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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Albin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, J. H. Harvey, "James" A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, "Joe", H. J. Harvey, Ray Gordon, "Shorty", I.O. 1219; FRED BARKER, aliases: F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, J. C. Blackburn, A. B. Hunter, J. Earl Matterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Matterson, F. C. Blackburn, E. R. Lang, "Shorty"; HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore, Jimmie, Curley Moore, Everett Davis, Curley Hansen, Curley Hanson, J. E. Hansen; WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoe O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, P. O. Scott, Bill Thornton, Felix Donal; HARRY SAWYER, alias Frank James, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry J. Porche, Harry Sandevich, H. Sandovich, Jew Harry; FRED C. GOETZ, aliases: George Zeigler, Fred Getz, "Shotgun" Zeigler, "The Dutchman", James George Zeigler, George B. Siebert, A. W. Johnson, R. Johnson, George B. Johnson, Floyd C. Zeigler, Van Ash, George F. Seibert (Deceased) BYRON BOLTON, aliases: Bryon Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen B. Carter, Owen Bernard C. Owen B. Carter; JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Rye "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E. J. Powell; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: Joseph B. Mc Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, I.O. 1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, aliases: Rusty Gibson, S Gray, R. Gray Evans, Roy Gray, Roy Gray Evans, Slim Evans, Andrew Allen, I.O. 12 WILLIAM J. HARRISON aliases: Willie Harrison, J. B. Bolton, J. J. Ryan; OLIVER A. aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennet; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, al William E. Vidler, Williams; PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Philli Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Delaney; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J. J. lin, "Boss" McLaughlin, Mr. Smith; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.; aliases: Jack M lin, Jimmy McLaughlin; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES.			
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Synopsis of Facts: Further information concerning past activities and associates of Willie Harrison, Hammond, Indiana and vicinity obtained. Joe Williamson and wife, Chicago, contacts of Byron Bolton and wife, interviewed, Chicago, Illinois, advised Bolton dressed in hunting clothes called at Williamson's apartment latter part of January, 1934, indicating possibly Bolton took some active part in kidnaping; state Bolton's two children mysteriously called for and taken from Williamson apartment on 11/24/34. [REDACTED] received letter postmarked Springfield, Illinois, 12/18/34 from Volney Davis, who failed to furnish address. Davis visited Aurora, Illinois, night of 12/18/34. Subject Berg advised he and subject Gibson only acted as guards for Bremer ransom cash handled through Dr. Moran's office; that Gibson had no part in the kidnaping; says subjects remarked Government had no jurisdiction in this case due to absence of interstate transportation. Mildred Kuhlman, wife or paramour of "Doc" Barker, presently located 432 Surf Street, Chicago, living with man whose identity as yet undetermined. Subject Harrison rented apartment at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue on 12/15/34; investigation shows this apartment now occupied by members of this gang, identities not yet established.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, dated 12/21/34; letter from the Kansas City Division office, dated 12/27/34; report of Special Agent J. A. Smith, Jr., St. Louis, dated 12/26/34; letters from Detroit Division office, dated 12/17, 19 and 22/34, and report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, dated 12/17/34.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked "changed" in order to show additional aliases used by subjects Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, William Weaver, James J. Wilson and Russell Gibson; also to show the correct first name of subject Bolton as "Byron" instead of Bryon, and to add the name of William J. Harrison with aliases as a subject.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan:

In a further effort to locate Mae Green (not May Green as previously reported) the following investigation was conducted. It is to be noted that Mae Green is reported to have resided with William J. Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois, from April to approximately September, 1933. To verify information contained in previous reports to the effect that Mae Green had received her mail at General Delivery, a check of the General Delivery at the main post office at Chicago, Illinois, and at the Post office at Calumet City, Illinois, was made for the months of September, October and November, 1933, which failed to disclose any forwarding address for Mae Green.

Agent was advised that the former postmaster at Calumet City, one John L. Lewendowski, was acquainted with William J. Harrison and was in office during the time that Mae Green is reported to have resided with Harrison at Calumet City. John L. Lewendowski, former Postmaster at Calumet City, Illinois, was interviewed and shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, including a photograph of William J. Harrison, which photographs he failed to recognize as those of any persons he had ever seen. He could not recall anything regarding Harrison, nor was he acquainted with Mae Green.

William Blankblossom, who was employed at the Calumet City Post Office as Special Delivery messenger, was likewise interviewed in the presence of Mr. Lewendowski, who vouched for Blankblossom's integrity. Blankblossom was likewise shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker mob, which he failed to recognize.

A record of the long distance telephone calls made from Hammond 1663, the telephone listed to William J. Harrison, 310 West Mason Street, Calumet City, Illinois, during April and May, 1933, discloses a call made to Graceland 2928, which telephone is listed to Frank Brennan, 4027 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

By discreet inquiry, Agent ascertained that Frank Brennan and an unmarried sister, both elderly persons, reside in an apartment at the above address; that they have lived here for many years and are considered very reputable and reliable.

Miss Mary Brennan was interviewed and questioned concerning the above telephone call. She could not at first recall the circumstances surrounding the above call, but later stated that in October or November of 1932, a Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayworth roomed with her, in company with one Mae Green and her husband. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Hayworth came to Chicago together from New York City, where Mr. and Mrs. Green stated they had operated a soda fountain business. Miss Brennan stated

that Mae Green originally came from St. Louis, Missouri. She did not know, however, the names of any of Mae Green's relatives nor her former address in St. Louis. Miss Brennan recalled that Mae Green had been staying at Hammond, Indiana, or Calumet City, Illinois, and that she expressed the intention of getting a job at the World's Fair upon its opening in May of 1933. Miss Brennan recalled that about November 1, 1932, Mr. Green visited his parents' home somewhere in Kentucky and that on one occasion Mae Green made a telephone call from Miss Brennan's apartment to her husband in Kentucky. Miss Brennan stated that when the Greens moved from her apartment, they were aided by a Mr. Meyers, a tailor located at 4061 Sheridan Road, who is a friend of the Greens.

At the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Agent was advised that the long distance telephone toll tickets are destroyed by the telephone company after one year; that, therefore, the toll ticket on the telephone call made by Mae Green in November, 1932, had been destroyed.

Without disclosing his identity, Agent interviewed one Mr. Meyer, a tailor at 4061 North Sheridan Road. He stated that Dorothy Flynn, who, up until a month or two ago resided at 4336 North Sheridan Road, was a good friend of Mae Green and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayworth. Meyer stated that Mrs. Hayworth's first name was "Pat"; that he did not know the present address of Mr. and Mrs. Hayworth, stating that the Hayworths had recently separated, and that when last heard of Robert Hayworth had been living in the same apartment house in which Dorothy Flynn was living on Sheridan Road.

At 4336 Sheridan Road the housekeeper, who declined to give her name, stated that Robert Hayworth had resided at this address up until July, 1934, but had moved without paying his room rent. She stated that she believed that Hayworth had moved to the Hotel Sinton on Sheridan Road; that Dorothy Flynn had likewise moved to the Sheridan Plaza Hotel.

Mr. Henry Walther, house detective, Sheridan Plaza Hotel, was interviewed and, through an informant, located Dorothy Flynn, and she was interviewed by Agent in the presence of Detective Walther at the Sheridan Plaza Hotel. She stated that she was not acquainted with William J. Harrison and could not identify photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which were shown to her; that she had not seen Mrs. Robert (Pat) Hayworth in nearly a year. She stated that Pat Hayworth was presently residing at 815 Allen Street, East Grand Forks, Minnesota; that Pat Hayworth had been in communication with Mae Green since Mae Green has resided in Washington, D. C. and undoubtedly knows Mae Green's present address.

The St. Paul Division Office was requested by letter to interview Mrs. Pat Hayworth for the purpose of obtaining Mae Green's present address in Washington, D. C., so that she may be interviewed regarding her

knowledge of Harrison's present whereabouts and her knowledge concerning the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang.

At the Hotel Sinton the records were checked for the past six months, but no record could be found of a Robert Hayworth. However, one of the bellboys, whose name was not obtained inasmuch as Agent did not disclose his identity because of the questionable character of the hotel, advised that he believes Hayworth had formerly stayed in a room occupied by one Tom Connolly, who is presently residing at the Aragon Arms Apartments, at 4717 Kenmore Avenue.

Tom Connolly at the Aragon Apartments was interviewed and stated that approximately two months ago Hayworth had been rooming with him, Connolly; that Hayworth was unemployed and without money and that he informed Connolly that a friend of his living on the South side of Chicago had promised him a job. He left Connolly's apartment and Connolly stated that he has not seen him since and has no idea where he is presently located. Connolly stated he has no knowledge of Hayworth's personal history, and does not know where his folks reside.

The following numbers to which long distance telephone calls were made from telephone number Hammond 1663, listed to William J. Harrison, in April and May, 1935, were checked:

MIDWAY 10553, listed to Harry Green, 542 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago. This address is occupied by a tavern which appears to be of questionable character. Agent frequented this tavern and struck up a conversation with a man working behind the bar who appeared to be the owner of the premises. This man's name is Stone and during the course of the conversation Stone mentioned that he had not seen Willie Harrison in approximately two years and requested information from Agent as to whether he had seen Harrison recently.

HYDE PARK 1967, listed to William J. Gibbons, Green Tree Inn, 7416 Stony Island Avenue, which has been mentioned in previous reports, was checked with the following results. William J. Gibbons was interviewed and he stated that he is the owner of the Green Tree Inn and has been for many years. Gibbons spoke freely and apparently truthfully to Agents when he stated that he does not solicit the patronage of hoodlums. He was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, including that of William J. Harrison, all of which he failed to recognize. Gibbons mentioned, however, that he was acquainted with John McGinnity, who formerly operated a tavern at Calumet City, Illinois. It is to be noted that John McGinnity was formerly an employee of William J. Harrison several years ago. Mr. Gibbons stated that he had a brother residing at Tinley Park, Illinois, by the name of John T. Gibbons.

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One of the telephone calls made from Hammond 1663 was made to Tinley Park 90, which is a telephone listed to a roadhouse located at 147th Street and Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois, which place is operated by John Gibbons, who was interviewed by Agent. Mr. Gibbons likewise was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, including the photograph of William J. Harrison, which photograph of Harrison appeared familiar, although he could not recall Harrison's identity. Mr. Gibbons stated, however, that he was acquainted with Jackie Filan at Calumet City, Illinois, and that possibly Filan might have had occasion to telephone Gibbons from Harrison's residence. It is to be noted that Filan is a former partner of William J. Harrison and is presently incarcerated in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. It is also to be noted that the roadhouse operated by John T. Gibbons is apparently a respectable place, frequented by prominent politicians and judges in and about Chicago.

SAGINAW 5273, listed to L. A. Easley, 1915 East 86th Street, was checked with the following results. Agent made discreet inquiries of the janitor's wife at the apartment house located at the above address and she stated that the Easley family had resided at this address only since April, 1934, and were not living here prior to that time. It is evident, therefore, that the above telephone call was not made to Mr. Easley, but apparently to someone else who formerly had the same telephone number.

LAWNDALE 6868, listed to F. Bennet, 2501 South Springfield Avenue, Chicago, was checked with the following results. At this address Marie Holcubek, manager, was interviewed and stated that the Bennet family resided at this address for several years, but had moved approximately three months ago; that Mrs. Bennet is presently residing at 3824 West 26th Street, and Mr. Bennet was operating a brewery somewhere in Michigan. Mrs. Holcubek stated that the Bennets were a highly respectable family and she was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which she failed to recognize as those of any persons she had ever seen.

Mrs. Fred Bennet, 3824 West 26th Street, telephone Crawford, 5699, was interviewed. She stated that her husband was presently employed at the Four Flags Brewery at Niles, Michigan; that neither she nor her husband were acquainted with William J. Harrison, but that they were acquainted with a man named "Whitey", who operates Whitey's Service Station at Calumet City, Illinois. At Calumet City, Illinois, Agent had heard that a man named Whitey, last name unknown, was acquainted with William J. Harrison and this undoubtedly is the party referred to by Mrs. Bennet. Mrs. Bennet stated that neither she nor her husband has visited Calumet City for a long period of time and she was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which she failed to recognize.

PULASKI 1785 is listed to Joseph M. Pochran, 11858 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was checked with the following results. Agent interviewed Ray Donnelly, who delivers mail to the above address, who stated that Mr. Pochran has two sons who operate a tavern at the above address which is frequented by questionable characters. Mr. Donnelly knew of no one in the neighborhood who could be trusted if interviewed.

Agent visited the tavern operated by Vince and Frank Pochran at 11858 Indiana Avenue, and struck up a conversation with Vince Pochran, who stated that he had formerly tended bar at 120 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, for approximately six years up to two years ago. He appeared to be well acquainted with all the tavern owners at Calumet City, Illinois, and also acquainted with William J. Harrison, stating that he had not seen "Willy" for some time.

OAKLAND 8478, listed to the Oberman Pharmacy, 4301 South Michigan Avenue, was checked as follows: Joseph R. Oberman, owner, was interviewed and shown photographs of the Karpis Barker gang, including a photograph of William J. Harrison, which he failed to recognize. He stated, however, that the photograph of Harrison appeared very familiar, but that he could not recall where he had seen him or the circumstances surrounding his acquaintanceship with Harrison, stating that he believed it took place several years ago. The record of the prescriptions filled at the Oberman Pharmacy during April and May of 1933 was checked, but there was no record found of a prescription filled by Mr. Oberman for William J. Harrison or Mae Green.

Frank Horner, formerly employed as a clerk at this drug store, was interviewed at Mr. Oberman's other store located at 4301 South State Street. Horner was likewise shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize.

BURNHAM 9866, listed to Otto Heigl, 14214 Avenue O, Burnham Illinois, was checked with the following results. Agent made discreet inquiries at the Post Office and other places at Burnham, and ascertained that Otto Heigl was a next door neighbor to John Patton, Mayor of Burnham, and up until the present year was Clerk of the Town of Burnham and a very close friend of John Patton.

No effort was made to interview Heigl, inasmuch as Patton is reputed to be one of the heads of the Capone Syndicate and a friend of William J. Harrison.

HUMBOLDT 9406, a telephone listed to the Rembrandt Restaurant, operated by George Drellos at 2758 West North Avenue, Chicago, was checked. Mr. Drellos was interviewed and shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang

all of which he failed to recognize. He stated he could not recall anyone from Calumet City, Illinois, or Hammond, Indiana, telephoning his place of business, but stated it is possible some customer may have done so. He referred Agent to his night manager, James Poulas, who was later interviewed by Agent and stated that approximately a year and a half ago there was a young lady employed as a waitress at the Rembrandt Restaurant who was acquainted with a girl who lived at Calumet City, Illinois, with a man who operated a tavern in that town. Poulas probably had reference to Mae Green, who was at that time living with William J. Harrison. Poulas stated that he did not know the name of this former waitress or her address, but stated that she occasionally came to the restaurant to ask for work, and that when she next calls he will obtain her address and notify the Chicago Division office.

BLUE ISLAND 2516 is listed to William Gallagher and Walter H. Koenecke, 2341 West Prairie Street, Blue Island, Illinois. Mr. Koenecke was interviewed and stated that he was not acquainted with William J. Harrison, nor could he identify photographs of any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He stated, however, that his sister, Lillian Bradshaw, had been introduced to a man named Merritt Longbrake while she was visiting relatives in Indiana. He stated that Longbrake was a guest at the Koenecke home during the Spring of 1933, and that later the Koenecke family had ascertained that Longbrake had a record as a bank robber and was an escape. It is to be noted that Mr. Koenecke operates a large wholesale cigar business at Blue Island and that he and his parents have been residents of Blue Island almost since its founding and are considered highly respectable.

Mrs. Lillian Bradshaw, 2341 West Prairie Street, was interviewed and stated that while visiting relatives at Elkhart, Indiana, she was introduced to Merritt Longbrake at a dance; that she did not know his identity; that he appeared to be a well-mannered young man and that she went out with him on several occasions; that he called at her house in the latter part of April and the early part of May, 1933, and that she later learned that he was an escaped convict from some jail in Ohio and was a bank robber. She stated that Longbrake later communicated with her by telephone, at which time he expressed his desire to see her, but that she refused to see him and has not heard from him since. She stated that it was possible that Longbrake had telephoned her from Calumet City, Illinois, from the house occupied by William J. Harrison, who, Mrs. Bradshaw stated, was unknown to her. She was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which she failed to recognize. It is to be noted that Longbrake's name has been mentioned in the investigation of the Dillinger mob, but no connection has been shown between Longbrake and this gang. Longbrake has the reputation of being a "lone wolf," and is still at large.

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EVERGREEN PARK 7227 is a telephone number listed to the Homestead Inn, 9650 South Western Avenue, Chicago, under the name of William J. Hefferman. Agent made inquiry of Carl Noffs, who operates the Shell Oil Station at 9550 South Western Avenue, and he stated that the Homestead Inn was owned and operated by one Joseph Flandry. He stated that it is a hangout for followers of Joe Saltis, notorious Chicago racketeer, who is reported to be the owner of the Thornton Brewery. While Agent was speaking with Carl Noffs, F. C. Kriewitz, sales representative for the Shell Oil Company, called at the station. Mr. Kriewitz stated that he was a former deputy sheriff of Lake County, Indiana, and presently resides at Gary, Indiana, where he has a wide acquaintanceship. He stated that Fred Hacker, who is presently in the real estate business at Calumet City, Illinois, was formerly in the liquor business in that town and was a former partner of Pete Esser; that Hacker is no longer connected with the liquor business and is not engaged in illegal activities, and undoubtedly would be of service in this investigation.. It is to be noted that Pete Esser, who is now deceased, is reported to have been a very close friend of William J. Harrison, and it is possible that Fred Hacker may be able to provide information in regard to Harrison's personal history.

WENTWORTH 3035, listed/the Woodlawn Tavern at 410 East 63rd Street, Chicago, is noted in previous reports as having been called from Hammond 1663. This tavern up until six months ago was owned and operated by one Thomas McLaughlin. Thomas McLaughlin was interviewed at the Woodlawn Tavern, which he still frequents. He was shown photographs of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize, but stated that the photograph of William J. Harrison appeared familiar to him. McLaughlin has a wide acquaintanceship on the South side of Chicago, and he advised Agent that because he had been in politics, tavern owners on the South side of Chicago, at Calumet City, Illinois, and at Hammond, Indiana, frequently used to visit the Woodlawn Tavern when McLaughlin operated it, and that undoubtedly Harrison had visited at his tavern in the past, but he could not recall Harrison's identity.

John J. Wallace, attorney at law, Post Office Building, Calumet City, Illinois, was again interviewed and he stated that approximately three years ago he had brought an action of replevin for the return of an automobile which was being held by the Calumet City Police Department. Wallace stated that he could not recall the name of the owner of this automobile, but stated that William J. Harrison had retained him, Wallace, for the purpose of obtaining possession of the car from the Calumet City Police Department. Wallace suggested to Agent that he could obtain a record of this transaction from Frank A. Stachowitz, the justice of the peace at Calumet City, Illinois.

