasted for five hours, beginning around 7:00 A.M., and lasting until about noon; that the only occupants of the house, Fred Barker and his Mother, were killed; that there was no one captured.

I told the Colonel that I did not believe there would be any further releases on the affair today.

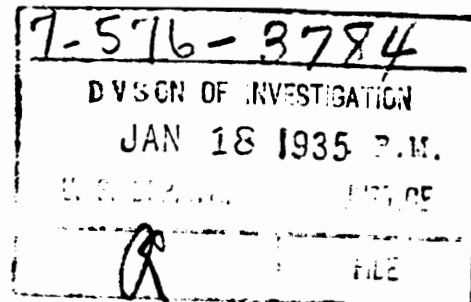
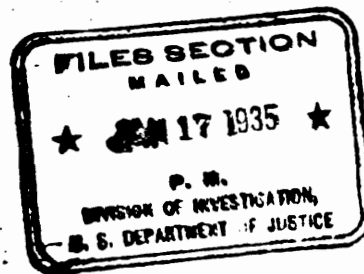
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

5:00 P.M.

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I called Mr. Nathan in connection with the Bremer case and advised that you could not see why eight more Agents were needed out there; that the records show there will be still 37 men there after the group go out with Connelley. Mr. Nathan stated that he believed they were needed in connection with the guard duty and that a number of men are tied up on spots. I asked that he secure and advise me of the exact number of men so engaged.

I also advised that you were concerned about the treatment the individuals in custody are receiving out there; that you would like the word to get through the underworld that when a fellow gets into the hands of the Department of Justice it is "just too bad" for him. He advised that #5 had not been saying anything.

I asked whether he had been able to observe any particular qualifications in this connection on the part of any of the newer Agents. He stated he had not had a chance to observe them as yet; that Brown and McKee, although not new Agents, had impressed him very favorably.

Mr. Nathan called me back to advise of the number of Agents on guard duty and those tied up on spots. He stated there were 14 on guard duty, 6 on plants, one processing fingerprints, one at the Piquett trial, and 4 on the road, which leaves only eleven available for general work or anything else. I advised that you had stated no more men would be sent in for the time being.

Mr. Nathan stated he would be leaving Chicago on Monday night for Oklahoma City, and that he would be able to get back in Chicago by Thursday afternoon.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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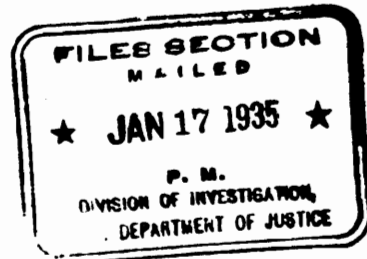
Mr. Suydam telephoned with further reference to the affair down in Florida. I told him that only Fred Barker and his Mother were killed; that Alvin Karpis was not at the hideout at the time of the raid. Mr. Suydam inquired as to getting pictures of the Karpis-Barker gang for publication. I told him that I did not think it wise, due to certain existing circumstances, to have photographs of this gang published; the existing circumstances being that we have No. 5 in custody.

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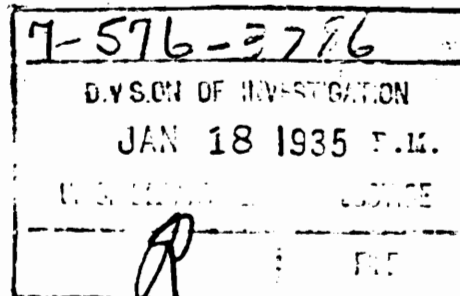
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January 16, 1935

Time - 1:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Suydam telephoned with regard to the affair down in Florida and wanted to know if our Agents were assisted by the local officers in this raid. I told him that while the local officers assisted in the blocking of the highways, roads, etc., the actual gun battle was carried on by our Agents only.