Mr. Frank A. Stachowitz, Justice of the Peace, National Tea Building, 695 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, was interviewed and checked his records which disclosed that on July 1, 1931, an action of replevin was brought by Mrs. J. A. Camden for a 1930 Cadillac town sedan, motor No. 803370. Stachowitz stated he recalled this automobile had been used by two bandits who were arrested in Calumet City, Illinois, on a charge of robbery; that at the time of arrest they were in possession of the above automobile, which they had stolen from Mrs. Camden, who gave the address 8100 Essex Avenue. Mr. Stachowitz stated that he later attempted to get in touch with Camden at 8100 Essex Avenue, but ascertained that the Camdens had moved and had left no forwarding address, and that he had later heard that Camden had been found dead as a result of gunshot wounds, on a road near St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Stachowitz could not recall any interest William J. Harrison had in this replevin action. Because Agent did not trust Mr. Stachowitz' integrity, inasmuch as he is reported to have friends among the hoodlums of Calumet City, Illinois, inquiry concerning members of the Karpis-Barker gang was not made of him.

Mr. Robert Smith of the Smith Auto Sales, Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, was again interviewed and he again checked his records and found a record of a sale of Dodge sedan, 1926 model, motor No. B652071, which they had sold to William J. Harrison, Savoy Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, on May 18, 1933. Harrison paid \$15.00 cash deposit and Smith stated that he still owes \$20.00 on the car. Smith stated that he understood that Harrison disposed of the above mentioned automobile shortly after he obtained possession of it, but that he does not know to whom Harrison sold or transferred this car.

Inasmuch as Harrison is reported to be driving a Ford sedan, Agent checked the records of the H. F. Herschbach Ford Agency, 5603 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, but did not find any record of the sale of a Ford automobile to William J. Harrison or to any other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

John Coyle, who operates the tavern just south of the southwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Broadway, Calumet City, Illinois, was interviewed. It is to be noted that Attorney John J. Wallace of Calumet City advised Agent Sullivan that Coyle had seen Harrison during the past summer when Harrison had retained Coyle's services to obtain possession of an automobile in which Harrison had been riding, which was being held by some police department on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana.

Mr. Coyle stated that sometime during the Fall of 1933, not during the summer of 1932, William J. Harrison called upon him and desired to have Mr. Coyle refer Harrison to someone who would have sufficient

influence to assist Harrison regain possession of an automobile which was being held in a garage on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana. Coyle stated that he referred Harrison to Dwight Kinder, who operates a garage on Route 20, 15 miles East of Broadway, Gary, Indiana; that he understood that Harrison, through Kinder, obtained possession of the automobile, which was being held either at Kinder's garage or at some other garage in the vicinity. Coyle stated that he did not know whether anybody else was with Harrison at the time this car was held. He was shown photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize, with the exception of the photographs of Charles J. Fitzgerald and William J. Harrison. Coyle stated that he knew Harrison during the time Harrison had resided and operated a tavern at Calumet City, Illinois; that he, Coyle, likewise formerly operated a tavern at Calumet City; that when Harrison first came to Calumet City he was employed as a bartender by John McGinnity. Coyle stated that McGinnity, an elderly man, is presently tending bar at the Roosevelt Hotel, Gary, Indiana. Coyle likewise stated that approximately two years ago Charles J. Fitzgerald alias "Big Fitz" resided at Calumet City, Illinois, with one George Brooks. Coyle stated that one Dolly Arter, a cabaret entertainer, was living with Brooks and Fitzgerald was residing in the same house; that a girl named Isabelle Tuttle, likewise roomed at Brooks' house which was located at Wentworth Avenue and Schrum Road, Lansing, Illinois, which is a small town located just south of Calumet City; that while "Big Fitz" was living at Brooks' house, Brooks was shot down in a gang war; that "Big Fitz" shortly thereafter left town, at which time he was driving a large Packard sedan, license plates unknown; that William J. Harrison was quite friendly with "Big Fitz" and that there was a bitter rivalry between Brooks and Harrison concerning big Fitz' friendship; that Big Fitz during the time he was at Calumet City appeared to have a large amount of money, and it is Coyle's understanding that after Brooks' death, ex-Captain of Police Frank Metka, who is presently employed at the United Chemical Company at Hammond, Indiana, obtained possession of "Big Fitz" automobile for Big Fitz, who immediately after the shooting left Brooks' home in order that he would not be arrested.

Coyle stated that one Harry Tucker, who had just returned from Florida where he had been engaged in bootlegging and apparently was in partnership with William J. Harrison who remained at Calumet City, Illinois, likewise was a close friend of Harrison. Coyle described Brooks as being 35 years of age, 195 pounds in weight, height six feet, complexion florid, with hair red (kinky). Coyle stated that he has not seen Harrison since the above occasion in 1933, but stated that he would not be surprised if Harrison, if he was in the vicinity, should call on him, Coyle. Coyle spoke frankly with Agent, and apparently sincerely, and stated that he would immediately telephone the Chicago Division office, which telephone number was left with him, in the event he should obtain any information with regard to Harrison's whereabouts.

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Dwight Kinder, who operates a garage on Route 20, 13 miles East of Broadway, Gary, Indiana, was interviewed and stated that in the Fall of 1933, a collision occurred on Route 12, about 2 miles from his garage between an automobile operated by a man who resided somewhere in Michigan and another automobile; that an attachment was levied on the automobile operated by the above mentioned party before Justice of the Peace Herman Wagner, who lives on Route 12, 13 miles East of Gary. Kinder was shown a photograph of William J. Harrison, and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize. He stated that he believed that the persons who owned the above mentioned automobile, against which attachment proceedings were filed gave fictitious names; that the car was held at the Dunes Center Garage by a party who gave an address at a local hotel at Gary; that later when Justice of the Peace Wagner attempted to get in touch with the parties he could not find anyone living at the Gary Hotel under the names given. Kinder stated that John Coyle and several other persons, whose identities are unknown to Kinder, made a settlement with the party from Michigan, and the car held at the Dunes Center garage was released. It is to be noted that Kinder is an attorney at law and was retained by the driver of the car which came from Michigan. Kinder's records do not disclose this man's name or address. Photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to Mr. Kinder, and he did not recognize any of them as those of persons he knew.

John McGinnity, bartender at the Roosevelt Hotel, was interviewed by Agent, who did not disclose his identity. During the course of a long general conversation, McGinnity stated that he had heard that Dolly Arter was last heard of as being employed as a waitress in a tavern or night club at St. Louis, Missouri. A letter was forwarded to the St. Louis Division office requesting that an investigation be made to ascertain Dolly Arter's present whereabouts, in order that she might be interviewed in regard to the present whereabouts of Charles J. Fitzgerald, William J. Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. McGinnity likewise advised that "Big Homer" was a close friend of Charles Fitzgerald, whom McGinnity stated often was called "Crazy Charley", because of his wild antics when intoxicated. When referring to "Big Homer" McGinnity undoubtedly meant Homer Wilson, according to the description of "Big Homer" which he gave this Agent.

McGinnity likewise stated that "Ray" Tucker, former bartender for Willie Harrison, was presently at Jacksonville, Florida, where he is running a tavern or night club; that Jacksonville, Florida, is Tucker's wife's home; that Red O'Malley, who is reported to be a friend of William J. Harrison, recently got out of jail; that Joe Festis alias Joe Hanley, a friend of William J. Fitzgerald, is presently serving time at Michigan City, Indiana.

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Edward Berwanger, 498 Ingram Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, has been contacted by Agent on several occasions. It will be noted that Mike Marschek rooms in Berwanger's home and it is reported that Harrison frequently stays with Marschek when he is in Calumet City. Berwanger stated that he does not know the present whereabouts of Isabelle Tuttle, but that Ella Tuttle is presently residing on State Street in Calumet City. He pointed out to Agent a house, which is located on the north side of the 400 block on State Street, Calumet City, in which she is living with Al Page, a musician. Berwanger stated that Ella Tuttle could be trusted.

Agent interviewed Ella Tuttle at the above address and she stated that her sister, Isabelle Tuttle, was presently residing at 5246 South Park Avenue, with a man named Steinko; that she has not seen William J. Harrison for approximately two years. She was shown photographs of the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which she failed to recognize. She stated she did not know Dolly Arter's present whereabouts, but stated that Mrs. Nettie Jones, a sister of Dolly Arter, was presently residing on Hoffman Avenue, just beyond Calumet Avenue in Hammond, Indiana.

Mrs. Nettie Jones, 1015 Hoffman Avenue, Mrs. William Quinn, 619 Indiana Avenue, and Mrs. Elsworth Spencer, 1242 119th Street, Whiting, Indiana, sisters of Dolly Arter, were interviewed. They advised that they did not know where she was presently located. Mrs. William Quinn stated that through a man whose name she could not recall, who is employed at the Carbon and Carbide Company, Whiting, Indiana, she had heard that her sister Dolly is living somewhere in Texas, but intended going to Montana.

Mrs. John Martin, 2750 Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, mother of Dolly Arter, was likewise interviewed by Agent, who did not disclose his identity. Mrs. Martin stated that she had not heard from her daughter Dolly for more than a year; that when last heard from Dolly was somewhere in Texas. Mrs. Martin could not recall the name of the town nor the address, but advised Agent that she understood that Dolly intended to go to Montana.

Miss Isabelle Tuttle, 5246 South Park Avenue, was interviewed. She stated that in the Spring of 1932, she resided at Wentworth Avenue and Schrum Road, Lansing, Illinois, with Dolly Arter, George Brooks and Charles J. Fitzgerald. She stated that she knew Fitzgerald by the name of Charles J. Murphy; that Fitzgerald was driving a Packard sedan which was registered in Indiana under the name of Charles Murphy, Mead Hotel, Hammond, Indiana. She stated that she knew William J. Harrison, having seen him on a few occasions when she roomed at Brooks' home, but has not

seen him in two years; that she has not seen Dolly Arter in approximately a year and a half and when last heard from Dolly was somewhere in Texas, address unknown. Isabelle Tuttle was questioned thoroughly for further information with regard to William J. Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but without results. She could not identify any photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang which were shown to her except those of William J. Harrison and Charles J. Fitzgerald.

A letter was directed to the Indianapolis office requesting that the records of the Indiana State Motor Vehicle Bureau be checked for information regarding the registration of automobiles by William J. Harrison during 1932, 1933 and 1934 in the State of Indiana, and also for information regarding the registration of a Packard sedan by Charles J. Fitzgerald, under the name of Charles Murphy, Mead Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, during the year 1932 and for subsequent registrations by Fitzgerald.

In an attempt to obtain information in regard to Harrison's activities, Agent made inquiry of P. M. Schrum, Paul W. Schrum and William Schrum, who live opposite the house formerly occupied by George Brooks at Wentworth Avenue and Schrum Road, Lansing, Illinois. The above mentioned persons were shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which they failed to recognize, nor were they acquainted with William J. Harrison. However, Mr. William Schrum suggested to Agent that he might inquire of a Mr. Lindner, a real estate man, who has an office in the 500 block of Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. Schrum stated that Lindner was a reliable party, but had a wide acquaintanceship among hoodlums of Calumet City.

Agent was advised by Edward Berwanger, 498 Ingram Avenue, that Frank Moose, who was employed by the B & B Tavern, corner of State Street and State Line Avenue, Calumet City, was reliable. Frank Moose was interviewed by Agent and was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang. He stated that the photographs of Gladys Sawyer and Harry Sawyer appeared familiar to him; that he thought he had seen them either come to the saloon where he is employed, or somewhere on the streets of Calumet City within the past two months. He likewise stated that the photograph of William Harrison appeared familiar to him. Moose stated that Mike Marschek, who is employed in the saloon next door, which is operated by John Nichols, is unknown to him. However, through Mike Motzka or Mosko (phonetic spelling) a driver for the Great Lakes Brewery, Moose stated he would attempt to ascertain whether Marschek knows Harrison's present whereabouts. Moose stated that Mosko for ten years lived with an aunt Marschek, and that Mosko is well acquainted with Marschek.

"Pop" Schneider, Savoy Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, has been contacted on several occasions. He stated that George Brooks, now deceased, was a former partner of Freddie Marsbank; that both Brooks and Marsbank were well acquainted with William J. Harrison; that Marsbank is presently operating a "hot dog" stand on the southeast corner of State Line and State Streets. Schneider discreetly questioned Walter Jackson, who is a close friend of Jim Finneran. It is to be noted that in previous reports mention was made of the fact that Finneran had stated that Harrison was around a racetrack somewhere in either Florida or Texas. Schneider stated that Jackson had questioned Finneran in a discreet manner and Finneran apparently did not know where Harrison was located. Schneider stated that he is a close friend of Dewey Baker, whom Harrison has contacted within the past three months, as mentioned in previous reports. Schneider states he feels absolutely certain that he would know almost immediately if Harrison visited Calumet City; that Dewey Baker, knowing that Harrison owes Schneider money, would immediately advise Schneider should Harrison visit Calumet City or Hammond. Schneider stated that Mike Marschek alias Pittsburgh Mike has always in the past acted as intermediary for Harrison in taking messages for him and in performing errands for Harrison.

It is to be noted that when Mrs. Barker gave up her residence at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago, a forwarding address was left with the electric company to forward the electric light bill to W. J. Ryan, 6714 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was ascertained that this tavern is presently operated by Frank Emmet and formerly was operated by Mickey Burns and Jerry Wunderlich.

Frank Emmet was interviewed at 6714 Stony Island Avenue, and he stated that he was not acquainted with William J. Harrison. He was shown photographs of Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize. Emmet apparently spoke truthfully. Agent had made previous discreet inquiries in the neighborhood and had ascertained that Emmet apparently runs a respectable place of business and appears to be a reliable business man. Bob Emmet, a cousin of Frank Emmet who is employed as a bartender at this address and Ted Martin, a partner of Frank Emmet, were likewise interviewed and shown photographs of Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which they failed to recognize. Special Agent John Madala had previously frequented this tavern, without disclosing his identity, and had struck up a conversation with a bartender named Dea Drake who, upon being questioned, stated that he had not seen Willie Harrison for approximately a month, but felt certain that Harrison might stop in at any time. This bartender named Drake was interviewed by Agent Sullivan, at which time he stated that up until three months ago the present tavern was operated by Jerry Wunderlich, who is presently living with his parents on a farm located on the outskirts of Bloomington, Illinois. Drake stated that he is

well acquainted with William J. Harrison, having formerly worked as a bartender with him in Calumet City, Illinois; that in the Fall of 1933 Harrison left Calumet City, Illinois, and went to Cicero, Illinois, where he engaged in business, operating a tavern with a partner, whose name Drake does not know. Drake stated that he did not know the address of the tavern; that during the early part of 1934, Harrison visited the tavern at 6714 Stony Island Avenue, on several occasions and then was not seen by Drake for approximately three or four months, but during the past summer Harrison again began to call at the tavern about once every three or four weeks. Drake stated that he had noticed that during the past year Harrison had been rather secretive; that Harrison at no time mentioned where he was residing, nor what his business was; that he visited the tavern alone at all times, and that he has not seen Harrison for the past three months, at which time Harrison was driving a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates. Drake stated that he could not recall any letter which was delivered to Harrison under the name of W. J. Ryan; however, that around the first of the year Harrison had a letter addressed to him at this tavern under the initials W. J. or M. J., last name unknown to Drake, from the Automobile Registration Bureau, which apparently contained a registration card for an automobile. Drake stated that he could not recall the license plates on the car used by Harrison; that up until three months ago, approximately, Len Bagnall was employed as a bartender at this saloon; that Bagnall presently is confined to his bed on account of a heart attack, from which he undoubtedly will not recover; that about three months ago Elmer Grier, who was formerly employed at this tavern, left to take a position at the New Harrison Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana; that Grier formerly worked as a bartender at Calumet City and was well acquainted with William J. Harrison and might be able to provide information in regard to Harrison's present whereabouts. Drake stated that in the latter part of 1933, Harrison was selling Canadian beer in partnership with a man, name unknown, who resided in a one story shack on the North side of 15th Avenue just east of Hessville, Indiana, near Hammond, Indiana. Drake stated that this place was on the north side of the road opposite a gas station. Drake stated that he would immediately notify the Chicago Division office by telephone should Harrison again call at this tavern, which telephone number was left at this tavern for use of any of the above mentioned persons employed thereat.

Pop Schneider, Savoy Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, upon later interview, stated that Herb Brill, who operates a taxicab at 7 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, had informed him that approximately one month ago he had taken a passenger to 6714 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, and he had seen William J. Harrison in the tavern located at this address.

Dan Drake and the other above mentioned person, employed at the tavern at 6714 Stony Island Avenue, were again interviewed, and they together with the others interviewed, stated that they have not seen Harrison in the past three months.

Jacob Heidt, father of Ruth Heidt, ex-wife of William Harrison, who operates a gas station at 6000 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana, was interviewed. Heidt stated that his daughter Ruth packed up her belongings and left without advising him of her destination, approximately six weeks ago. Heidt indicated that he and his daughter Ruth did not get along well together. Heidt said that he does not know where Ruth is presently residing, but stated he would immediately advise Agent when he learns of her address. Heidt stated that approximately two months ago, William J. Harrison stopped at the gas station in company with another man in a Ford V-8 sedan; that approximately a month before that Harrison had stopped for gas with this man. Heidt stated that previous to the past two months Harrison had occasionally stopped for gasoline and oil, the last occasion being accompanied by a man about 27 or 28 years of age, of stout build, with a medium complexion, having a fat round face. Mrs. Heidt was shown photographs of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize except the photograph of Fred Barker. He stated he had seen Barker in company of Harrison at the gas station some three or four months ago. He could not recall the license plates on the automobile which Harrison was driving, nor did Harrison tell him where he was living or engage in any conversation.

Mrs. Cecelia Nealon, who resides at this gas station with her husband and Mr. Heidt was interviewed and stated that during the month of September she was employed by Mr. Heidt at the gasoline station. She recognized the photograph of Fred Barker as that of a man named Shorty and a photograph of Alvin Karpis, stating that these persons occasionally purchased gasoline at this gas station. She stated that they rode in a Ford coupe which she did not think was a 1934 model. She could not recall the license plates on this car. She stated that occasionally William Harrison was with Fred Barker and the man she identified as Karpis; that the last she saw of William J. Harrison was during the latter part of September; that at approximately 9:00 A.M. one morning a young man, about 5' 11" tall, of slender build, weighing about 150 pounds, with dark hair, dark eyes, and a dark complexion, who Mrs. Nealon would judge to be about 30 to 32 years of age, and who was driving a sedan, probably a Chevrolet or a Ford, stopped at the gas station, but did not purchase gas; that he hung around for a few minutes shortly before William J. Harrison showed up and this unknown man got into his car; that Harrison led the way in his car in the direction of Hammond, Indiana; that neither of them spoke and Mrs. Nealon stated that she has not seen either of them since. She recalled that on one occasion the young man named "Shorty", identified as Fred Barker, while speaking with Ruth Heidt, who was then residing at this address, mentioned that

his brother had a beautiful black chow dog. Mrs. Nealon stated that Ruth Heidt and her father did not get along well together, and that when Ruth left she did not mention where she was going. Upon being questioned Mrs. Nealon stated that Ruth occasionally received mail from the Chicago Motor Club at Gary, Indiana. Both Mrs. Nealon and Jacob Heidt were given the telephone number and address of the Chicago Division office and they both promised to immediately notify the Chicago Division office should Harrison or any other members of the Karpis-Barker gang call at their gasoline station. They stated that they would attempt to obtain the numbers of the license plates on the car used and would likewise attempt to determine the direction in which they were going in order that the Chicago Division office might attempt to intercept them.

Mrs. Emmett Swarthout, Chicago Motor Club, 916 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana, was interviewed and stated that Policy No. 616705, taken out by Ruth Heidt, 6000 West 5th Avenue, had been renewed by Ruth Heidt on September 25, 1934; that Ruth Heidt was formerly a member of this Motor Club, but that her membership had expired two months ago; that they had no new address for her and that this matter is being handled by the Hammond office.

Edward Bieker, Chicago Motor Club, 5455 1/2 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, advised Agent when interviewed that he did not know Ruth Heidt's present address, but stated that Paul Wagner, employed as a salesman at the Smith Automobile Sales Agency, was a brother-in-law of Ruth Heidt and would undoubtedly know her address; that he was well acquainted with Wagner. He discreetly interviewed Wagner, who advised Bieker that Ruth Heidt had recently moved from Gary, Indiana, and was presently living somewhere in Chicago; that her address was unknown to him.

"Pop" Schneider, Savoy Hotel, Hammond, stated that Ruth Heidt recently visited the hotel and stated that she was living with some man in Chicago and that this man was a musician. Schneider stated that the next time he sees Ruth Heidt he will attempt to ascertain her present address.

John Coyle, above mentioned, likewise stated that he occasionally sees Ruth Heidt and that he likewise will attempt to obtain her present address. From information provided by Mrs. Nealon, who stated that Ruth Heidt often engaged in conversation with Fred Barker and Karpis when they visited the gas station at 6000 West 5th Avenue, it is believed that she might have valuable information regarding the present whereabouts of Harrison and the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala,

On November 28, 1934, Mr. H. G. McVeigh, Attendance Record Clerk at the Austin High School, Chicago, Illinois, communicated with agent Madala by telephone and advised that Owen Carter, Jr. had been absent from school from November 26 to November 28, 1934; that he called Mrs. Joe Williamson, Owen's guardian, by telephone and she advised that Owen had left town to join his father and mother in Wisconsin for the Thanksgiving holiday; that she expected him to return to Chicago in a few days and that in all probability he would be back in school on Monday, December 3, 1934.

On December 7, 1934, agent Madala again contacted Mr. McVeigh and on this occasion he advised that Owen Carter, Jr. had not as yet returned to school. He stated that he again called Mrs. Williamson on the telephone and in this connection was advised by her that he would not return to school for the remainder of the semester, as he went out West with his parents. Mr. McVeigh advised that inasmuch as Mrs. Williamson is the boy's guardian and is responsible for his attendance in school, he had to accept this excuse and therefore did not question her any further concerning this matter.

Agent suggested that Mr. McVeigh place a notation on the record card of Owen Carter, Jr. to have it routed to him in the event any inquiry or request be received at the school for his scholastic record; further, that if such an inquiry is received, he should immediately notify the Chicago Division office.

On December 7, 1934, agent Madala again contacted John Remele, janitor at 108 North Lamon Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which address the Carter children have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Williamson since October 23, 1934. Mr. Remele advised that he had not seen the two children since a few days before Thanksgiving; that he does not know where they are nor who took them away. He advised that he occasionally asked Mrs. Williamson two or three days prior to agent's visit concerning where the children had gone, and Mrs. Williamson advised that their parents came for them and took the children with them.

At the Austin Post Office a request was made by agent Madala to continue the cover on Joe Williamson's mail until further notice from the Chicago Division office. The only tracing received to date as a result of the above cover is a letter postmarked Springfield, Illinois, dated December 1, 1934, bearing the return address, Mrs. E. E. Freeman, 225 East Spruce Street, Springfield, Illinois. It was subsequently learned that Mrs. E. E. Freeman is the mother of Mrs. Joe (Sidina) Williamson.

In view of the information above set out, it was deemed advisable to bring Joe Williamson to the Chicago Division office and rigorously interview him concerning his knowledge of the activities and present whereabouts of Monty Carter. Accordingly, on December 13, 1934, Special Agent R. D. Brown and this agent (Madala) accosted Joe Williamson on the street while he was en route from his place of employment to his home and brought him to the Chicago Division office. He was interviewed by Special Agents R. D. Brown, D. P. Sullivan and J. L. Madala on December 14 and 15, 1934, at which time he furnished the following information.

He advised that Monty Carter's correct name is Byron Bolton; that he has known him since 1925, having met him through his wife, Sidina, at Virden, Illinois. In this connection he stated that his wife is a niece of Mrs. Veva Carter, Monty's wife, by reason of the fact that his wife's father is a brother to Veva. Williamson further stated that Monty changed his name to Owen B. Carter in 1929 shortly after the information was published to the effect that he was wanted in connection with the St. Valentine Day massacre, which took place in Chicago, Illinois on February 14, 1929.

Joe continued, stating that Monty Carter as Byron Bolton operated an U-Drive-It-Yourself business in Springfield, Illinois, in 1926 and 1927, being associated with one Frankie Dias, also of Springfield, Illinois; that he continued in this business until 1928, after which he began to sell automobiles. In 1929 Monty became involved in the bootleg racket in Springfield, Illinois, and in the following year he moved his activities to Chicago and became part of the Al Capone Syndicate.

Williamson further stated that when Monty and his family moved to Chicago, Monty became more or less uncommunicative, possibly for the reason that he was being hunted by the police for the above mentioned massacre. He advised, however, that the Carters resided in Oak Park, Illinois, the exact address unknown, during 1931 and 1932; that they moved to Elmhurst, Illinois and lived there until August, 1933, when they moved to the Wilmington Hotel at 3334 Maypole Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that they lived at this address for approximately one month and then went to live for two weeks at the Kilbourn Manor Apartments located at 4501 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Williamson stated that Monty is affected with tuberculosis and for this reason necessarily has to live in a warm and dry climate; that in view of this, he usually spends the winters in Arizona, Texas or Colorado; that last year he and his family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, around the early part of November, and while there he became very friendly with one Frank Madison, a golf instructor, and John T. McCann of Appleton, Wisconsin; that in view of his friendship with Madison, Monty conducted a

golf school at Madison's course in Phoenix, Arizona, last season.

Williamson further stated that to his recollection Monty returned to Chicago, Illinois, around the middle of January of 1934, leaving his wife and two children in Phoenix; that he advised upon his arrival here that he had to come to this city on business but did not state the exact nature of it. Williamson further disclosed that Monty remained in Chicago for nearly six weeks on this trip, and on frequent occasions he visited them at their apartment at 108 North Lamon Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he never stayed over night on these visits, and would usually come in the late afternoon, stay for dinner and then leave. Williamson advised that he distinctly recalls that in a few instances someone would call for him in an automobile and drive away with him; that he never had an opportunity to observe this party and therefore is unable to describe him. Williamson explained that the person in question would drive to the apartment after dark, after which Monty would leave without the man coming into the room; that Monty at no time mentioned his caller's name and he did not advise as to who he was.

Williamson further stated that at one time during the latter part of January, 1934, he recalls that Monty came to his apartment dressed in khaki breeches, high top shoes, woolen shirt and a red and black checkered lumberjack coat. Joe advised that he did not inquire of Monty as to why he was dressed in this fashion, and Monty did not make any explanation in this regard. He stated that on this particular occasion Monty came to the apartment at about 2:00 P. M. and complained to Mrs. Williamson of having a headache and stated he wanted to sleep for a few hours; that Monty remained until after dinner and then departed alone, not stating where he was going. It might be stated at this point that the fact that Monty Carter was dressed in the above fashion bears some significance in this case, as previous information developed by this office disclosed that the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang were dressed in that type of garb during the period of victim Bremer's captivity.

Williamson further stated that Monty returned to Phoenix, Arizona sometime in February, 1934; that the next time he saw him was a week or ten days after Fred Goetz was assassinated. He stated that at this time he lived with them for about two weeks; that during this period a man, whom Williamson described as age 32, height 5'7", weight 145 lb., medium brown hair, medium complexion, whose first name is Elmer, came to the apartment on numerous occasions and drove away with Monty. (This party no doubt is Elmer Farmer of Bensonville, Illinois, whom this office knows is very friendly with Monty Carter as well as the other members of the Barker-Karpis gang). Williamson stated that this man, Elmer, occasionally came to the house in a Marmon coupe and in some instances he observed him driving a 1931 or 1932 Buick coupe.

Agents questioned Williamson as to why Monty Carter remained at his home for two weeks at this time, whereupon Williamson stated that to his knowledge Monty was endeavoring to collect some money which was due him, after which he intended to return to Phoenix, Arizona. He also stated at this time that he and Goetz jointly owned some real estate and that he was endeavoring to sell this property. Williamson advised that he does not know whether Monty collected the money due him or whether he sold the above mentioned property but he stated that when he left Chicago around the first part of April, 1934, he had a considerable amount of money in his possession.

Williamson continued, stating that Monty Carter and his family moved to Appleton, Wisconsin during May of 1934 and rented a cottage on Lake Winnebago, immediately outside of the city limits of Appleton. In this connection Joe stated that the Carters moved to Appleton at the invitation of J. T. McCann, who is owner of the National Finance Company in Appleton; that they remained in Appleton until October 1, 1934, when Mrs. Carter and the children returned to Phoenix, Arizona, in order that the children could start school there. Williamson advised that Monty purchased a new 1934 model Pontiac sedan in Appleton, Wisconsin, and he believes that Monty paid cash for same; that when Mrs. Carter and the children left Appleton for Phoenix, he and his wife accompanied them in the Pontiac car; that it took them one week to make the trip to Phoenix and he left immediately after his arrival there, leaving his wife with the Carters for a few days.

Williamson further stated that when he arrived in Chicago on or about October 10, 1934, Monty came to his place of employment and inquired concerning the trip to Phoenix and whether the children had started in school. On this occasion Williamson noticed that Monty was accompanied by a man in a Chrysler sedan who remained sitting in the car; that he does not know the identity of this man and Monty did not tell him who he was.

He further stated that Monty telephoned him at the garage in which he works three times the following week, and he distinctly recalls that one of these telephone calls was made from Elmhurst, Illinois; that in each instance Monty inquired whether Mrs. Williamson had returned to Chicago from Phoenix as yet, and it appeared to Williamson that Monty was somewhat worried about his family.

Joe further stated that the last time he heard from Monty Carter was on or about October 15, 1934, and he is unable to explain why he has not contacted him since that time.

Joe continued, stating that on or about October 22, 1934, Mrs. Carter and the two children arrived at their home at 108 North Lamon Street, and at this time Mrs. Carter advised them that they had to leave Phoenix, Arizona rather hurriedly as she had received information from a neighbor that two Government men had been inquiring about Monty; that upon receipt of this information, she immediately sent a telegram to Monty care of J. T. McCann at Appleton, Wisconsin, informing him of the Government's inquiry concerning him and since that time she has not received any word from him; that she became extremely worried about Monty and for this reason she sold her Pontiac car and other effects and proceeded to Chicago for the purpose of locating Monty. Mr. Williamson further advised that Mrs. Carter requested him and his wife to take care of the children until she was able to locate Monty, after which she would take them off of their hands and pay them well for their trouble; that three days after their arrival at 108 North Lamon Street, Mrs. Carter requested Mrs. Williamson to accompany her to downtown Chicago to purchase some clothes for the children; that while at Marshall Field's, Mrs. Carter bade Mrs. Williamson goodbye and told her to take care of the children until she returned, as she was going away to find Monty. According to Williamson, this was the last time that he and his wife saw or heard from Veva.

Joe further stated that his wife placed the children in a public school the following week; that on or about November 24, 1934 at 11:30 P. M. a woman unknown to him and his wife called at their home and said that she was a friend of the Carters and that they wanted to see the children; further, that Mrs. Williamson should have the children ready at 7:00 o'clock the following night, after which she should walk west with them on Washington Boulevard, where someone would pick them up in a car. Williamson stated that after these instructions were given, this unknown woman left.

Williamson stated that on the following night at 7:00 o'clock Mrs. Williamson dressed the children and walked west on Washington Boulevard with them as instructed; that when they reached the intersection of LeMoynes Street and Washington Boulevard, a black sedan bearing two men stopped at the curb opposite them and the man in the front seat called to young Carter; that the boy apparently recognized the man, as he immediately ran towards the car and entered it. Williamson further stated that the girl followed immediately behind him and likewise entered the car, whereupon the sedan pulled away; that Mrs. Williamson called to them, asking when the children would return, and as she recalls, the man in the front seat stated that they would be back in a few days. However, they have not seen or heard from the children since that time, and it is Williamson's belief that they

are now with their parents. He further stated that he still has in his possession the children's clothes as well as some effects of Mrs. Carter; that should he receive any word from anyone concerning the disposition of these clothes, he will immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office.

With reference to Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler, Williamson advised that he had known him for approximately two years as George Zeigler; that he frequently accompanied Monty Carter to his home at 108 North Lamon Street, and that he was always under the impression that Zeigler was a landscape gardener although he suspected that he was also in the bootleg racket with Monty. He advised that he knows Irene Dorsey, Goetz' wife, but that he has not seen her for almost a year; that Irene lived with them for a short while during the latter part of 1933. He further stated that Monty was very devoted to Fred Goetz and when Goetz was killed, Monty did everything in his power to learn of his assassins.

Williamson promised his fullest cooperation in aiding the Chicago Division office to locate Monty Carter, and in this connection faithfully stated that he will communicate with agent Madala should he receive any word whatsoever concerning him or his family.

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During July of this year an individual known to Special Agent R. D. Brown as [redacted] came to the Chicago Division office, accompanied by Lieutenant Kerr of the Chicago Police Department. Lieutenant Kerr had previously advised that he had found [redacted] to be a very valuable and reliable informant, possibly the most valuable informant he had ever had. Kerr further stated that [redacted] could be relied upon and had some information to offer.

On this occasion [redacted] advised he is well acquainted with and has some connection with Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, located approximately twenty-two miles from the Chicago, Division office. The town of Bensenville is located on the Northwestern Railroad and is a terminal point. Its population is approximately 1,500. He stated that Farmer is a man about thirty years of age, 5' 6" or 7" in height, medium build, with rather broad shoulders, dark complexion and sometimes wears a small black mustache. He also stated that Farmer has a new Chrysler sedan; that Farmer often hides wanted men either at Bensenville or Elmhurst, Illinois, and is considered a clearing house for many wanted criminals; that he supplies them with machine guns or on occasion makes trips to various cities to secure machine guns belonging to gangsters, bringing them to Chicago for them. On this occasion he stated he was well acquainted with Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler; that he has seen Alvin Karpis in company with George Zeigler before Zeigler's death during the Spring of 1934; that he has seen Volney Davis at Elmer Farmer's place in Bensenville, Illinois, which is a saloon and gambling place located directly across from the Northwestern Railroad shops. He also stated on this occasion that Elmer recently informed him that he was hiding a fellow by the name of Monty. [redacted] advised that he did not believe he knows the identity of this Monty but is of the opinion that "Monty must be awfully hot" and that every precaution was being taken by Farmer not to disclose his whereabouts to anyone.

Approximately a week after this interview had taken place [redacted] was again contacted by Special Agent R. D. Brown and advised that the individual referred to as "Monty" was now in hiding somewhere in Green Bay County, Wisconsin, located near Green Bay or Appleton, Wisconsin. He advised he would secure further information and submit it to the Chicago Division office. When interviewed [redacted] stated there was no way in which Agent could contact him; that he, [redacted] would communicate with the Chicago Division office whenever he was able to be interviewed. No further word was received from [redacted] until 12/19/34 on which date Special Agent R. D. Brown received a telephone call from a woman who refused to give her name, but stated she had been requested by [redacted] to call Randolph 6226 and advise Mr. Brown to visit him in Room 517 at the West Side Hospital, 1850 West Harrison Street.

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Special Agent Brown proceeded to the West Side Hospital and in Room 517 found [redacted] to be a patient there. [redacted] advised he had been in this hospital for approximately three weeks, having had an automobile accident, during which his back had been broken; that it would be necessary for him to remain in the hospital in a cast for another six weeks before he could leave. [redacted] apologized for not getting in touch with Agent sooner, but advised that State police were looking for him on a charge which he refused to reveal. He stated that he wanted to furnish Agent the information that he had learned; that the Monty he had referred to previously was Monty Carter. He was shown a photograph of Bolton alias Monty Carter and advised this is the man to whom he had reference. He advised he now recalls having seen this man on numerous occasions with Fred Goetz for approximately a year previous to Goetz' death in March, 1934. He also stated that Bolton, whom he knows as Monty was a very close associate of Elmer Farmer; that he has not seen Monty since the early summer of 1934, but has heard Elmer Farmer speak of him; that he has no idea concerning Monty's present whereabouts, but stated that Elmer Farmer would undoubtedly know where to locate him.

Apparently [redacted] has had some slot machine dealings with Elmer Farmer and is not very friendly toward him at the present time. He suggested to Agent that if the Division of Investigation desired to locate Carter to quietly pick up Elmer Farmer and that Farmer would talk in time. He stated that Farmer is deeply involved with police at Elmhurst and Bensenville, Illinois, and also with County officials of that county; that he will probably reveal Carter's present whereabouts, if enough pressure is put on him. He indicated Elmer Farmer is guilty of fraud in connection with his income tax returns. He also stated that Farmer spends very little time at his place in Bensenville, where he has been residing for six or seven years with a woman who is not his wife, and whose correct name he, [redacted] does not know. He advised Farmer's brother Jim attends to the saloon at Bensenville; that Elmer Farmer is now greatly infatuated with a young girl who is a waitress at Jack Olson's place, a barbecue restaurant located on Irving Park Boulevard across from the Country Club, just west of Elmhurst Road at Elmhurst, Illinois; that Elmer eats all of his meals at this barbecue stand and spends the greater part of his evenings at this place with this girl. He was unable to give the name of this girl, but stated she is the only "good looking" girl who works at this place. He suggested that Elmer Farmer could be taken for questioning shortly after leaving this barbecue stand and no one would know of his detention. He again expressed his belief that Farmer would gladly talk concerning the location of Monty Carter if he were properly approached.