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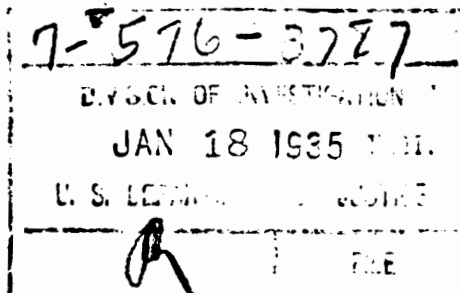
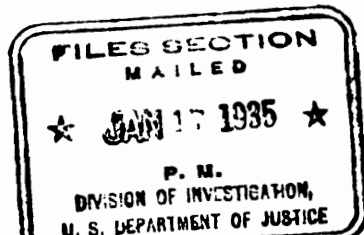
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January 16, 1935

Time - 4:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Suydam telephoned with regard to the requests by the newspaper men that they be given photographs of the Barkers and Karpis for publication. He wanted my view as to giving them out. I told him that in view of the fact that we have No. 5 in custody, it would prove rather embarrassing to the investigation to publish all over the U. S. that we were hunting for this man when as a matter of fact we already have him in custody. However, it was agreed that I would send around copies of the Identification Orders issued on these persons, and Mr. Suydam could distribute them without comment to the press if he desired.

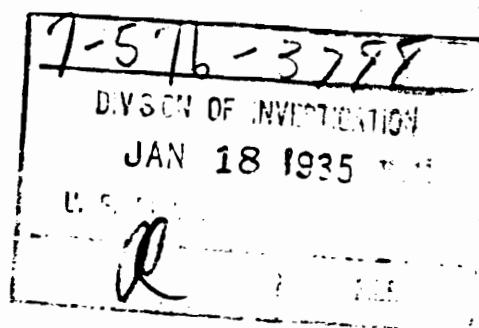
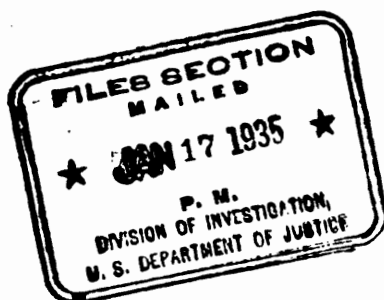
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January 16, 1935

Time - 4:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that one of the newspaper men came to him for verification of a story to the effect that Doc Barker was captured at the same time that Gibson was killed in Chicago. I told him that it was my belief that they were only guessing on that matter, for there is no way they could get facts to substantiate such an assertion.

Mr. Suydam stated that he has also had queries as to how Fred Barker was connected with the Bremer kidnaping. I told him that Fred Barker was one of the kidnapers; that it was my opinion that we should not disclose the evidence in our possession at this time, because there are other kidnapers involved who are not as yet in custody.

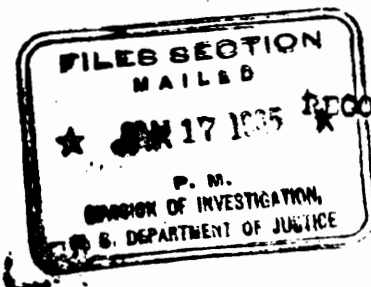
Mr. Suydam further stated that he has had a query as to whether Harry "Doc" Campbell is connected with this case. I told him that I did not think we should at this time disclose the names of the other parties involved in this case for the reason that we are looking for them, and such publicity would only serve to put them on guard.

Very truly yours,

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January 16, 1935

Time - 6:32 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Stanley and told him that after talking with both Chicago and Mr. Connelley in Florida, it was my opinion that the story relative to the capture of Doc Barker could be released sometime tomorrow; that, however, it was desired that we be able to get the man back into Chicago before the story is broken, after which it was my desire that immediate proceedings be initiated to indict all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including the members killed today.

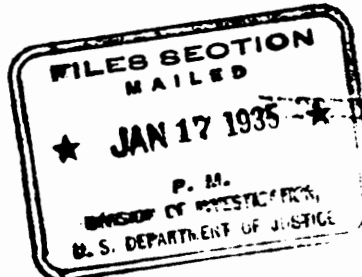
I told Mr. Stanley that it was my desire that he get in touch with the United States Attorney at St. Paul and inform him that tomorrow morning representatives of this Division from Chicago would be there to present to him evidence for an indictment against the entire gang; that although there is no grand jury in session at the present time, the United States Attorney would have to call one at once; that it is very important that this indictment be returned immediately. If this indictment is returned at once, when we arraign Doc Barker, we will be in a position to charge him with a complaint followed by an indictment.

Very truly yours,

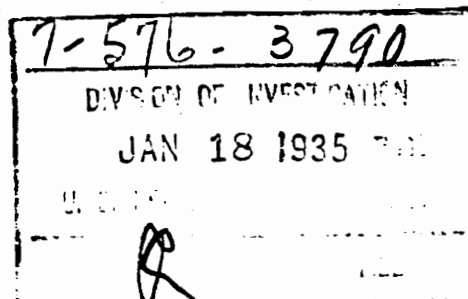
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JEH:HW

January 17, 1935.