He stated that it is his understanding that Bolton alias Monty Carter is now in the vicinity of Chicago with his family, but he was unable to furnish any further information and stated he would probably be unable to furnish any further information of value until his release from the hospital.

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asked for no money in payment for his information, other than to state that he expected a reasonable reward should his information concerning Elmer Farmer be of assistance in locating Bolton alias Carter. He also suggested that Farmer would probably be able to furnish important information concerning the location of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as they trust him implicitly.

On this occasion he also inquired as to whether or not the Division of Investigation had been able to learn where victim Bremer was held during his confinement. He then advised that he had heard rumors in the vicinity of Bensenville from underworld characters that a kidnaped man had been held at Itaska, Illinois, which is located about four miles from Bensenville, during the early winter of 1934; that the hideout was arranged by Elmer Farmer. will be interviewed from time to time during his confinement in the West Side Hospital in order to cultivate his friendship and seek further cooperation from him. It is believed he will be an exceptionally valuable contact upon his release from that hospital.

On December 1, 1934, a memorandum from Special Agent George Costello of the Butte, Montana, office, was submitted to the Chicago Division office, advising that on that date he received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Dickason, requesting him to leave Glasgow, where he had been stopping for several weeks to watch developments at the Roundup Tavern, a roadhouse reported to belong to subject Volney Davis and being operated by Corey Bales, to proceed on other Division work. Agent Costello advised he had made arrangements with his confidential informants at Glasgow and vicinity to advise the Butte Division office immediately should he obtain any information with reference to Volney Davis.

On December 10, 1934, another memorandum was received from Special Agent George Costello, advising he had returned to Glasgow, Montana, and had been furnished by Assistant Postmaster Pease with two letters. The other letter was addressed to Harry Stanley at Glasgow, Montana, with return address. This letter to Harry Stanley was postmarked Aurora, Illinois, and was dated December 9, 1934. Underwriting specimens of Volney Davis and Corey Bales were obtained, but no identification was effected.

Special Agent Costello further advised that Assistant Postmaster Pease informed him that Harry C. Stanley (brother of Edna Murray) called at the Glasgow Post Office on December 9, 1934, and left a forwarding address, it being Box 64, Cardin, Oklahoma. This action indicated that the Stanleys intend to return to Cardin, Oklahoma.

On 12/16/34 another memorandum was received from Special Agent Costello, advising that on that date he had interviewed his confidential informant at [redacted] who advised he had had a conversation with Corey Bales a few days previous to that time, at which time Bales said he was not making any money at the Roundup Tavern and was badly in need of money at the time; that Harry Stanley had left Glasgow, Montana, to go to some unknown point to raise some money in order to keep the tavern open. It is the informant's opinion that Harry Stanley has either gone to some point in Oklahoma or Kansas to contact Volney Davis, who is known to this informant as Curly Hanson.

Agent Costello advised he had arranged with his informant to keep in touch with Corey Bales and should Harry Stanley return to Glasgow, to advise the Butte Division office. Agent Costello's confidential informant will undoubtedly know as soon as Stanley returns and will then have another conversation with Bales and may learn the present location of Volney Davis. In all probability, Stanley will attempt to contact Davis in order to secure enough money to keep the Roundup Tavern open throughout the winter. It should be noted that this tavern was built as a result of money furnished by Volney Davis.

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The surveillance at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been continued by Special Agents R. L. Jones and W. R. Walsh since the submission of the last report by the Chicago Division office on 12/17/34.

On 12/19/34 [REDACTED] communicated with the Chicago Division office by telephone, advising that on that morning she had received a letter from subject Volney Davis postmarked "Springfield, Illinois, December 18, 1934", at 3:00 P.M. No return address appeared on the letter. The letter reads as follows:

"My darling H.

Just a line to let you know I may be a little late with your Christmas present, but I won't forget you. Sure would like to see you. I am O.K. and getting along alright. Excuse this short note and I will do better next time."

Up to the date of the writing of this report [REDACTED] has received no further communication from subject Davis. However, the letter indicates that he expects to either contact her soon or mail her Christmas gift in the near future.

At 2:00 o'clock on the morning of December 19, 1934, confidential informant [REDACTED] telephonically communicated with Special Agent R. D. Brown, at Chicago, Illinois, advising Volney Davis had been in his place earlier that evening; that Davis inquired if he was "hot"; that he, [REDACTED] replied that he was "hot" and thereupon Davis immediately left, advising he was going to Chicago. b7c b7d

Immediately upon receipt of this information Special Agents Jones and Walsh were advised to be on the lookout for Davis at [REDACTED]

Special Agent B. M. Hirsch submitted the following memorandum with reference to his interview with [REDACTED] on December 19, 1934:

"On the early morning of December 19, 1934, Special Agent R. D. Brown received a telephone call from [REDACTED] to the effect that "Curly" Hanson, alias Volney Davis, had visited [REDACTED] in Aurora about 6:30 P.M. on the evening of December 18, 1934.

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Special Agents E. H. Williams, J. B. Dickerson and B. M. Hirsh interviewed [redacted] at Aurora on the evening of December 19, 1934, at which time [redacted] advised that "Curly", as Davis is known to him, [redacted]

[redacted] the previous evening at approximately 6:30 P.M.; that at the time "Curly" appeared [redacted] was in conversation with one James Plain, attorney, who is the son of the owner of the premises at 45 Main Street. [redacted] stated that he suggested to Plain that he make efforts to notify the Aurora police but Plain refused to follow that suggestion; that shortly thereafter he went and spoke with "Curly"; that "Curly" asked him, [redacted] "if anyone was looking for him;" that [redacted] asked him what he meant. Curly then replied "You know what I mean. Am I hot?" [redacted] replied "You're hotter than Hell."

The conversation between [redacted] and "Curly" only lasted for some two or three minutes. [redacted] stated that he asked "Curly" at that time where he was bound for and "Curly" told him he was going to Chicago to see his wife who was there. During the entire time "Curly" was in the tavern he kept his hand in his right pocket as if he were fingering a revolver of some sort. [redacted] also stated that "Curly" appeared to be quite scared when [redacted] advised him that he was being looked for all over the country and was "really hot".

[redacted] further stated that "Curly" backed out of the establishment, not losing sight of him, [redacted] at any time; that he climbed into a Ford V-8 black or dark blue sedan, the license tags of which he was unable to note; that there were two men and two women in the car; that he recognized one woman as being "Rabbit", Edna Murray, who is the wife of "Curly"; that he was unable to recognize any of the other occupants of the car. The car immediately drove away. [redacted] stated that "Curly" was wearing a light brown suit and felt hat; that he was wearing no coat at that time. He further advised that "Curly" was wearing a small light brown mustache; that the photograph of "Curly" in the possession of Agents was an excellent resemblance of "Curly" except that he has no scar on his upper lip. [redacted] further advised that "Rabbit's" hair is now distinctly blonde.

Agents, accompanied by [redacted] visited the Fox Gardens, located on North Lake Street [redacted] for the purpose of observing whether or not "Curly" was still in that vicinity. Agents were also shown a small house which formerly had been visited regularly by "Curly" and at which place he was well known. No activity was noted there, nor were any cars visible.

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Agents also visited the tavern of Bill Grady, located at Montgomery, Illinois, some five miles south of Aurora. Mr. Grady, upon interview, stated that he has not seen "Curly" for some months past. Mr. Grady also furnished Agents with a Christmas greeting card which he received from "Gip" and "Ann", from Glasgow, Montana. "Gip" is [REDACTED]. The instant card is being retained in the file at the Chicago Division office.

[REDACTED] explained that "Curly" was well known to one Hobson, who operates a horse race booking establishment in Streator, Illinois, and that there would be no great difficulty in identifying Hobson; further, that one Ann Olson, waitress in the Aurora Hotel, Aurora, was acquainted with "Curly". It was [REDACTED] belief that Ann would be able to furnish information concerning possible persons known by "Curly" and whom he might visit in Chicago, Illinois.

Both [REDACTED] and Grady advised Agents that Myrtle Eaton had been a constant visitor to the different taverns in Aurora, at which time she usually accompanied "Curly" and Edna Murray; that it was their definite belief that Myrtle Eaton was presently living in Des Moines, Iowa, and that she was presently going with one "Go About" Riley of Des Moines.

Agents Dickerson and Hirsh interviewed Miss Ann Olson, who stated that she has had no word, nor has she seen "Curly" recently. She further stated that she knows of no persons or places that "Curly" might visit in Chicago, Illinois. Miss Olson stated that friends of hers in Glasgow, Montana, had written her earlier this summer that "Curly" had been at that place. She had recently written to her friends, whom she named as "Bailey" and "Gregg" at Glasgow for the purpose of finding out whether "Curly" had recently visited them. She stated, however, that she has had no response to this letter. She did advise that she had recently received a Christmas card from her friends which made no reference to instant matter.

[REDACTED] during the time he was in the company of Agents, continually reiterated that he was against all kidnapers. In this connection he advised that two unsuccessful attempts had been made to kidnap him during the past years and that on both occasions he had received severe beatings, which have affected his health up to the present time. He emphasized the fact that he was 100% in favor of aiding and assisting this Division in apprehending any such persons. He stated that he would advise this office immediately if he gained any new information concerning the whereabouts of "Curly".

It will be noted from the information furnished by [REDACTED] that he apparently is very much afraid of Davis and due to this reason did not attempt to detain him or cooperate with the Chicago Division office in effecting his apprehension.

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The following information was submitted by Special Agents C. G. Campbell and C. O. Hurt while at Miami, Florida and vicinity, contacting various informants and operators of various gambling houses and roadhouses in an effort to determine the location of the subjects in this case. On December 28, 1934, Special Agents Hurt and Campbell left Miami, Florida and proceeded to San Francisco, California, on more urgent official business. These Agents advised that they had daily contact with informants [REDACTED] and had visited at various golf courses and gambling houses in that vicinity, but had failed to obtain any definite information as to the location of members of this gang. They reported that Duke Randall, present owner and driver of the Ford coupe, which was formerly owned by subject Alvin Karpis at Cleveland, Ohio, bearing 1934 Florida license tags No. 202978, is still residing at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and is employed at the Information and Change window No. 30, at the Biscayne Kennel Club. b7c b7d

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12/17/34, particularly to the section dealing with the surveillance of the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Guymon, sister and brother-in-law of Clara Gray, wife of Russell Gibson. It will be noted that this surveillance was commenced November 19, 1934, by Special Agents W. C. Ryan and T. M. McDade. A telephone tap was also located in this apartment on the telephone used by Mrs. Guymon. The only important messages received as a result of this tap are being listed in this report.

During a conversation on 12/10/34 over this telephone,

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During the surveillance at this address it was learned through observation that Mrs. Guymon takes almost daily trips with a man driving a maroon colored Chevrolet coupe, bearing Illinois license No. 1-258-163, which license is registered in the name of Mrs. T. H. Fenton, 7544 Saginaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This man calls Mrs. Guymon regularly at about 10:15 A.M. on the telephone and leaves with her about an hour later. They generally return about 3:00 P.M. From conversations heard over this telephone tap, [REDACTED] b7c

At 10:20 P.M. on 12/23/34 Special Agents T. M. McDade and F. G. Tillman followed Mrs. Guymon and her brother Frank to the Chicago Union Station, where they departed for Kansas City, Missouri. The Kansas City Division office was advised of their departure and the time of the arrival of their train and later reported the arrival of Mrs. Guymon and her brother and the fact that they proceeded to 502 Myrtle Street, the home of Mrs. Guymon and her brother Frank.

On 12/27/34 the janitor at 626 Waveland Avenue, former residence of subject Gibson and Clara Gray, called the Chicago Division office and advised that a letter had been received addressed to Mrs. R. Gray. Special Agent R. D. Brown obtained this letter which was unsealed and noted that same was a Christmas greeting card from the Dunn Brothers Warehouse, Inc., 6542 North Clark Street. It will be noted from previous reports that the Dunn Brothers Warehouse, Inc., has two

offices, one on the South side and one on the North side of Chicago. It will also be noted that the Dunn Brothers Warehouse, Inc., now has the furniture of Kate Barker in their storehouse on Cottage Grove Avenue. It appears that this moving and storage company is known to subject Gibson as well as to the members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

A telephone call was received on December 4, 1934 from Special Agent in Charge Werni Hanni at the Omaha, Nebraska Office, advising that an informant at Des Moines, Iowa, who was formerly a driver for Candy Eaton, had informed Special Agent O. C. Dewey that he had been in touch with Bud Joyce, whose deceased wife was a sister of Myrtle Eaton, and that he had learned from him that Myrtle Eaton was now supposed to be with "Doc" Eaton at Burlington, Wisconsin, where the latter is using the name of Hubbard. Mr. Hanni further stated that the informant told Agent Dewey that there was a party referred to as "Sonny" from Kansas City, Missouri, in Des Moines in the early part of December who was called to Burlington, Wisconsin by "Doc" Eaton together with several other members of this gang; that "Baby Face" Nelson is alleged to have been there. The informant described "Sonny" as being in his late twenties, short, heavy set, with gray hair, and wearing a gray cap, with dark blue overcoat while in Des Moines. The informant stated the hideout in Burlington, Wisconsin, is along some river there.

"Doc" Eaton has been interviewed on two occasions previous to the receipt of this information at Burlington, Wisconsin, and had denied knowing any of the members of this gang.

On December 4, 1934, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, A. A. Muzzey and R. D. Brown proceeded to Burlington, Wisconsin, where E. J. Boyle, City Attorney, who was alleged to be reliable, was interviewed in his office on Main Street. Boyle advised that Eaton, alias Hubbard, has been in Burlington for the last year and a half; that his profession is bootlegging in spite of the fact that Wisconsin is now a wet state. He stated that Eaton has a brother-in-law by the name of Russell O'Neil, who operates a tavern at 575 Chestnut Street, Burlington, with whom he, Boyle, is well acquainted. Boyle left his office and conferred confidentially with O'Neil, at which time O'Neil advised him that "Doc" Eaton makes frequent trips to Des Moines, Iowa; that he has never seen any strangers return with him. He further advised Mr. Boyle that he had heard that Eaton was once married to a girl by the name of Myrtle, but that he has never met this woman and has never heard that she has visited Burlington, Wisconsin.

Boyle then called into his office E. J. Cook, a young attorney, whose cousin is a maid at Eaton's home. Eaton now resides at 396 Perkins Blvd., with his wife, Margaret, who is his bride of about a year. Boyle advised that Cook is a very reliable young attorney, and that he would do anything he could to assist the Government. Cook stated that his cousin, Doris Pfantler, age 15, is a maid at Eaton's home; that she is a very reliable young lady, and if approached in his, Cook's presence, would

give any information desired.

Doris Pfantler was then interviewed in Cook's presence at her home after she had returned from the Eaton home for the day. She advised that she had been employed at the Eaton home for the past four months in the capacity of a nurse maid for their young baby. She was shown the photographs of the various suspects in this case, and after viewing them carefully, she stated that she had never seen any of them in the Eaton home. She was closely questioned as to whether or not she had heard Eaton or his wife speak of Eaton's former wife, Myrtle. She stated that she believed she had heard the name Myrtle mentioned by Mrs. Eaton, and that Mrs. Eaton appears to be hostile to this woman since she was Eaton's former wife, but that she had never heard anything that would indicate that Eaton ever sees this woman any more, or that he visits her. However, she stated that "Doc" Eaton frequently makes trips to Des Moines, Iowa, but she believes that he goes there on business; that he has never taken his wife with him to Des Moines. She further stated that Eatons no longer had their place on Browns Lake, located a short distance from the town of Burlington. Miss Pfantler was very cooperative, and after being given the Chicago Division Office telephone number, she promised to call immediately should she learn anything which would indicate that "Doc" is in contact with Myrtle Eaton.

Agents then returned to Mr. Boyle's office and Mr. Boyle stated that he had contacted Alvin Edwards, Foreman, Nestles Can Plant, who is a close friend of "Doc" Eaton, and had casually inquired regarding a girl named Myrtle visiting "Doc" Eaton. He stated that he was unable to obtain any information from Edwards other than that "Doc" Eaton had served a long term in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, and that he was making his living by bootlegging.

Agents then interviewed A. H. Mueller, Mail Carrier, who carries mail to 396 Perkins Blvd. Mueller advised that he does not recall having recently seen any mail delivered to the Eatons, alias Hubbard, home postmarked Des Moines, Iowa; that the Hubbards received very little mail. He said he would be on the lookout for strangers at the Eaton home and would advise the Chicago Division Office should any appear.

Carrier Mueller advised that Eaton, alias Hubbard, spends a great deal of time at the Jackson Club, Highway 120, and at the Harrington Place, located on the north side of Browns Lake, and operated by "Big Ed" Stebel. Agents visited these two places, but were unable to locate any

suspicious automobiles, or view persons who in any way answered to the descriptions of the suspects and Subjects of this case.

Attorney Cook and City Attorney Boyle both advised that they would be on the lookout in Burlington, Wisconsin, for strangers accompanying "Doc" Eaton, and that they would immediately advise the Chicago Division Office. Both stated that they would very much like to get rid of "Doc" Eaton; that Eaton is a close friend of members of the Burlington Police Department, whose members they branded as being "all wrong". City Attorney Boyle advised that his hands are tied in Burlington so far as prosecution is concerned due to irregularities on the part of officers of the Police Department.

No further inquiry was made, Agents believing that should Myrtle Eaton, or other members of this gang appear in Burlington, Wisconsin, the Chicago Division Office will be advised by either Attorney Cook or City Attorney Boyle, who appear to be trustworthy and cooperative.

On the evening of December 23, 1934, Robert Delgado, former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and former cell-mate of Alvin Karpis, called at the Chicago Division Office, at which time he was intoxicated. Special Agent Brown attempted to obtain from him a coherent story, but his condition was such that it was impossible. Agent gathered that Delgado wanted to inform the Chicago Division Office that he had received information on the night before at "Doc" Stacci's place, the Club Spanish, located at Roosevelt and Mannheim Roads, to the effect that Alvin Karpis was to meet his mother at some unknown place in Chicago between 9 and 12 A.M. on Christmas morning, December 25, 1934. Delgado wanted Agent to accompany him to some place, which he would not reveal, in Maywood, Illinois, where he stated he would be able to secure information relative to the meeting place.

Due to Delgado's condition Agent refused to accompany him, and requested him to return when he was sober. However, he has not made his appearance at the Chicago Division Office since that time. He was too intoxicated to advise definitely where he could be reached in the future.

While in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 7, 1934, Special Agent J. P. Farland, who is attached to the Kansas City Office, introduced Special Agent R. C. Suran of the Chicago Division Office to one [REDACTED], who had recently been released from the Kansas State Penitentiary, where he had served a six year sentence for burglary. Agent Farland had known [REDACTED] by reputation through his contact with Mr. Stubblefield, Deputy Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary.

The information was to the effect that [REDACTED] was the person who concealed weapons inside of the Kansas State Penitentiary at the instance of Harvey Bailey, who later used these weapons in effecting his escape from that institution on May 30, 1934. [REDACTED] used as an informant by the authorities at the Kansas State Penitentiary and has been confined in solitary confinement since the Memorial Day break at the prison, principally for his own protection. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] story to Agent Farland and Agent Suran was to the effect that the guns used by Harvey Bailey and others in effecting their escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary were smuggled into the prison at the instance of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker during February of 1933. [REDACTED] is supposed to have concealed these weapons in the twine factory for Alvin Karpis. For this service, [REDACTED] claims, he was to receive sufficient funds to effect his release from the penitentiary. He claims Karpis and Freddie Barker double-crossed him on this and that he is now ready and willing to effect their apprehension. [REDACTED] states that he served time in the Kansas State Penitentiary during the time Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were confined therein and that he was very friendly with these individuals. He further states that Clarence Eno, who is presently confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary serving a sentence for bank robbery, directed him to an individual in Elgin, Illinois, through whom he hopes to make contact with one Eddie Woodruff alias Clyde Nimerick, who also served time in the Kansas State Penitentiary with [REDACTED].

Clarence Eno was interviewed by Agent Suran several months ago in connection with Karpis and Barker and he professes to be an intimate friend of theirs, but refused to disclose any information concerning their possible whereabouts. According to [REDACTED] Clarence Eno is ignorant of the fact that he gave the authorities at the Kansas State Penitentiary information concerning the Memorial Day break or has any intention of assisting at the present time in the apprehension of Karpis and Barker. [REDACTED] stated that it is his information that Clyde Nimerick, whom he knows as Eddie Woodruff, is presently in Detroit, Michigan, and

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that he believed Karpis and Barker can be located through Nimerick.

After the return of Agent Suran from Kansas City on the morning of December 8, 1934, [redacted] called at the office and stated that he was proceeding to Elgin, Illinois, for the purpose of contacting the individual to whom he had been referred by Clarence Kno. He claimed he could not recall the name of this individual, but that he knew his location. He stated that he would contact Agent Suran within a day or two and report his progress.

On December 13, 1934, a telephone call was received by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer from Joliet, Illinois, to the effect that an individual named [redacted] claimed he had been with members of the Karpis-Barker gang and was poisoned by them. The following investigation was immediately conducted at Joliet, Illinois, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. J. Metcalfe.

At Joliet, Illinois, Agent Metcalfe interviewed States Attorney William McCade, who advised that on the afternoon of December 13, 1934, the individual known as [redacted] walked into a roadhouse known as Powell's Mill on Lincoln Highway, about two miles southeast of Plainfield, Illinois, which is in the vicinity of Joliet. He was apparently only half conscious, and was immediately taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet, where he told a rambling story about having been in the company of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, including Fred Barker, Dr. Moran, and John Hamilton. He claimed that Hamilton drove the car and that they went through Elgin, Illinois to Joliet, where in the vicinity of either the old or the new penitentiary, they visited two Italians, and that while they were visiting these people he was poisoned, after which he did not remember anything more. He had in his possession a piece of paper with the notation: "Suran, Randolph 6226", and in his clothes were the names: "William Sehardi" and "Edward Bates".

Mr. McCade furnished Agent Metcalfe with the piece of paper bearing Suran's name and telephone number, and this is in the Chicago file. Agent Metcalfe then made arrangements to interview the patient at the hospital, every precaution being taken to avoid the newspaper reporters, which were at that time gathered in the hallway at the hospital outside of the Ward Room where the patient was.

The patient, who was found to be [redacted] former convict of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, was interviewed by Agent Metcalfe, there being no one else present at the time of this interview. Mr. Powers, an Assistant States Attorney, who brought

Agent into the room, was not present during the interview.

[redacted] stated that when he was released a short time ago from the Kansas State Penitentiary, he was referred to the Kansas City Office of the Division by the Deputy Warden of the prison, and that as a result of conferences at the Kansas City Office, he came to Chicago in an effort to find members of the Karpis-Barker gang in order to advise the Division of their whereabouts. He claimed that he had talked to one Clarence Eno, a fellow prisoner at the Kansas State Penitentiary, the said Eno having been sent to prison to serve a life term for a bank robbery at Lincoln, Kansas, and that this Clarence Eno directed him to a certain address in Elgin, Illinois. [redacted] did not recall the exact whereabouts of the house in Elgin to which he was sent, but he remembered that it was on Wellington Street. This apparently was erroneous as [redacted] undoubtedly meant that Eno was sentenced for a bank robbery at Wellington, Kansas, and that the house to which Eno directed him in Elgin was on Lincoln Street. [redacted] stated that the house in Elgin was a roadhouse and that a boy by the name of Joe Glazier or some similar name, stayed there.

[redacted] went to Elgin from Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, December 8, 1934, by means of the Greyhound Bus. He spent several days in Elgin trying to find this address, and finally located the house in question. On approaching the house, he observed a tan or cream-colored Ford V-8 Sedan with wheels of the same color, and a spare tire, but no trunk, in the rear, standing in front of the roadhouse. In the car sat Eddie Woodruff, alias Clyde Nimerick. Woodruff greeted him and told him to go into the roadhouse, but to be very careful because other members of the gang were there and might mistake him for a stranger. [redacted] claims that he then went into the house and met Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, and that in company with these two and Woodruff, he went to a roadhouse or tavern just outside of Elgin, which he thought was on the St. Charles Road.

He described this tavern as a log cabin structure, operated by a man by the name of Bitz, saying that he saw this man's name on the outside of the place. As a matter of fact, this description seems to fit a tavern on U.S. 20, (Lake Street) at which place Blatz beer is served and a sign with the word Blatz may be seen hanging out in front of the place. No doubt [redacted] saw this Blatz sign and thought it read Bitz; and that this was the name of the proprietor. Agent Metcalfe asked him if this place could have been on U.S. 20, on the way to Chicago, and he replied that it could have been as he was not at all sure on which

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highway it stood. [redacted] claimed that the car was driven by Eddie Woodruff, and that Karpis sat beside the driver while he and Freddie Barker sat in the back, and that Barker had in his hands a sawed-off shotgun, and in the rear of the car there were also a sub-machine gun and four or five cases of canned goods. These gangsters told [redacted] that they were not staying at the roadhouse in Elgin, but that they had a hideout somewhere in the woods in that vicinity. [redacted] denied that Hamilton or Moran were present, but stated that Karpis, Barker and Woodruff mentioned the names of Hamilton and Moran in the course of conversation.

With further reference to the car in which they rode, he stated that this car appeared to have Wisconsin plates covering Illinois plates, and he said that when they came to the tavern out on the highway, the proprietor told him that these people were all right, that they were from Wisconsin and that he knew them. Beyond stating that the bartender was a short heavy-set man, [redacted] was unable to furnish any descriptions. They stayed at the tavern for a short while, after which they drove to a house where there were two Italians and these Italians resented the presence of [redacted], whereupon either the Italians or some member of the gang, poisoned the beer which was given to [redacted] to drink, as a result of which he became sick and nearly unconscious and was brought to the hospital.

This was the sum and substance of the story told by [redacted] he having nothing further to add, except to express a great anxiety to get out of the hospital as soon as possible and go into hiding for fear that he might be killed by the Karpis-Barker gang. He said he wondered why they had not killed him instead of trying to poison him. [redacted] was thoroughly instructed to keep his mouth shut, and not say anything further to anybody about this supposed incident. This concluded the interview and the investigation conducted in Joliet.

Apparently from the numerous newspaper stories which appeared in the newspapers of that evening and the next day [redacted] kept on talking to everybody who came to see him and in all told four or five different stories. One newspaper stated that he was placed in a strait-jacket, and another one said he was taken to the jail in Joliet. At the time Agent Metcalfe interviewed him, [redacted] smelled very much of wood alcohol, and it is firmly believed that he went out and got drunk and proceeded to relate a very imaginary story about where he had been and whom he had met.

The two names, "Bates" and "Sehardi", which were found in his clothes had no meaning whatever [redacted] stating that these were in the clothes at the time he obtained them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan in an effort to ascertain further information concerning Rose Curran, nee Glatzel, 249 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is the paramour of "Father Tom" McFadden, uncle of Betty Tracy, Dr. Moran's fiancée.

Through the Collector's Office at the City Hall and the Secretary of State's Office at Springfield it has been determined that 1932 Model Ford, tudor sedan, motor #18135987, is registered to R. Glatzel, 714 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and 1934 Illinois license 345-001 and City Vehicle tag 150376 have been issued for this car.

Upon inquiry at Station "D", U. S. Post Office Branch, 315 South Western Avenue, Chicago, it was learned through Christ E. Baker, Carrier #1206, that inquiry was made about a year ago relative to the 249 North California Avenue address by Government agents. Mr. Baker said that it is his information that Rose Curran is the sweetheart of Eddie ("Father Tom") McFadden. He stated that Rose Curran still resides at the same address and is the only person to receive mail there for some time, although he recalls that some mail was delivered there for McFadden about a year ago. Baker said that he rarely sees anyone around the house and does not know if anyone is living there besides Rose Curran at the present time. He further advised that he had been noticing the mail he delivers there since the previous inquiry was made, and most of it has been local mail bearing no return addresses.

Since information has been received that Eddie McFadden and Rose Curran are in contact with Dr. Moran, arrangements were made for a mail cover to the 249 North California Avenue address, and a letter has been directed to the Postmaster in this regard. No results have been obtained from this mail cover to date, and any future mail has been received for McFadden at 249 North California Avenue.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 17, 1934, and particularly to the section of that report dealing with the information looking towards the location of "Doc" Moran as a result of information furnished by [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] has been frequently interviewed since the date of this admission as stated in the report of reference, but he advised that his wife [REDACTED] has been unable to obtain any further information to date concerning Moran's present whereabouts, except that he is still reported to be on a farm, location unknown, in southwestern Indiana. [REDACTED] informed, and still has hopes of locating Moran for the Chicago Division Office, and he will continue his efforts. He will be contacted frequently for any information he may have.

[REDACTED] an informant who has previously furnished information to Agents of the Chicago Division Office, and particularly to Special Agent J. R. Welles, advised Agent Welles on December 11, 1934, that he had recently seen in a house located at 928 Ontario Street, Oak Park, Illinois, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, whom he has known for several years, and with whom he worked at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Special Agent R. C. Suran conducted the following investigation in the vicinity of 928 Ontario Street, Oak Park, Illinois, for the purpose of determining the identity of the individuals now living at that address, and to further make an effort to determine if there was some logical way in which the address could be kept under surveillance. b7c b7d

This house is a two-story wood structure, having two front entrances entering from the east and west sides of the fore part of the house.

Efforts were made to ascertain if there were any apartments available directly across the street from this address, but it was determined that no vacancies were located in these buildings.

Mrs. Mark Edward Graham, who resides at 931 Ontario Street, was interviewed by Agent Suran. Mrs. Graham appeared to be willing to cooperate with this Office in this matter, and stated that she had had occasion to enter the building located at 928 Ontario Street in connection with her activities on behalf of the W.C.T.U. She stated that the building is owned by Mrs. Jack Herman, who is at present on

the local Democratic Committee and was employed at the Women's Reformatory at Dwight, Illinois; that the house is presently managed by a family by the name of Black, who have two children, one a crippled daughter, named Nadine, age 9 or 10, and one son, Jimmie, age 3 or 4. She stated that the building is divided into four or five two-room flats, and the Blacks reside in the flat on the lower floor in the front of the house, which can be entered by either of the entrances previously referred to in this statement. She stated that there was another young couple who resided in one of the flats in this building, this couple being the parents of a small baby; that in the flat immediately above that occupied by the Black family live a woman, about 25 years of age, and her husband, who is of about the same age. She stated that this woman's first name is Jean, and that she is red-headed. Mrs. Graham was unable to furnish the last name of this couple. She further advised that the Black family had managed this house for approximately two years, and had always resided in the apartment as previously stated.

Mrs. Graham was shown a photograph of Dr. Moran and she stated that she had never observed anyone answering to that description about the premises.

Mrs. Graham stated that it would be permissible for the Agents of the Division to use her basement in observing the address of 928 Ontario Street if it was considered advisable. She furnished the further information that the house adjacent to the address in question was occupied by Mr. T. R. Leth, Comptroller of the Oak Park Village, a substantial citizen, who could be relied upon.

Mr. T. R. Leth, when interviewed, stated that the only family he knew residing at 928 Ontario Street was the Black family, who managed the premises for the owner, Mrs. Jack Herman, who was active in the local Democratic politics, and at the present time had a State position. He stated that the building is composed of five or six two-room flats; further, that Mrs. Charles W. Glaser, who resides in the apartment house to the east of the address in question, kept her car in one of the garages in the rear of 928 Ontario Street, and would be in a better position to furnish information concerning the occupants thereof.

Mr. Leth was shown a photograph of Dr. Moran, but he was unable to identify it as being the likeness of any individual whom he had seen at 928 Ontario Street.

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Mrs. Charles W. Glaser was interviewed, and she advised that there were three two-room flats located on the first floor of the building at 928 Ontario Street, and three two-room flats located on the second floor; that the flats located on the first floor were entered through the front entrances previously described, but that it was necessary, in order to get to the flats upstairs, to enter from the outside staircase located in the rear of the building. She stated that on the first floor of the building the Black family reside, which was composed of man and wife and two children. On the east side a man and wife reside with their two children, two girls, ages 4 and 6; and on the west side on the first floor the flat was occupied by a family, but she did not know the number of persons in this family. Neither did she know their names. She advised that in the front flat on the second floor a young woman, with red hair, resided with her husband, and she did not know the identities of the individuals who occupied the other two flats on the top floor. She stated that the Black family had lived in their flat in that building for approximately two years, and that she had had occasion to visit the Blacks for the purpose of taking food to the daughter of the Blacks, who is suffering from infantile paralysis. She stated that she knows that it is necessary to enter the upstairs of the house from the rear entrances, as previously stated.

Mrs. Glaser was shown the photograph of Dr. Moran, and stated that she had never observed anybody on the premises who would answer to that description, and so far as she had been able to ascertain the Black family were law abiding citizens.

The impression was obtained from informant Joe Morbette that this house was occupied by one family, and it was considered advisable to reinterview him to ascertain if he was furnishing correct information. Joe Morbette had been arrested on December 16, 1934, by Detectives McInerney and O'Connor on an auto theft charge.

Joe Morbette was interviewed at the Auto Theft Bureau, Chicago Police Department, by Special Agent J. R. Welles and Agent Suran. He at this time stated that he had not advised Agent Welles that he had observed Dr. Moran in this house recently; that the last time he had observed Dr. Moran was in the Elliott Restaurant, across from the Westgate Hotel, about two weeks prior to his first interview with Agent Welles, at which time Dr. Moran advised him that he was residing at the address which was later designated by Morbette to be 928 Ontario Street. Morbette stated that the last time he was inside of the address at 928 Ontario Street was in May of 1933, at which time he was in the room which was entered from an entrance from the east side of the house, and in this room he saw Dr. Moran and three

or four other individuals; that Dr. Moran stated that he had two wounded men upstairs. Morbette stated that he entered the upstairs room by a staircase leading from the room which was occupied by Dr. Moran. He was unable to accurately describe the inside of the house, and stated that he was in only one room, and did not know whether the building was occupied by other individuals in different flats.

In view of the fact that Dr. Moran had not been observed in this building since May, 1933, and since it appears doubtful whether Morbette ever did observe him there, it was considered inadvisable to maintain a surveillance of the place.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on November 22, 23 and December 12, 1934.

While at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, on other official business, agent Madala visited Oliver A. Berg alias Izzy, one of the Subjects in this case, who is serving a sentence for the remainder of his natural life on a charge of highway robbery. It will be remembered that Subject Berg was previously interviewed by agents of this office, but at that time he refused to divulge any information pertinent to this case. He denied knowing the various members of the Barker-Karpis mob with the exception of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Russell Gibson and James J. Wilson, and also disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever concerning the exchange of the Bremer ransom money through John J. "Boss" McLaughlin.

On agent Madala's first visit to the penitentiary, Subject Berg advised that he had given this matter considerable thought since he was re-committed to prison, and he arrived at the conclusion that it would be best for him to make a complete confession concerning his part in this case. He stated that in going over the details in this matter he cannot see how he violated any Federal statute. He further stated that he is contemplating applying for a pardon in the near future, and in this connection he definitely knows that he will be unable to obtain such a pardon while a Federal detainer is filed against him; that in view of this, he thought it advisable to make a complete statement of his part concerning the ransom money exchanged, which he hopes will vindicate him. Berg stated, however, that he will, under no consideration, testify in any Federal Court against any of the defendants in this case, as he is very much afraid of them. He further stated that should agent produce testimony in court against him as to the information provided by him, he will emphatically deny same.

Subject Berg stated that he was born at South Chicago, Illinois, in the early part of 1879 and is of American and Hungarian ancestry. He advised that his parents are deceased and that the only relatives living at the present time are his sister, Florence, who resides in Budapest, Hungary, and another sister, Mrs. Armin Kuhn, who is presently residing with her husband at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he is a tool maker by trade, having worked at this occupation until he became 31 years of age; that he subsequently sold real estate for ten or eleven years and during the early days of prohibition he was connected with the bootleg racket and at that time was associated with Louis Alterie, Dean O'Banion, Johnny Shey, Johnny Phillips and Earl Wise, the latter four men having been killed in gangland fashion by the notorious Al Capone Syndicate within the past six years.

Berg further related that he was arrested the first time in Chicago, Illinois in 1924 for violation of the National Prohibition Act and for which he received a sentence of five months in the County Jail at Woodstock, Illinois; that after his release he became associated with Rymie Dickholts and Elise Mendelsohn, highway robbers, and in 1925 he together with the two above mentioned, robbed a diamond salesman in a store in Champaign County, Illinois. Berg stated that in making his getaway he was shot and wounded by a deputy sheriff at a point just above the heart; that Dickholts, Mendelsohn and he were arrested, and subsequently all pleaded guilty on a charge of highway robbery, whereupon they were sentenced to serve the remainder of their natural lives in the penitentiary. Berg stated that he was committed to the County Jail at Edward, Illinois but was subsequently transferred to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, on December 15, 1926, and in November, 1931, his attorney was successful in obtaining a release for him on a writ of habeas corpus. He stated that a few months later the charges of robbery against him were dismissed by the court, and since that time he has been residing with his sister, Mrs. Irwin Kuhn, at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Berg advised that while he was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary, he became very friendly with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who was serving a sentence for abortion; that Dr. Moran while in the penitentiary was a trusty in the hospital ward, and for a considerable length of time he treated him for heart trouble and for the gun shot wound above mentioned. He stated that in view of his frequent trips to the penitentiary hospital, he became very friendly with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and this friendship continued after they both were released from prison.