Time-10:02 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Francis Connor, reference was made to the gun battle in Florida between Federal Agents and members of the Karpis-Barker gang and the resultant killing of "Ma" Barker and her son Fred. Mr. Connor stated that both he and Rex Collier had been considering writing a story about the battle and the lives of the Barkers, but had thought it over and had given up the idea. I remarked that they were at liberty to write the story from what information they had at hand, but that the Division would, of course, not give out anything.

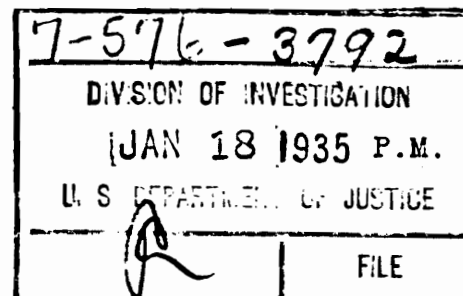
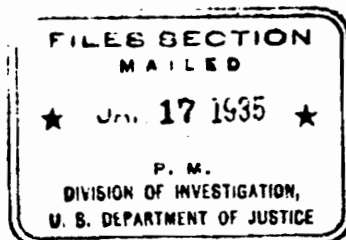
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 2:00 PM

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Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired if the Division could furnish him with photographs of Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker.

I advised Mr. Suydam that I did not know whether or not we had any photographs on these two individuals but that I would check up on it and advise him in the premises.

Respectfully,

  
E.A. Tamm

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U. S. Department of Justice 4:20 P.M.  
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January 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I called Mr. Alt and advised that the newspaper stories are rather insistent that there were three people in the house at Lake Weir, Florida. He replied that his information was that there were only two; that Lacour had just returned from Ocala and had given him this information. The coroner's jury has adjourned until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and has made no report.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JEH:SCB

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Time: 11:37 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville and stated he had learned through telephonic inquiry at Ocala that the local authorities were proceeding to Lake Weir, the scene of the shooting, and that the Sheriff was having the road blocked; that most of the firing was coming from the outside of the house, there being little from the inside.

Mr. Alt further advised that Mr. Lacour's plane will be ready to leave Jacksonville for Ocala in fifteen minutes; that Mr. Lacour is equipped with 2 Monitors, another rifle and a thousand rounds of ammunition. I asked if he also was equipped with the inflammable bullets. However, Mr. Alt understood that Mr. Connelley did not want bullets of this type.

I stated that Mr. Hanson is leaving Birmingham by chartered plane with six Agents and Mr. Stapleton is also proceeding to Jacksonville with Agents.

I instructed Mr. Alt to have Mr. Lacour establish contact with him immediately upon arrival at Ocala, so that Mr. Hanson and Mr. Stapleton can be given the latest information upon arrival at Jacksonville.

Mr. Alt understood that nobody had been injured. I asked him to verify this, because of course this is my greatest concern. I also instructed that Mr. Lacour inform Mr. Connelley of the arrival of the reinforcements.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
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January 16, 1935.

Time: 10:50 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

*Frank R. Barker*

I telephoned Mr. Carusi to inform him that fifteen of our Agents have been engaged in a gun battle with members of the Karpis-Barker gang since early this morning, in the lake region in the central part of Florida, the Agents having surrounded a house in which members of the gang were located; that raids had been made in other parts of the country, simultaneously, last night. I stated that our Jacksonville Office has received inquiries from the Associated Press; that I have instructed that no comment be made inasmuch as we have received no details; and that in the event inquiries are made at Washington I would prefer that we also make no comment here.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JEM:HCB

January 16, 1935.

Time: 11:08 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Mr. Henry Suydan telephoned to advise of an Associated Press report received from a place 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville, to the effect that a group of gangsters had barricaded themselves in a deserted house, and that fifteen Federal Agents are engaged in a gun battle with them. I informed Mr. Suydan that our Agents have been engaged in such a gun battle since day-break this morning, but we can make no comment until we ascertain the details.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Frank B. Baker*

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January 17, 1935.

Time-10:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Colonel Gates telephoned and advised that he had approached Mr. Henry Suydam in regard to granting permission for me to interview Mr. Fred Othman of the United Press Association relative to "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker, and that Mr. Suydam said that it would be all right.