Continuing, Berg related that a few months after "Doc" Moran's release from the penitentiary, he opened an office in Maywood, Illinois, and took in with him as an assistant his cousin, James J. Wilson. Agent Madala exhibited a photograph of Subject James J. Wilson to Ollie Berg, and he positively identified same as the above mentioned person. Berg stated that Dr. Moran met with some difficulty in obtaining a license to practice medicine in this state in view of his previous criminal record, and in this connection Berg was successful, through his influence with certain political friends, in procuring the said license for him; that when Dr. Moran opened his office at Maywood, Illinois, he loaned him a considerable amount of money to purchase office furniture and other equipment, for which Dr. Moran is still indebted to him.

With reference to Subject Russell Gibson alias Slim Gray alias Slim Evans, Berg stated that he has known him by the name of Slim Evans since November, 1933; that he first met him in a bookie joint which was located around the corner from his home on Winthrop Avenue. Berg further stated that he spent a considerable amount of time in this bookie joint

as did Slim and they soon became very friendly; that during the winter of that year Slim and his wife, Clara, lived for a short time at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, which place is a rooming house owned jointly by his sister, Mrs. Armin Kuhn, and himself. While Slim was living at this place, he acquainted him with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who at that time was visiting Ollie almost daily. Ollie stated that Slim at that time was afflicted with syphilis, and when Slim became friendly with Dr. Moran, he placed himself under the doctor's care and began to take syphilis cure injections from him.

Continuing, Berg advised that on or about March 15, 1934, Dr. Joseph P. Moran called him at his home by telephone and inquired whether his sister had any vacant rooms available. In this connection he advised that there were two out of town friends of his at his office who desired two rooms for approximately one week; that these friends had had their hands severely burned due to a liquor still explosion, and that he was treating and taking care of them. He further stated that these men were bootleggers, and at this time he gave his assurance that he, Berg, would not have any trouble with them and further that they would pay him well for their brief stay at his place.

Berg advised agent Madala that he informed Dr. Moran to the effect that his sister had a few vacant rooms and suggested that his friends come over to see them. That evening Jimmie Wilson came to the house, being accompanied by two men whom he had never seen before. Berg advised that Jimmie introduced them to him as the men whom Dr. Moran had mentioned in his previous telephonic conversation with him. Ollie advised that he showed these men to their respective rooms and on this occasion he particularly noticed that these men constantly kept their hands hidden in their topcoat pockets.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob were exhibited to Ollie Berg at this time, and he readily selected the photographs of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis as the two above mentioned individuals.

Ollie further related that on the following morning Willie Dohney entered his room and stated that he was employed by Dr. Joseph P. Moran in the capacity of a nurse to the two men who had just moved in, meaning Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Concerning Dohney, Berg advised that he had previously met him in the Illinois State Penitentiary, at which time Dohney was a trusty in the hospital ward, working as chief nurse to Dr. Joseph P. Moran; that in January or February of 1934 Dohney was paroled from the above institution, and after his release he spent considerable time in Dr. Moran's office, who at that time had already moved to 4863 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Ollie advised that on the third day after the arrival of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis at his home, Dohney came to his room and requested that he stay with his two patients for a few minutes as he had to go to a drug store to purchase some medical supplies. Ollie stated that at this time he questioned Dohney concerning these men as he was becoming suspicious of them. Dohney replied, "Don't you know, Dr. Moran removed their fingerprints". Upon learning this, Berg became very aggravated over the fact that Dr. Moran had lied to him. He immediately called him on the telephone and advised that Willie had apprised him of the operations performed by him on his two friends and that he wanted them out of his home immediately as he did not want to become involved with any "hot" people. In this connection he stated that he had surmised that these men were wanted in view of having their fingerprints removed.

On the next day Dr. Moran came to Berg's home and apologized for making fabricated statements to him concerning these men. He advised that he did not know whom they were but that they had been referred to him by a mutual friend. He further stated that they wanted their fingerprints obliterated and that they would pay him well for this work. He stated that Dr. Moran advised him that he was badly in need of money, and it was for this reason alone that he agreed to take care of them; that Dr. Moran informed him that the operations were performed at the Irving Hotel and that he had obtained a room for them at this hotel for approximately one week; that during this period on one occasion the maid came into their room and saw them there; that the boys, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, suspected that the maid had recognized them, as at that time their faces were prominently displayed in the local newspapers; that for this reason they suggested that Dr. Moran immediately obtain a private room for them elsewhere. In this connection Dr. Moran stated that he knew that Ollie and his sister were operating a rooming house and for this reason referred them to Ollie.

Berg further stated that on the sixth day after Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis arrived at his home, Fred told him that he had heard through Willie Dohney and Dr. Joseph P. Moran that he was in dire financial straits, and that because of his hospitality and the fact that he had previously been in the racket, they would present him an opportunity to make some "easy dough".

On that evening Dr. Moran came to the house, at which time he was accompanied by a small, dark man, whom he introduced as "Shorty" and as the brother to one of the boys living upstairs. He advised that Dr. Moran and "Shorty" immediately went upstairs to see Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, and a short time later "Shorty" came down alone. He advised that

at this time he had heard from his brother, Fred, that he, Ollie, was in need of money and because of the fact that he had been a "right guy", he promised his brother to give him a break. "Shorty" continued, according to Ollie, that they had a large quantity of "hot" money in their possession which they wished to sell, and in this connection asked if Ollie could, or if he knew of anyone who would be willing to take the chance of selling this money; further, that they would pay 12 1/2% on every dollar sold or exchanged, and that they did not care how or by whom the money was disposed of, but he stressed the point that the party who would receive the money from them would be entirely responsible for every dollar given to him. Ollie advised that he inquired of "Shorty" whether the money was counterfeit and "Shorty" replied that it was not but indicated that it was really "hot". "Shorty" further stated that there should not be any difficulty in getting this money exchanged as the notes were in \$5.00 and \$10.00 denominations. Ollie advised that "Shorty" did not volunteer where or under what circumstances the money in question was obtained but he believed that same was part of a loot of a bank holdup. Ollie advised that he did not give "Shorty" a definite answer at that time concerning whether he would accept this offer but advised that he would think it over and would let him know on the following day.

Agent Madala exhibited a photograph of Subject Arthur R. Barker to Ollie Berg, and he positively identified same as the man whom he met as "Shorty".

Continuing, Ollie stated that while he and "Shorty" were discussing the proposition, someone knocked on the door, and upon Ollie's inquiry as to whom it was, the caller answered that it was "Slim". Berg advised that "Shorty" immediately went for his gun and asked who Slim was, and when Ollie advised him that Slim was a good friend of his and that he likewise was in the racket, "Shorty" stated that it was all right for him to enter. Ollie stated that when Slim entered, he introduced him to "Doc" Barker as "Shorty", and at this time Ollie emphatically stated that he is firmly of the belief that this was the first time that the above two men had met each other.

Ollie advised that during the course of the conversation which followed, "Slim" told "Shorty" that he was from Kansas City and that he had at one time celled with "Pretty Boy" Floyd. "Shorty" asked Slim if he were acquainted with Johnny Lazia of Kansas City, stating in this connection that he was a very good friend of his. Slim replied that Lazia more or less raised him, and that he was well acquainted with his entire crowd. According to Ollie, they then began to talk about Oklahoma and Arkansas and it soon developed that they had mutual acquaintances in those states.

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Ollie stated that when "Shorty" left, he told Slim of the proposition presented to him by "Doc" Barker, and in this connection asked if he knew of anyone who was in the racket who could have this "hot" money exchanged. Slim immediately asked whether he knew what denominations this money consisted of, and when Ollie stated that same was in fives and tens, Slim remarked that he believed it to be part of the Bremer ransom money and strenuously advised Ollie against entering into any such deal.

Continuing, Ollie advised that on the following morning Dr. Joseph P. Moran came to 5248 Winthrop Avenue alone and at this time inquired why Ollie did not let him know about the offer which "Doc" Barker afforded him. In this connection he stated that "Shorty" had told him all about it, and that if Ollie could not find anyone to handle the deal, he knew of a party who was in that kind of racket, who perhaps might be interested in the matter. Ollie advised that he informed Dr. Joseph P. Moran that the money undoubtedly was kidnap ransom money, and for this reason emphatically told him to have nothing to do with it.

Later that day "Shorty" came to Ollie's place to drive his brother, Fred, away, and before they departed, he mentioned to Ollie that Dr. Moran had a party who thought he could take care of all the money they had. He further stated that there were no hard feelings between him and Ollie and was sorry that they could not do any business.

Ollie stated that two or three days later "Doc" Barker again came to the house and at this time he drove Alvin Karpis away.

About three weeks later Ollie received a long distance telephone call from "Doc" Barker at Gary, Indiana, who instructed him to have Dr. Moran and Slim at his home in about one hour. Ollie stated that before he could ask "Shorty" what it was all about, he hung up the receiver. However, he immediately called Dr. Moran's office and asked him if he knew where Slim could be located. Coincidentally, Slim was in Dr. Moran's office at that time so Ollie informed them of "Shorty's" call and requested them to be at his house in about an hour. They arrived thirty minutes later and shortly afterwards "Doc" Barker and another man entered with a suitcase. "Shorty" introduced this man to them as George and as a friend of his. A photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Ollie Berg, and he positively identified same as being identical with the George above referred to.

Ollie advised that he asked "Shorty" concerning the purpose of this gathering, and "Shorty" stated on this occasion that he had with him three packages containing \$10,000.00 each. He then directed his attention to Dr. Joseph P. Moran and stated that the proposition he had

previously presented to him relative to the sale of "hot" money was still open; that it was very necessary then that the money in question be exchanged at once and in this connection he asked Dr. Moran how soon he could get his man to start. According to Ollie, Moran advised that he would have to call him on the telephone and then he would let "Shorty" know in a few minutes. When the doctor left to call from the corner drug store, "Shorty" advised Slim and Ollie that he did not trust Dr. Moran to any great extent as he appeared too anxious to handle this particular deal. He further stated that he was aware of the fact that Slim and Ollie were in need of money, and if they desired, he would pay them 2% on every dollar exchanged and all they had to do was to watch Dr. Moran and guard the money while it was in his possession; also that they would have to be present when the good money was brought in. Ollie advised that both he and Slim refused at first, but when "Shorty" assured them that there would not be any risk and that they would not be violating any law, they agreed to it.

When Dr. Joseph P. Moran returned, he advised that he made his contact, and that his party wanted \$10,000.00 at once. He also stated at this time that his man had informed him that he had a source whereby he could get rid of \$4,000.00 every day and further that he wanted to know how much money there was to be exchanged, whereupon Dr. Moran told him that it was an unlimited amount. "Shorty" then advised Dr. Moran that the money would be well guarded while it was in his possession, and that for this service Dr. Moran was to pay them out of his share of the stipulated commission of 2% each. Ollie stated that Dr. Moran was vehemently opposed to this at first, but when "Shorty" informed him that unless he agreed to his terms, he would make efforts to have the money sold through some other source, after some argumentation, Dr. Moran reluctantly consented to the above arrangement, whereupon "Shorty" opened his suitcase and drew therefrom a package wrapped in newspaper which he stated contained \$10,000.00. He gave same to Dr. Moran and told him to deliver it to his party immediately, instructing Slim to accompany him.

Ollie advised that when Slim and Dr. Moran returned about forty-five minutes later, "Shorty" and George were still at his place. Dr. Moran advised that he had successfully delivered the package and that his man indicated that he would want another \$10,000.00 in the next day or so. After some lapse, "Shorty" suggested that the money be retained in Ollie's room and that all contacts be made from his place. Ollie, however, strenuously refused to have his home used for this purpose, stating that he did not want any "heat" thrown on this place as he had had enough trouble with the law already, and in this connection he suggested that the money be transferred to the Irving Hotel, and that all subsequent transactions take place in Dr. Moran's room. "Shorty" agreed to this arrangement but stated that he wanted either Ollie or Slim or both to stay at the hotel

at all times while any part of the money was there. According to Ollie, this met with the approval of all concerned.

Ollie further stated that he remained at the Irving Hotel with Dr. Moran that night, and on the following morning at about 11:00 o'clock, Slim arrived. A few minutes later Dr. Moran received a telephone call and the party calling inquired whether everything was all right and then he stated he would be up in about five minutes. Immediately after the telephone conversation, Dr. Moran motioned to Slim to accompany him to his other room, which was room 211. Ollie, in the meantime, remained in room 210 alone. About ten or fifteen minutes later Dr. Moran returned to room 210 and advised that his man had brought in the good money and wanted another \$10,000.00. Ollie stated that he took a package from the suitcase and carried it into room 211, and it was at this time that he first met John J. "Boss" McLaughlin as Mr. Smith. At this point Ollie emphatically stated that he did not know the true identity of McLaughlin until he saw his name and photograph in the newspapers at the time of McLaughlin's arrest.

Continuing, Ollie advised that he placed the above mentioned newspaper package on the table in room 211 and "Boss" McLaughlin, after inquiring whether the money was all there, placed the package in question in his inner overcoat pocket and left. After his departure, Dr. Moran counted the money he had received from McLaughlin in the presence of Slim and Ollie, and to the best of Ollie's recollection, there was \$9375.00. In this connection he explained that the previous agreement between "Boss" McLaughlin and Dr. Joseph P. Moran was that each should receive $6\frac{1}{4}\%$ on every dollar exchanged. Therefore, on this basis McLaughlin's commission on each \$10,000.00 would be \$625.00, which amount he always retained from the total turned over. Ollie stated that Dr. Moran took from the money received \$625.00 as his share, from which he gave \$200.00 each to Slim and Ollie pursuant to the above agreement.

Berg stated that about 2:00 o'clock that afternoon "Shorty" and a man whom he introduced as "Curly" came to the hotel and took away the \$8,750.00 of good money previously brought in by McLaughlin. "Shorty" at this time asked whether Dr. Moran's party had any difficulty in getting the money exchanged, and when Slim replied that to his knowledge he did not, he then replied, "Good, we have a lot more", and then departed. Berg selected the photograph of Volney Davis as being identical with the man whom he met as "Curly".

Ollie advised that Slim remained with Dr. Moran at the Irving Hotel that night, and on the following morning he came to the hotel at about 10:00 o'clock and found Slim and Dr. Moran drinking in room 210.

At 11:00 A. M. Dr. Moran received a telephone call and Ollie overheard him say to the caller that everything was all right. After the conversation he stated that his party would be up in five minutes for another \$10,000.00. He then instructed Ollie to get a package from the suitcase as before and bring it into room 211. Ollie advised that Slim followed him into room 211, and a few minutes later McLaughlin appeared with the good money and gave same, which was wrapped in a newspaper package, to Ollie. Ollie advised he unwrapped the package in question, spread the money on top of the bed and counted it; that the amount again was \$9375.00, as McLaughlin had already retained his share of the commission. Ollie gave McLaughlin the package of "hot" money and he departed.

After McLaughlin left, Ollie gave Slim \$200.00, Dr. Moran \$225.00 and he kept \$200.00 for himself, after which he wrapped the balance of good money in the newspaper package and placed it in the dresser drawer in room 210. At about 1:45 that afternoon "Shorty" telephoned the hotel and inquired whether the good money had been brought in as yet. Slim talked to him and advised that it had, after which about twenty minutes later, "Shorty" and "Curly" entered the room and took away the second \$8750.00 of good money. However, before they departed "Shorty" stated to Slim that he wanted to talk to him alone and suggested that Dr. Moran and Ollie go to room 210 for a few minutes. They adjourned to the other room and approximately fifteen minutes later "Shorty" called Dr. Moran and Ollie into room 210 and stated that in the future Slim would handle all transactions with Dr. Moran's party, and that they, meaning "Curly" and "Shorty" would not come to the hotel any more for the good money, stating that Slim would take care of both ends. "Shorty" further explained that this new arrangement would not affect their present remuneration in any way, and that all they had to do was to be present when the good money was brought in. When "Shorty" and "Curly" left, Ollie asked Slim why this new arrangement was instituted, whereupon he advised that the boys did not want Dr. Joseph P. Moran and him to know where they were residing.

On the following day while Slim and Ollie were in room 210 of the Irving Hotel, McLaughlin called and said he would be up in five minutes. A short time later he appeared and turned the good money over to Slim, stating that he wanted \$15,000.00 more by 6:00 o'clock that evening and requested that same be brought to him at his home at that time. When McLaughlin left, Slim called Dr. Moran at his office and advised him to come to room 211 immediately. When he arrived, the good money was counted and the amount again was \$9375.00. Out of this total Slim gave Dr. Moran \$225.00, Oliver A. Berg \$200.00 and he retained \$200.00 as his share. Ollie then informed Dr. Moran that McLaughlin wanted \$15,000.00 by 6:00 o'clock, and in this connection asked him if he would let Jimmie Wilson have the afternoon off so that he could accompany him to get this money. At this point Ollie explained that the reason Slim preferred Jimmie

to go with him was because he already knew the location of their hiding place as he had previously brought them medicine and other provisions there.

Berg stated that when Slim and Jimmie Wilson left that afternoon, he observed them driving away in Slim's Ford 1934 model coupe in a westerly direction. Ollie left the hotel immediately thereafter and at 8:00 o'clock that evening he received a telephone call from Slim, requesting him to be at the Irving Hotel at 12:00 Noon the next day as McLaughlin promised to be there at 1:00 P. M. with the good money.

Ollie stated that McLaughlin appeared in room 210 at the Irving Hotel at 1:30 P. M. the following day, and at this time gave Slim \$15,000.00 less 6 1/4%, which, according to computation, would be \$14,062.50. McLaughlin advised that he wanted \$15,000.00 more and that he would call for it at the hotel at 10:00 o'clock the next morning. When he left, Slim gave Ollie \$300.00, Dr. Moran \$337.50 and he kept \$300.00 for himself as his percentage. Ollie advised that after the split was made, Jimmie Wilson stated that he was entitled to an equal share of the total commission, inasmuch as he was taking a greater risk than the others in traveling around with Slim when he went to get the money. Ollie stated that he and Slim refused to give him any part of their share in view of the fact that Dr. Joseph P. Moran had previously told him that he was giving him an equal split of his share as he was taking care of his office and personal matters while he was busily engaged in these transactions.

Continuing, Ollie stated that he returned to the hotel the following morning at 10:00 o'clock and at about 11:00 A. M. Jimmie Wilson and Slim came into room 210, the latter advising that he had met McLaughlin on the sidewalk in front of the hotel and at this time gave him the \$15,000.00 he had previously requested; that McLaughlin stated that he would have the good money at the hotel by 2:00 o'clock that afternoon.

At about 2:30 P. M. that day "Boss" McLaughlin came to the Irving Hotel and advised that he could only get \$12,000.00 exchanged. He stated, however, that his chauffeur knew of a banker in Louisville, Kentucky who was considered all right, and that if they were willing he would send his chauffeur to Louisville to have the \$3,000.00 exchanged; further, that if he left that night he could be back in two days. McLaughlin continued that if this did not meet with their approval, he would return the \$3,000.00 and thereafter would not take any more of the "hot" money. Ollie stated that Slim and Dr. Moran consented to this arrangement immediately but he argued against it for the reason that he did not believe it advisable to take this money out of the state. However, it was finally agreed that the above plan would be followed out.