I stated that I would be glad to see Mr. Othman.

Time-10:55 A.M.

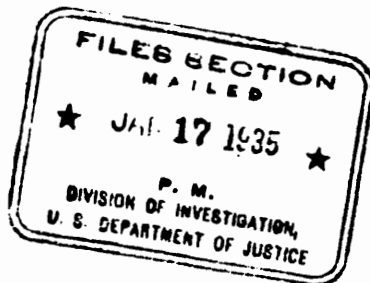
I telephoned Mr. Henry Suydam and verified Colonel Gates' statement in regard to the above interview.

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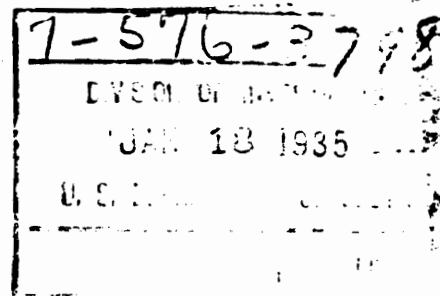
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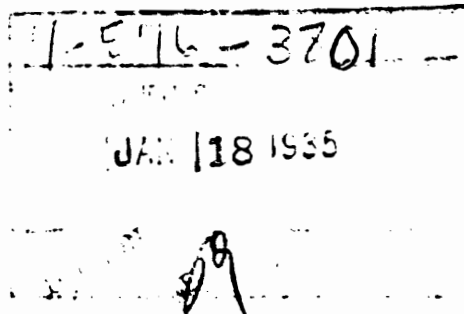
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I called Mr. Connelley at Jacksonville and told him that you would defer to his judgment in this situation and that if he thought the raids in Illinois and Florida should be conducted simultaneously, you would leave it to his discretion; that you suggested, however, that he get in touch with Mr. Ladd at Chicago and issue specific instructions as to just what steps he desired taken in that district, including the exact hour upon which the raid should be conducted there. Mr. Connelley stated that he would immediately call Chicago; that he felt that we should examine the supposed hideout at Bensenville, Illinois and then leave someone there to guard it until we could determine what steps were to be taken.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm



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11:05 A.M.

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January 17, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ *File*

I called Mr. Ladd and advised arrangements should be made to take No. 5 from Chicago to St. Paul as soon as possible; that arrangements should also be made to secure an apartment, where #5 should be held. He advised he would ascertain what transportation could be utilized.

He subsequently called and stated the train service is very poor until tonight; that the flying company advises the weather is good; that they have a 6-passenger plane which can be secured any time. I advised it was desired that if possible #5 be in St. Paul by 3 o'clock. He advised he would be sent by plane immediately; that it was a 4½ or 5 hours trip by plane; that they would probably arrive in St. Paul between four and 5 o'clock, our time. He advised he had called Mr. Coulter and he believes he has an apartment in mind which will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 8:45 PM

*Bremer Case*

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Baughman ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Edwards ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Keith ✓  
Mr. Lester ✓  
Mr. Quinn ✓  
Mr. Schilder ✓  
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Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

I telephoned Mr. Ladd at Chicago and advised him that you had received the impression that the Chicago office was not making very vigorous efforts to make the subject, who is being held there, talk.

Mr. Ladd assured me that he would personally see that the subject was given the proper attention and that he would be vigorously questioned.

I then inquired as to the hideout. Mr. Ladd advised that they have the place mentioned by Monty Carter located; that it is an old barn located about twenty miles from the office; that the surrounding country and sounds answer the description given by the victim, the only discrepancy being that the steps to the above building lead up while the victim stated that the steps to the building where he was kept led down; that there is a man living in the place, but it is not believed that he is the man who was there while the victim was kept there as they have information that that individual has since moved to another part of the town. Mr. Ladd stated that further activity with regard to the hideout was being held up pending the outcome of the lead down in Florida as it was feared that if anything was done in this connection it might ruin that lead.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E.A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

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January 16, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:05 P.M.