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Ollie advised that after McLaughlin left on this occasion Slim split the commission on the \$12,000.00, and accordingly Ollie received \$240.00, Dr. Moran \$270.00 and Slim \$240.00 as their respective shares.

Later that afternoon Ollie again observed Slim and Jimmie Wilson drive away from the hotel in Slim's Ford coupe in a westerly direction. Ollie could not state where they drove to but advised that they apparently carried the money to "Shorty" and their boys at their hideout.

Berg further stated that two days later at about 12:00 Noon McLaughlin came to the Irving Hotel and advised that he was very much concerned and worried about his chauffeur; that he was due to arrive in Chicago at 10:00 A. M. that day and furthermore was to call him immediately upon his arrival. However, his chauffeur did not call at the designated time and at 11:00 A. M. McLaughlin telephoned the chauffeur's wife on two occasions, and each time he could not get any information from her, and he believed she was crying. McLaughlin further stated that in view of this he was afraid that his chauffeur had encountered some trouble. Upon receipt of this information, Slim stated that he was getting out "as it looks like the jig is up". He told McLaughlin to leave the hotel at once and warned him to keep his mouth shut; that after McLaughlin left Slim suggested to Ollie, Jimmie Wilson and Dr. Moran that they get out of town immediately, and that he was going to "tip off" the boys.

Berg continued, stating that he immediately left the hotel and went to his home, 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, and later that afternoon he observed in the newspapers that the Government had arrested John J. "Boss" McLaughlin in possession of a part of the Bremer ransom money.

At about 11:00 o'clock that evening, Jimmie Wilson and Dr. Joseph P. Moran came to Ollie's place, each carrying a suitcase, and asked whether they could remain with him over night as they did not dare to return to the hotel for fear of being arrested. Ollie advised that it would be all right, and on the following morning when Jimmie and Dr. Moran left, they stated they were leaving town and suggested that Ollie do the same thing.

About four days later Slim appeared at Ollie's place at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue and advised that the Government was watching his apartment and that they had taken his wife's Buick sedan. He continued that things were too "hot" for him in Chicago and that he was leaving town that night.

Ollie further stated that after Slim left that day, he did not hear from him again until five weeks later, at which time he called him at his home on the telephone and requested Ollie to come to the Harrison Hotel. He stated that he was registered there under the name of James Rogers from St. Louis, and that he could obtain his room number by asking for Mr. Rogers at the desk. Ollie advised that he saw Slim at the Harrison Hotel that day and was informed by him that the boys wanted to see him at once; that he should take the train that night for Toledo, Ohio, and register at the Fort Meigs Hotel upon his arrival there; that further instructions were that if Ollie did not want to go to Toledo, he was to give Slim \$900.00, which amount would be his share of the \$3,000.00 lost by McLaughlin's chauffeur, as previously mentioned. Concerning this, Ollie advised Slim that he did not have that much money in his possession at that time; that he only received \$940.00 on the entire transaction, some of which he had already spent, and that all the available cash he now has on hand is approximately \$700.00, which amount he is willing to turn over to them. Slim advised Ollie that the boys would not take less than \$900.00 and at this time he revealed that they wanted him, his wife and Ollie to take the remainder of the "hot" money and peddle it between Toledo, Ohio and Buffalo, New York; that they would pay as consideration the same as before, which was 12 1/2%. According to Ollie, Slim counseled him not to accept this new proposal, stating that he and his wife did not want any part of it. He advised, however, that under no circumstances should he tell the boys that he advised him, Ollie, against it. Slim further informed Ollie that if he did not have the \$900.00 to turn over, he had better go to Toledo or it would be "too bad" for him. Ollie advised that he finally thought it best to go, whereupon he asked Slim whether he was going, and if so, in what manner. Slim stated that he was driving but suggested that Ollie go by rail as he did not have any space for him in his car, inasmuch as he was taking his wife with him.

Upon reaching Toledo, Ollie checked in at the Fort Meigs Hotel as per instructions. At approximately 11:00 o'clock that morning he received a telephone call instructing him to go to room 203 or 207, he did not recall which, where he would meet a friend; further, that he should be in front of the hotel at 12:00 Noon sharp.

Ollie stated that a few minutes after the call, he went to room 203 or 207, and there found Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Jimmie Wilson with two women whom he had never seen before. Ollie stated that Dr. Moran and Jimmie Wilson casually greeted him and asked what he was doing in Toledo. Ollie advised that he did not care to discuss this matter in the presence of the two girls and walked out of the room.

At 12:00 Noon he proceeded to the front of the Fort Meigs Hotel and shortly thereafter an automobile pulled up along the curb in front of him and the driver told him to get into the automobile. Ollie advised that he immediately recognized the driver of the car as Alvin Karpis, and upon this recognition he got into the car and Karpis drove away.

Continuing, Ollie stated that Karpis drove him to his place of residence, the exact address he does not know, and upon entering his home, he was introduced to a small, dark girl whom Karpis stated was his wife. She gave them something to eat and drink and approximately two hours later Karpis stated that they were going to another place to meet the boys.

Ollie advised that upon arriving at this other residence, he observed Jimmie Wilson, Dr. Moran, Slim Evans, "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and a girl whom he only knows as Wynona, and who is the wife of Harry Campbell, sitting in a room. He further stated that "Doc" Barker at this time asked him if he had the \$900.00 which he owed them, and when Ollie stated that he did not, "Shorty" mentioned that in that event they would give him another opportunity to settle this debt. In this connection he stated that the boys wanted him to go with Slim and his wife to take \$40,000.00 of "hot" money and peddle it between Toledo and New York; that they would pay him 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % commission as before. Ollie stated that he flatly refused this offer and advised "Shorty" that he did not want anything to do with them; that they already had involved him in a lot of trouble with the Government. According to Ollie, "Shorty" then advised that if he did not want to accept his offer, he would have to stay in Toledo, Ohio until they told him to go.

At this time Ollie stated that when he entered the second place, which he later learned was the home of Harry Campbell and his wife, he observed that "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis had their fingers bandaged; that he later learned that Dr. Moran had likewise performed operations on them in an effort to obliterate their fingerprints. He further stated that about two or three days after the operations were performed on the fingers of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, Dr. Moran performed similar operations on the fingers of Harry Campbell; that during the three or four weeks following Jimmie Wilson remained with them almost constantly and gave them necessary medical aid.

Ollie further stated that while he was in Toledo, Ohio, he lived part of the time at Harry Campbell's home and then moved in with Slim and his wife, who had an apartment on Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

He advised that he remained in Toledo for one week and then obtained permission from the boys to return to Chicago.

Ollie stated that he continued to live at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, and about two weeks after his return to the city, he received another telephone call from Slim, instructing him to proceed again to Toledo just as soon as possible. Ollie advised that he asked Slim what it was all about but Slim gave him no satisfaction in this regard, merely stating that the boys had some work for him.

Ollie advised that he left Chicago the following day and again checked in at the Fort Meigs Hotel upon his arrival in Toledo. About two or three days later he received a telephone call from "Doc" Barker, who instructed him to proceed to the Casino Club, where someone would give him further instructions. Ollie advised that when he arrived at the Casino Club, he met "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell there. At this time "Doc" again asked Ollie if he were willing to sell their remaining "hot" money between Cleveland and New York, and when Ollie again refused, "Doc" made the statement, "We'll make you do it", and then instructed Ollie to accompany them to Harry Campbell's home. He stated that when he arrived there, he again saw Dr. Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Slim Gray, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis; that he later learned that Jimmie Wilson had been living with Harry Campbell and his wife during his entire stay at Toledo, Ohio.

Ollie stated that the boys told him to move in with Slim Gray and his wife and to remain in Toledo until further instructions were given to him; that at this time he stayed there for nine days and on one occasion during this period he, together with Jimmie Wilson and Slim, helped move Alvin Karpis and his wife from their former place of residence to the Jarvis Apartments; that on this occasion Jimmie Wilson did the driving and he carried all the luggage, some of which he believed contained machine guns and other firearms.

Ollie stated that while in Toledo he spent most of his time at the Casino Club, which was considered generally a hangout for the boys; that on frequent occasions while at the club he heard the boys remark, when the word was spread that Government men were in town, that the Government had no jurisdiction in this case as Bremer was not taken out of the state. He stated in this connection that this was the only remark he overheard which related to this case, and positively asserts that none of the boys had ever told him that the money which they wanted him to peddle and which he had previously handled through "Boss" McLaughlin was kidnap ransom money.

Ollie continued, stating that during his entire stay at Toledo, Ohio, on the second visit, "Doc" Barker insisted that he dispose of the remainder of the "hot" money but each time Ollie refused, giving the reason that he was afraid to take a chance. He stated that they kept him in Toledo until his money was exhausted and when he had about \$50.00 left, he told Slim that he was leaving for Chicago in spite of the boys' warning that he remain with them. Ollie stated that Slim informed him that he had better not do this, as the boys certainly would put him "on the spot" but Ollie advised that he was so desperate, he did not care what happened to him.

Ollie returned to Chicago about the middle of July, 1934, and since that time he has not received any word from any of the boys except Jimmie Wilson and Slim Gray; that Slim came to Chicago around the latter part of July, 1934, and lived in this city during August and September, 1934; that he frequently visited Ollie at his home at 5248 Winthrop Avenue, and on these visits he told Ollie that he likewise was through with the racket.

At this time Ollie emphatically stated that it is his belief that Slim was not acquainted with any of the boys in question prior to the time that he introduced him to "Doc" Barker in April, 1934; that he positively knows that Slim was not out of the city during the time that Bremer was held captive in January and February, 1934, and any information received by this office to the effect that he played a part in the instant kidnaping is entirely false.

He further stated that the last time he saw Dr. Moran was in Toledo, Ohio, when he left there in July, 1934, and since that time he had heard on one occasion from Jimmie Wilson that Dr. Moran was living in Detroit, Michigan.

On the morning of December 14, 1934, Special Agent in Charge, William Larson of the Detroit Division office telephoned the Chicago Division office from Toledo, Ohio, and talked with Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd at which time he stated that he was stopping at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio; that inquiry should not be made at the hotel for him under his name, but that if it was desirable to communicate with him he should be reached through room 604. The following information in connection with this case was submitted:

He advised that a woman had left Toledo at 4:45 A.M. for Chicago, and was to arrive in Chicago at 8:45 A.M.; that she was going to the Morrison Hotel and register under the name of Mrs. J.A. Ranlow; that Mrs. Ranlow had received a telegram from one Mildred Kuhlman, room 3121, Hotel Morrison, Chicago, requesting her to come to Chicago at once, that if she could not immediately proceed to Chicago to notify Mildred in care of 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mildred is supposed to be registered at the Hotel Morrison, room 3121 under the name of Patricia Lonquest. Patricia, or Mildred, is supposed to be in constant touch with the Barkers and Karpis, and is alleged to have left Toledo about 2 or 3 weeks ago with Jack, Fred and Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Larson advised that the above information had been received from a relative of Mrs. Ranlow, and that nothing should be done in this investigation which would disclose the fact that this information had been received from this relative. Mrs. Ranlow is expected to register at the Morrison Hotel as above stated, and to get in touch with Mildred, presumably through her room at the Hotel Morrison, or through the address 641 Oakdale Avenue.

Mrs. Ranlow was described as follows:

Age: 26

Height: 5'4"

Weight: 110 lb.

Attired in gray dress, gray shoes, black broadcloth coat with gray fur collar, carrying black purse, and having no hand baggage.

Mildred is described as follows:

Age: 23
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 118 or 120 lb.
Hair: Auburn; bobbed
Face: Very good looking

Special Agent in Charge Larson stated that Mrs. Ranlow was expecting to telegraph her relatives in Toledo about 2 o'clock December 14, 1934, advising whether she had arrived safely and if she had contacted Mildred. Mr. Larson stated further that upon receipt of additional information he would telephone directly to Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley, the telephone number of Mr. Connelley at room 1026, New York Life Building, Chicago, Illinois, having been furnished Mr. Larson by Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd.

Manager T.H. Sadler, and Assistant Manager J.O. Conway Hutchins of the Hotel Morrison, Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois, were interviewed by Special Agents S.K. McKee and J.J. Metcalfe, and it was learned that there were no such persons as Patricia Lonquest, Mildred Kuhlman, or Mrs. J.A. Ranlow registered at the hotel. It was ascertained, however, that room 3121 had been occupied since December 11, 1934 by Mrs. A.P. Allen, 231 South 7th Avenue, LaGrange, Illinois, and Mrs. A.R. Esser, 3711 Grove Avenue, Akron, Ohio. These women were registered in on the above date by clerk G. Anderson. Examination of the registration records of the hotel was made for the month of December, 1934, but none of the names furnished by Special Agent in Charge Larson could be found.

Through Chief House Officer Edward Purdy, it was ascertained that the following local and long distance calls have been placed from room 3121:

Long Distance

12-13-34 - 11:05 P.M. Lawndale 0353 Toledo, Ohio
13 minutes. Conversation from Mrs. Clark
to Mrs. Corbin.
12-13-34 - 11:30 P.M. Lawndale 0353 Toledo, Ohio
4 minutes. Conversation between Mrs. Esser
and Mrs. Corbin.

Local Calls, and listing obtained from Telephone Company

12-12-34 - Bittersweet 3223 - listed to Mrs. Tillie C. Longquest, 641 W. Oakdale Ave., Apartment 2
 Briargate 8000 - Sovereign Hotel, 3200 Kenmore Ave.
 Diversey 9180 (3 calls) - Commonwealth Hotel, 2753 Pinegrove Ave.
 Harrison 3500 - Congress Hotel and Annex, S. Michigan and E. VanBuren St.
 Whitehall 6844 - Mrs. Lucile M. Solomon 57 E. Oak St., Apartment 2
 12-13-34 - Graceland 4700 - Parkway Beauty Salon, 710 1/2 Diversey Parkway, 1st floor
 Diversey 9269 - Barbara Longquest, 2242 N. Lincoln Parkway
 12-14-34 - Bittersweet 3223 - Mrs. Tillie C. Longquest 641 W. Oakdale Ave., Apartment 2.

Inasmuch as the several local telephone calls to the apartment of Mrs. Tillie C. Longquest, 641 W. Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, from room 3121 at the Hotel Morrison indicated that the occupants of this room were no doubt the individuals referred to in the telephone call of Special Agent in Charge, Larson, Agents McKee and Metcalfe made arrangements through Chief House Officer Purdy to occupy room 3120, which is located next to room 3121, and to listen in on all incoming and outgoing telephone calls of room 3121. This arrangement was effected at about noon December 14, 1934, and it should be stated that the list of telephone calls set out above is a complete list up until the time this cover was arranged.

The following is a log of telephone conversations emanating from room 3121: De

12-14-54 -

[REDACTED]

8:35 P.M.

[REDACTED]

5 P.M. Inquiry of hotel as to whether un-
escorted ladies are allowed in the
Terrace Garden during dinner hours.

8 P.M.

[REDACTED]

8:55 P.M.

[REDACTED]

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9 P.M. Through Servidor Agent McKee heard bellboy deliver key to No. 3128 to Mrs. Ranlow.

9 P.M. [REDACTED]

9:10 P.M. - Arrangements made with Chief House Officer Purdy by Agent McKee to cover telephone calls to and from room 3128 (Mrs. Ranlow) over Agent's 'phone. Officer Purdy advised at this time that No. 3121 was running up a sizable bill.

10:05 P.M. - [REDACTED]

10:30 P.M. - Room No. 3121 left instructions with telephone operator to transfer all calls for 3128 to No. 3121.

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11:20 P.M. - Incoming City call to room 3121.
No answer.

12-15-34 - 1:20 A.M. - Parties returned to room
3121. (Note: It should be stated
here that during the period this cover was
maintained on room 3121, the voices of the several
women occupants could be heard at times through the
walls, but that nothing they said could be
understood. By listening through the walls, Agents
were able to ascertain whether the occupants of
this room were in or out).

9:30 A.M. - Breakfast ordered through room service.

9:35 A.M. - Call to New York Central information, where
it was learned trains to Toledo were
available at 11 A.M. and 3:10 P.M.

9:40 A.M. [REDACTED]

10:15 A.M. - Room 3121 called room service to have
breakfast table removed.

10:30 A.M. [REDACTED]

10:31 A.M. [REDACTED]

1:20 P.M. [REDACTED]

1:30 P.M. - Room No. 5121 calling room service lunch ordered for three, also a bromo selzer.

1:57 P.M. - Room 5121 calling room service asking that lunch order be hurried as they had to make a train.

2:35 P.M. - Call to operator by room 5121 asking for the time.

3:25 P.M. - Call to room service asking that lunch table be taken out of room.

3:30 P.M. - Call to bell captain for latest editions of American, News and Times.

5:25 P.M. - Call to cashier by woman stating occupants of room were checking out and asking that bill be made up. Permission requested to use room until about 7:30 P.M. with statement that occupants were leaving on a train at about that time.

5:38 P.M. - Left service call with operator "Going out to dinner, back at 7 P.M."

5:45 P.M. - Agent McKee through Servidor noticed two women leave No. 5121. One of these women was a distinct blond about 5'8" tall with deep blue eyes, wearing a mink fur coat and a black hat. The second woman had dark henna colored hair, was about 5'4" in height and wore a Fitch fur coat (the stripes in this coat ran lengthwise); she also wore a black hat. (Note: This information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Connelley, and arrangements were made to cover the two hotel exits, and to trail these women away from the hotel as will be set out below.

6:06 P.M. - Incoming call from city; man talking
Operator informed him occupants of
room 3121 were out, but would return at 7 P.M.
This man said he would call later.

7:10 P.M. - Blond woman returned to room.

7:13 P.M. - Woman with henna hair returned to room.

7:30 P.M. A third person entered room 3121, and
it was thought he was a man.

7:54 P.M. Woman called bell captain

7:58 P.M. - The two women accompanied by a short-
heavy set man wearing glasses, a derby
hat and black overcoat left room with baggage.

At 5:38 P.M. December 15, 1934, when information
was received through the telephone cover on room 3121, Hotel Morrison,
that the two women occupants were leaving, arrangements were made by
Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley to place agents in the lobby of
the hotel to watch these women as they left there, and to place an
automobile containing agents at each of the two hotel exits in order
that they might be trailed to their destination. Agent R.D. Brown
was stationed at the Madison Street exit while Agent V.W. Peterson
remained at the Clark Street exit. Agents J.I. Madala and M. Chaffetz
waited near the Clark Street exit in a Division car, while Agents
R.G. Gillespie and R.C. Suran covered the Madison Street exit in a
Division car. Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley remained in the
hotel lobby to cover these women at the time they paid their bill,
and Special Agent S.K. McKee remained in the lobby for the purpose
of pointing out these women to Agents Peterson and Brown at the
respective exits.