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	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Mr. Keith called in connection with the Bremer case to advise that he had a partial report on Harold Allerton and Bitty Bishop. The report on each is the same - no record under those names. The Veterans Administration says that they are not paying \$27 a month to any man named Harold Allerton of Bensenville, Illinois. The record division of the War Department has no record of any such man having ever been in the service, neither is there any record on Bitty Bishop. Mr. Keith stated he was having a check to see whether these individuals were veterans of the Spanish-American war.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Division of Investigation

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January 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Jacksonville and advised me that he was making arrangements to "break" the case down there; that the situation is fairly good from a physical standpoint, the house in question is in the middle of a group of four houses and stands about 150 yards from the highway, being about halfway between the highway and the lake. The house on one side of the house in question is empty and on the other side it will be necessary to have the occupants leave. Mr. Connelley advised that the ground was quite level and that there was no natural protection whatever around the house; that there was a motor boat located tied to a pier in front of the house and this angle could be nicely covered. Mr. Connelley also stated that they had plenty of equipment, including gas equipment.

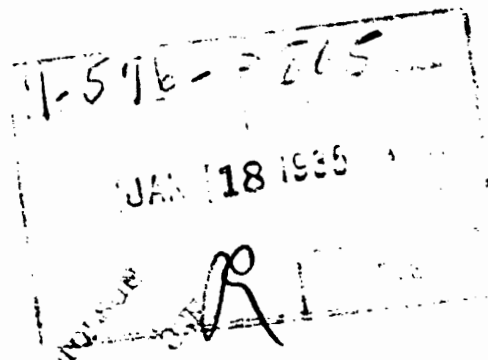
I advised Mr. Connelley of the information conveyed to the Division relative to the inquiry of the Chicago American as to subject Number Five and of the fact that this subject was being moved this evening into Detroit.

Mr. Connelley stated that he was desirous of talking with Mr. Ladd relative to several persons whom he wanted taken into custody. I advised Mr. Connelley that I would talk with you regarding the proposed raid and would call Mr. Connelley back.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

12:55 P.M.

January 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Alt and advised I had just talked with Connelley and he advises it is believed a couple more of the subjects in the Bremer case have been located in Miami, and that Connelley desires Hanson and his men continue on to Miami by plane as soon as they arrive in Jacksonville and contact Agent Brown at the airport; that Brown will arrive there in about 2½ hours, making the time about 3:30 P.M. Mr. Alt stated Mr. Hanson will arrive at 2:00 o'clock, in Atlanta, and will be in Jacksonville about 5:00 o'clock. I stated that when Stapleton and his men arrive they should be instructed to stay in Jacksonville until it is ascertained whether they will be needed.

Mr. Alt called back several moments later and stated the Chief of Police had just called him and stated that Fred and Kate Barker had just been killed. I replied that Connelley had so advised me. I advised he should make sure that the coroner makes his report this afternoon.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

January 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at Chicago on Friday, I instructed Mr. Connelley to make vigorous physical efforts to obtain from "Doc" Barker a complete statement concerning the Bremer Case. I advised Mr. Connelley that the Division's impression was that the men assigned to the Chicago Office had a pre-conceived idea that Barker would not talk and accordingly would not attempt to secure a statement with the vigor which should be displayed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Kindly be informed that Mr. Nathan telephoned from the Chicago Office this morning with further reference to the Karpis-Barker case and stated that Gibson, of course, had been killed and that the individual that he had reported to you during the night as Willie Harrison was not in fact this individual; that his true name is Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter, a minor member of the Karpis-Barker gang and is supposed or alleged to have received his cut of the Bremer ransom money in making arrangements for the hideout; that they also have in custody three women. Mr. Nathan stated that the press realizes that they have some women in custody but do not know their identity; that the true identity of these women is as follows:

Clara Gibson - wife of the deceased Gibson.  
Mildred Kuhlman  
Ruth Heidt.

Mr. Nathan stated that in all probability Mildred Kuhlman was living with Doc Barker and that Ruth Heidt, according to her statement, alleges that she was visiting the other two women. However, Mr. Nathan believes that possibly she was the girl friend of Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter.

He further stated that the Crime Conference with regard to the Bremer case which was scheduled to be held at Chicago today will not go forward this morning in view of the fact that most of the men were up all night and that arrangements have been made for the Agents reporting to attend this conference to find them plenty to do until the conference starts; that it is entirely probable the conference will be held this afternoon. If not, it will go forward without any question tomorrow.

Concerning the Allen Cressler Bomberger kidnaping case, Mr. Nathan stated that this case had been entirely washed out in view of the fact that the victim 'phoned the Chicago police at 3:30 A.M. this morning stating that he had been released near the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago and arrangements were made for Agents of the Chicago Office to have him immediately brought to the Chicago Office. Mr. Nathan states he has conferred with the victim and does not believe his story. He claims he was kidnaped, taken to Indianapolis, brought to Chicago and released without any ransom being paid.

Mr. Nathan states that under a little pressure he believes the true story of this case could be ascertained, but that he does not believe it would be advisable in view of the prominence of the victim's parents and that he is more convinced than ever at this time that there was actually no kidnaping involved in the case at all. He stated that the parents of the subject were on their way to the Chicago Office in order to obtain custody of the victim and that he will be released shortly; that he furnished several leads which will be checked thoroughly.

Mr. Nathan stated that he will hold shortly another session with the press and furnish them with information concerning Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter, but will give no information to the press relative to the women in custody; that, of course, no information would be given out relative to the apprehension of Karpis.

He stated that a Coroner's inquest would be held this morning relative to the shooting of Gibson and arrangements have been made for Agent Brown to attend, in view of the fact that Brown was at the scene during the shooting; is friendly with the investigator for the Coroner, and will tell the facts as they actually occurred; that is, that Gibson came out of the house armed and that five or six Agents fired - the identity of the person or persons that actually hit Gibson, of course, being unknown.

Mr. Nathan further stated that everything was well under control and that he would communicate with you later on in the day.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:CSH

January 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

2:10 P.M.

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.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Connelley called in connection with the Bremer case. I advised him concerning the inquiries received in Chicago from a newspaper reporter as to whether we had #5 in custody, which was, of course, denied, but that the reporter requested a copy of the identification order. I advised him that #5 was being taken to Detroit tonight in order that if the publicity does break we can beat a writ.

I advised that you were afraid if Connelley went ahead with his plans there, there would be publicity, if there was any shooting, and we would, of course, have to take the people before the Commissioner then and we won't have the hide-out; that, if it possibly could be done, you wanted to work out a plan so that when Connelley is about ready to strike down there they could go out in Chicago and see if they have the right place, so that if we have to file on these people when we do get them we will have that location. Mr. Connelley stated that he was planning to make the raid at six o'clock tomorrow morning; that he was satisfied that he had seen Fred Barker and Kate Barker; that they had just found the place at about 11 o'clock; that there is another fellow there, probably Ray or Campbell; that there are at least two women there, one of whom may be Winona. Connelley suggested that his idea would be for the Chicago Office to take the hide-out at the same time the raid is conducted, which would be 5 o'clock <sup>there</sup> their time, so that there will be no way for publicity to get down and spoil the raid. I advised that you were afraid, if there was publicity down there because of any shooting, and we did have to arraign these people right away, we would not have any Federal jurisdiction. Connelley stated that we have the indictment, which I advised will not "hold water". I advised Mr. Connelley that I would give him further instructions later in the afternoon, through Mr. Alt.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Place PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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January 28 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

January 30, 1935

Mrs. E. A. Revals  
Box 843  
Ocala, Florida

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

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter  
of January 28, 1935.

Please be advised that the only photographs that this Division is interested in are the ones which were ordered taken by Mr. E. J. Connelley, when he was in your city recently. The photographs made from the plates which were exposed at Mr. Connelley's instructions or orders should not be offered for sale.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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BC Director  
E. J. Connelley  
Saint Paul

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

January 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis with aliases - I.O. 1218  
Arthur R. Barker with aliases I.O. 1219  
Russell Gibson with aliases (deceased)  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases -  
I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Please be advised that during the afternoon of January 29, 1935, Chief Deputy United States Marshal Leo Mack called at the Jacksonville Office and exhibited to me a letter from George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, dated at Saint Paul on January 25, 1935, enclosing original and copy of a subpoena for Coroner L. E. Futch, Marion County, Ocala, Florida, for his appearance at Saint Paul on April 2, 1935, at ten A.M. This subpoena requires L. E. Futch to appear in Federal Court at Saint Paul and bring with him and produce the jewelry, which I forwarded you on January 23, 1935, by Railway Express Agency, which is itemized in my letter to you of January 26, 1935.

It will be appreciated if you will immediately contact the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, advising the Jacksonville Office with reference to Coroner Futch's appearance at Saint Paul on April 2, 1935, with the jewelry aforementioned. The United States Marshal, here, will withhold service of this subpoena until I receive a reply to this communication.

Very truly yours,

7-24  
CC Director  
Chicago  
E. J. Connelley  
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R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge

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RAA:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 31, 1935.

Mr. Joseph H. Wallis,  
District Director,  
Immigration and Naturalization,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.  
#1232; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Mr. Wallis:-

It will be appreciated if you will notify all your  
Officers to be on the look out for Harry Sawyer, and William J.  
Harrison. These two men might possibly arrive in this country  
from Havana. Their apprehension is anxiously desired.

It will be further appreciated if, when assigning this  
matter to your Officers, you will caution them that there should  
be no publicity.

Descriptions of these two wanted persons are as follows:

Name	HARRY SAWYER, aliases: "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandlovich, Harry Sandovich, Harry J. Porche, Frank James and Jew Harry.
Age	45 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Light brown
Complexion	Dark
Scars	Left forefinger smashed.

Name	William J. Harrison, alias Willie Harrison
Age	33 (1933)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

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To Mr. Wallis

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Salesman  
Scotch  
Hammond PD #1886  
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As always your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. With expressions of best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division ✓

Jax #7-24

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:PAL

January 28, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please be advised that on January 27 and 28, 1935,  
there were forwarded to you by Air Mail, Special Delivery,  
all of the memoranda dictated by agents covering their acti-  
vities at Oklawaha, Florida, and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Jax #7-24

cc - Division ✓

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January 17, 1935.

Mr. R. D. Brown,  
Alcazar Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telegraphic request, there are trans-  
mitted herewith six copies of the photograph of Wynona Burdette,  
front view and profile, and also six copies of the full length  
photograph of this same individual.

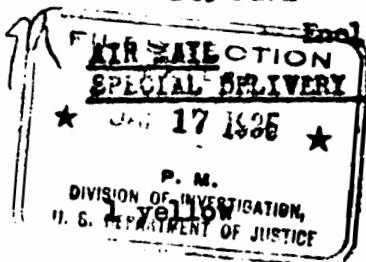
There are also transmitted herewith two photographic  
copies of the signatures of Harry Campbell and other members of  
the Barker-Karpis gang. One copy each of the above enclosures  
is being transmitted to the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #831763

CC - Jacksonville  
E. J. Connelley  
Chicago  
St. Paul



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Charlottesville. N.C.  
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Prisoner's signature  
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 Prisoner's  
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 Prisoner's

*Arthur Barker*  
*B of Barker*  
*Doc Barker*

*Alvin Karpis*  
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*Fred Barker*

*Harry Campbell*  
 Prisoner's Signature  
*Harry Campbell*  
*Harry Campbell*  
 Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

1:35 P.M.

EAT:TAM

January 17, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Coulter called and stated he had just conferred with United States Attorney Sullivan and his assistant concerning the Bremer case. The United States Attorney has agreed that he can get a Grand Jury working by Monday, January 21st and that he will return indictments in the case. The names of the 26 persons were given to him and after reviewing the evidence for some time he concluded that it was an impossibility to return an indictment against a dead person; that he had had several cases of this kind; that he did not see how he could indict the four who are dead, although he would give the matter further consideration. He stated in the event these people are named in the indictment, it will be set out just what each of them did; but that he will decline to indict the deceased persons unless the Department instructs him to do so. Those persons who the United States Attorney will indict are: Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William Harrison, Ollie Berg, Joseph P. Moran, "Whitie" (full name not known), John Joseph McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Phillip J. Delaney, John Doe, Richard Roe, Byron Bolton, Jimmie Williams, Jesse Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton. Mr. Coulter stated the United States Attorney has indicated that he will return two indictments - the substantive charges being against Karpis, Barker, Davis, Campbell, Farmer, Alderton, Weaver, Sawyer, John Doe and Richard Roe. I asked what was meant by John Doe and Richard Roe, and he replied these were two men who had just been discovered and apparently acted as guards at the hideout. Their identity is unknown at present, but Mr. McIntyre has a description of these men. A conspiracy charge will be named in the indictment against the 22 named above; a substantive charge will be entered against the 10 named above, in the second indictment. "Whitie" is an associate of John Doe and Richard Roe, and nothing is known concerning them - Jesse Doyle is an associate of these men and nothing is known concerning him, except that he is also an associate. Sullivan suggested that McIntyre write a summary after each name, setting out the evidence against them, and the part taken by them. I advised this should be done immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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