At about 7:15 P.M., the two women returned to the hotel via
the Clark Street entrance, and the woman with henna hair, who is
thought to be Mildred, registered as Mrs. A.R. Esser, proceeded to the
cashier's desk and paid her bill. The blond woman, registered as

Mrs. A.P. Allen, proceeded to her room. At about 8 P.M. the two women accompanied by the short heavy set man described in the telephone log entered the lobby from the elevators, and left the hotel via the Madison Street exit. This man did not bear a resemblance to any person known to be connected with this file. The party was accompanied at this time by a bellboy, who carried their baggage. The party entered a black colored Ford V-8, 5 passenger coupe, bearing 1934 Illinois license plates 1-289-927, which was parked near the hotel entrance, and drove off in an easterly direction. This car was followed by the Division car occupied by Agents Brown, Gillespie, and Suran. A short time later, the second Division car occupied by Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley and Agents Madala and Chaffetz likewise followed this car.

Effort was made to obtain the listing on 1934 Illinois license 1-289-927 through the Motor Vehicle Division of the Chicago Police Department, but they did not have data as to this tag. It was learned telephonically through the St. Louis Division office that this tag was issued on November 26, 1934, to Andrew Allen, 57 East Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, for use on a 1934 Ford car, type unknown, motor No. 1-142-463.

Investigation showed that 57 E. Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, is the address of Hotel Harrison. Interviews had by Special Agent S.K. McKee with Thomas C. Callen, Manager, who after referring to his employment records, advised that there is no one in the employ of the hotel by the name of Andrew Allen. Examination of the hotel registration records for the months of November and December, 1934, resulted in learning that Andrew Allen, Aurora, Illinois, registered at the hotel on December 5, 1934, and checked out on December 7, 1934. He was assigned to room 426, and his account number was A-45171. A tracing was obtained from his registration card for possible use in way of comparison with his application for automobile registration. The hotel records indicated that Allen paid for two days in advance at the time he registered, although he had one bag in his possession when he came to the hotel. The hotel records failed to reveal that Allen made any long distance or local telephone calls from his room.

The registration records of the Hotel Harrison were also searched for the name A.P. Allen, Mrs. A.R. Esser, Mildred Kuhlman, Patricia Lonquest, and Mrs. J.A. Ranlow, but with negative results.

On the night of December 16, 1934, after the surveillance on the two women who had been in room 3121 at the Morrison Hotel had been dropped, as will be set out later in this report, inquiries were made by Special Agent S.K. McKee through Assistant Manager Lorenz of the Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago, Illinois and clerk Knott at the Hotel Sovereign, Chicago, Illinois, for possible information as to these two women having checked in at these hotel on the late night of December 15, 1934, but examination of registration records failed to result in the location of the women.

The following is being reported by Special Agent R. D. Brown concerning the departure of the two women and one man from the Morrison Hotel on the night of 12/15/34 in a Ford V-8 five passenger coupe, Illinois license No. 1-289-297. It will be noted in this report that the driver of this car has been identified as John Borgia and that the blonde woman accompanying him was Patricia Lonquest and the other woman who was wearing the expensive fur coat was Mildred Kuhlman, either the wife or paramour of Doc Barker. When these three persons in the afore-described Ford coupe left the Morrison Hotel, they were followed by two Division automobiles, the first being occupied by Special Agents Brown, Gillespie and Suran and the other by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Agents Madala and Chaffetz. The automobile in question proceeded to Michigan Avenue and thence out to the outer drive to Roscoe Street. At this point the car left the outer drive and proceeded slowly West on Roscoe Street, where it stopped at 326 Roscoe, at which time one of the women was observed leaving the car and entering an apartment house where she remained about a half a minute and returned. She was evidently looking for a street address or inquiring for apartments. She then entered the car and proceeded to Broadway, where they turned South at which time they were followed by a Division car occupied by Special Agents Gillespie and Suran, Agent Brown having left the Division auto in order to be in a better position to observe the occupants of the car when they stopped at the Roscoe Street Address.

Agents Gillespie and Suran reported they followed this car south on Broadway to Melrose Street, where they again stopped a moment, going into another apartment house for an instant and then proceeded to the corner of the inner drive and Melrose, where due to heavy traffic Agents Gillespie and Suran were unable to continue their surveillance. Had this surveillance been continued and these Agents taken unnecessary

chances in rushing through the traffic, there was a possibility of being observed by the occupants of the car. This information was then reported to the occupants of the other Division car, and upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Connelley both Division automobiles covered all of the streets in that section thoroughly in an attempt to again find this particular automobile, without results.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee on December 17, 1934:

In connection with the Ford Victoria coupe bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 1-289-927, in which the two women (Mrs. A. P. Allen and Mrs. A. R. Esser) and the unknown man left the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, on the night of December 15, 1934, which car was found to be listed to Andrew Allen, 57 East Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonic communication with the St. Louis Division office resulted in the information that this automobile was purchased on November 23, 1934, from the Vrba Motor Company, 5100 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois; further that the purchaser used the same address as appears in the application for license; that the purchase was a cash transaction, and that there is no lien against the car.

Interview with A.C. Newquist at the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, resulted in the information that A. J. Newquist is the owner of the business; that he has been incapacitated for some time as a result of an automobile accident. A. J. Newquist is generally known as Art Newquist and is an uncle of A. C. Newquist.

With respect to the instant automobile, A. C. Newquist advised that on November 23, 1934, two men called at the salesroom and inquired for Art Newquist. When told that Art was laid up with injuries one of the men, described as a tall skinny individual, stated he was a friend of Art's and wanted to purchase a black Victoria coupe. It was stated that such a car happened to be on the floor at the time that these two men called and a sale was consummated at that time. The car purchased was a Ford Victoria coupe, black in color, bearing motor No. 114246. The total purchase price, which included a dog radiator ornament and bumper guards, was \$706.50, which was paid at the time in cash by the tall, skinny individual. The money consisted of one \$100 bill and the balance in \$20.00 bills. Mr. Newquist stated that the tall skinny individual did not accept delivery of the car on November 23, 1934, but that same was turned over to him on Sunday, November 25, 1934. It was stated by Mr. Newquist that he handled both contacts with the purchaser, and that these two contacts are the only times he has seen either of the men who are connected with the car. He stated that no license application was filled out by the purchaser, and that his name was not signed to any paper. At the time of this purchase the tall skinny individual furnished the name Andrew Allen, address c/o Harrison Hotel, 57 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Three different photographs of Russell Gibson were displayed to Mr. A. C. Newquist and he immediately identified them as likenesses of Andrew Allen, the tall skinny individual who purchased this automobile. He described the man with Gibson on November 23, 1934, as being about 40 years of age, short and stocky and stated that he was wearing a black overcoat and a derby hat.

A. C. Newquist was informed that Gibson, who is a fugitive, had purchased other automobiles from the Vrba Motor Company and that arrangements had been made with the motor company to notify the Chicago Division office in the event Gibson again put in an appearance at the motor company. He stated that he did not know of any such arrangements, but called in the woman cashier, who informed that such arrangements had been made with Mr. A. J. Newquist. Photographs of Russell Gibson were displayed to the cashier and she recognized him as Roy Gray, who purchased a Ford coupe last Spring, under the name Clara Gray and who later brought the car in for the purpose of having a radio installed in it. Mr. Newquist stated that he would have been glad to advise the Chicago Division office if he had known of its interest in locating Gibson. He stated that it was quite possible that Gibson, or Allen, would bring in the Victoria coupe for a checkup, and he said in the event he did come in with the car, he will immediately notify the Chicago Division office. For this purpose, the names of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee were furnished to Mr. Newquist along with telephone numbers Randolph 6226 and Franklin 4606.

Known handwriting of Russell Gibson has been compared with the tracing of the signature of Andrew Allen, as it appears on registration record at the Hotel Harrison, Chicago, Illinois, under date of December 5, 1934, and the two handwritings appeared the same.

It should be noted here that on the night of December 17, 1934, when Special Agent S. K. McKee first called at the Vrba Motor Company for information concerning the Ford Victoria coupe in question, he met former informant Jack Liberty in the salesroom. Conversation was later had with Liberty and he stated that the Vrba Motor Company does not bear a good reputation. When asked for details, Liberty said he could not name anything specific, but did know that they would enter into almost any sort of transaction in order to sell a car; further, that numerous hoodlums have purchased cars from this concern. Liberty was told to make inquiry through persons known to him at the motor company as to the reason for Agent's call there, and he stated that he would do this and would communicate with Agent McKee later on, informing of the results of his inquiry.

Concerning the registration of Mrs. A. P. Allen, 231 South 7th Avenue, La Grange, Illinois, at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, Agent Suran conducted the following investigation at La Grange, Illinois, on December 15, 1934, to ascertain all information possible concerning Mrs. A. P. Allen:

Interview was had with C. W. Farley, Postmaster, and Gilbert Schultz, mail carrier, at La Grange, Illinois, and it was determined that the address of 231 South 7th Avenue was presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar K. Middleton, telephone, LaGrange 1101, and their son Kelso Middleton, age 20; that these individuals had resided at this address for approximately two years prior to which the same was occupied by Jesse Roberts, who is presently an attorney in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Farley and Mr. Schultz advised that Mr. Roberts was an eccentric individual, who at the present time is about 67 or 68 years of age, and who, to their knowledge, had been married four times. They advised that Mr. Roberts had accumulated considerable wealth, and had more than two years ago married a woman a number of years younger than himself, and it was reported that this woman's sister operated a house of prostitution in Chicago, Illinois; and that it was a general opinion at La Grange that this woman married Jesse Roberts to secure as much of his wealth as possible, and probably caused him to marry her through some sort of threat to his reputation.

Interview was had with a Mrs. Innis, 221 South 7th Avenue, La Grange, who stated that so far as she knew the Middletons were respectable people and that prior to the Middletons moving into the house about two years ago, it was occupied by the owner, Jesse Roberts, a Chicago attorney, who had married a woman about twentyfive years of age. She stated that Mr. Roberts and his young wife resided there for several months prior to the time the Middletons moved into the place and that during the occupancy of the Roberts numerous wild parties were held in the house, and the same was a source of considerable comment and complaint by the various neighbors. She stated that she did not know the full name of the young woman who married Mr. Roberts; that she recalled that he called her "Pat" and that she had, so far as the neighbors could ascertain, a poor reputation; that her conduct was of such a nature that finally Mr. Roberts literally put her in the street. She stated that Mr. Roberts was an eccentric individual, who is at the present time residing in Chicago and married to his fifth wife.

The circumstances indicate that Mrs. A. P. Allen is "Patty" Lonquest and possibly was at one time married to Mr. Roberts when the latter resided at La Grange, Illinois.

In connection with ^{the} three women who were located at the Morrison Hotel, Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, accompanied by Special Agent S. K. McKee, obtained information at the hotel regarding the presence of these women, their addresses, telephone calls, etc. In tracing the local telephone calls which were made by these parties, one was discovered to have been made to Whitehall 6844. This number is assigned to Mrs. Lucille M. Coleman, 57 East Oak Street, apartment #2. This address was checked by Agent Metcalfe with the following results.

57 East Oak Street is a three story black brick building, which stands back from the sidewalk a little further than the other buildings on the same side of the street, so that it is almost hidden from view. On the front window appears the sign "The Elite Domestic Placement Bureau". There are three mailboxes in the lobby. The first of these, or the one at the extreme top, bears the names "Coleman, English, Miller and Evans. No names appear on the second or middle box, and on the third box appear the names Maria Worrell, Margaret LaRue, Charles E. Swanson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch, Elite Domestic Placement Bureau. This last mentioned mailbox apparently is for the first floor of the building. Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch are the people who operate the Elite Domestic Placement Bureau, according to information obtained next door. At the time the writer was inspecting these mailboxes a delivery truck from the North Side Cleaners and Dyers drew up in front of this address and a delivery boy brought a package up, on which was marked the word "Coleman".

Special Agent Metcalfe then made inquiry next door at 61 East Oak Street, which is a large apartment building managed by Mrs. P. C. Oleson, telephone Superior 9859. A confidential interview was had with Mrs. Oleson and she advised that the address 57 East Oak Street is in the hands of receivers by the name of Schmit and Watt, 40 North Dearborn Street, telephone No. Randolph 1984. She said that she did not know the people living in this house personally, but that she had on several occasions made complaints to the police because of the many animals kept by the people on the first floor. She did not know who the people upstairs were, but stated that both the second and third floors are occupied. On one occasion not long ago, a woman residing on the third floor at 57 East Oak Street, telephoned Mrs. Oleson and asked her if she had any vacancies in her building because she and her daughter, who lived across the street at 58 East Oak Street wanted to take an apartment together. Mrs. Oleson did not have any vacancies at the time and informed this woman that she would have no vacancies until next Spring. Mrs. Oleson wrote down the name of this woman, but was unable to find her note. She explained that the apartments at 57 East Oak Street, are six room apartments.

She also said that she thought that Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are gamblers, because of the fact that they kept some sort of small racing animals, which appeared to resemble turtles, and because Mrs. Lynch had stated that her husband kept a very large sum of money in the house. Mrs. Oleson did not know of any suspicious circumstances or unusual activities in regard to the house next door, stating that it would be difficult to ascertain anything of this nature, in view of the fact that this immediate neighborhood has a number of night clubs and consequently there is considerable night life activity and the presence of strange automobiles is nothing unusual. She stated that she has often observed the colored janitor next door taking out baskets full of empty beer and liquor bottles. She expressed the opinion that the placement bureau is just a blind and that in fact the people who claim to operate it were in some sort of a gambling racket.

It would appear from the general information obtained regarding 57 East Oak Street, that this place is occupied by a number of prostitutes or women of questionable character and association, but there is nothing to indicate that any of the subjects in this case are residing or have been visiting this address. Pictures of the various subjects were shown to Mrs. Oleson, but she stated that she has not been at home for quite some time and, therefore, could not identify any of these pictures.

Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and J. J. Metcalfe obtained a room at 61 East Oak Street and maintained a surveillance of the premises at 57 East Oak Street on 12/18/34.

The following investigation is being reported by Special Agent S. K. McKee with reference to the address 57 East Oak Street:

In connection with the surveillance being maintained on the premises located at 57 East Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois, interview was had by Special Agent S. K. McKee with P. N. Schmidt of the firm of Schmidt and Watt, 40 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, who are receivers for the building located at 57 East Oak Street. Mr. Schmidt informed the building in question is a three floor apartment building, each floor being a separate apartment. The receivership is in the name of the Northern Trust Company, who are in the process of foreclosing a mortgage on the building, which was formerly the property of a Mrs. Strunk.

Mr. Schmidt furnished the following data concerning the various tenants in this building.

The first floor apartment has been occupied by one Eric Swanson for several years. Mr. Schmidt said he could not furnish the date on which Swanson came into the building, as he was a tenant when he, Schmidt, took charge of the building, in November, 1933. Swanson operates the Elite Placement Bureau at 57 East Oak Street, which business

deals in the placing of domestic help. It was stated that it was not known whether Swanson lives in the building, but it was known that he sub-lets a rear room to a woman who uses same for living quarters. Mr. Swanson informed that the only complaint he has received as to the entire building has been in connection with this woman, the reason being that she keeps several dogs, cats, a turkey and two chickens in her place.

The second floor apartment has been occupied since April 1, 1934, by Mrs. Fred Edgington and her mother. These people let rooms to two different roomers. It was stated that the Edgingtons formerly lived at 11 East Delaware Place and at the time they moved into 57 East Oak Street, furnished the name of Nicholas Zender, owner of the building at 11 East Delaware Place, as their reference. Zender, it was stated, informed that Mrs. Edgington was a very desirable tenant. Mr. Schmidt informed further that inquiries by him resulted in learning that Mrs. Edgington is employed as a fitter at Blum's Vogue, 630 South Michigan Avenue, a women's store. He regards the Edgingtons as desirable tenants.

The third floor apartment was leased under date of May 1, 1934, to Mrs. C. Coleman and Harry English. One Milton Miller, a nephew of Mrs. Coleman, also resides in this apartment. Mrs. Coleman and Harry English are cousins. Mr. Schmidt said the above persons are the only ones that reside in this apartment so far as he knows. Investigation instituted by Mr. Schmidt resulted in learning that all three of the above persons formerly resided at the Hotel Lincoln, 5126 North Clark Street.

An interview with manager John Kennessey of that place resulted in learning that they had lived at the hotel for an approximate period of two years; that he was able to state they were good tenants. English is employed as a bartender at the Chez Paree, a night club, and Miller also works at the Chez Paree as a waiter. The two men furnished the name of Herbie Vogel, manager of the Chez Paree as a reference and upon interview Vogel stated he could vouch for them. Investigation by Schmidt revealed that Mrs. Coleman is in the employ of a Mrs. Stertz, room 909 Tower Building, and is engaged in selling linens on a commission basis. She has had this employment for three years and was said to have her own customers. Mrs. Stertz informed Schmidt that he would find Mrs. Coleman to be a satisfactory tenant. Schmidt said that these people have always paid their rent promptly; that he has not had any complaints concerning them and that he, therefore, regards them as desirable tenants.

The surveillance of 57 East Oak Street was without results in observing any of the members or associates of this gang and, therefore, was discontinued on 12/23/34.

Under date of December 19th, 1934, Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Assistant Manager Laton, Hotel Commonwealth, 2757 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for possible information concerning the identity of the person at the Hotel who had received a telephone call from the room occupied by Mildred Kuhlman, alias Mrs. A. E. Esser and Patricia Longquest, alias Miss A. P. Allen, who occupied Room 3121 at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Illinois, during the period of December 11th to 15th, 1934. The telephone call in question was made under date of December 12th, 1934. It should be stated here that Agent McKee made prior inquiry at the Hotel Commonwealth in this same connection and examined the records relating to local telephone calls. At a later date, telephone number DIVERsey 1111 appeared in this investigation, this number having been called from the telephone listed to Mrs. Tillie Longquest, 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and Agent remembered that this number had been seen on the telephone records at the Hotel Commonwealth.

Re-examination of the local telephone records at the Hotel Commonwealth revealed that telephone number DIVERsey 1111 listed to Barbara Longquest, Bittersweet 5233 listed to Mrs. Tillie Longquest, 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and FRANKlin 9600 listed to the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Illinois, have been called from the room occupied by John Borcia.

Assistant Manager Laton described Borcia as being about 5'6 or 7" in height; weight, 170 pounds; age, 40 years; hair dark; complexion rough, and as generally wearing a black overcoat with either a white or gray silk muffler. It is to be noted that this individual fits the description of the man who came to the Hotel Morrison on the night of December 15th, 1934 and left with Mildred Kuhlman and Patricia Longquest in a black-colored Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe bearing this year's Illinois license number 1-289-927.

Inasmuch as the above Ford Victoria Coupe had been purchased from the Vrba Auto Sales of Cicero, Illinois by Subject Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, under date of November 23rd, 1934, under the name Andrew Allen, Hotel Harrison, Chicago, Illinois, photographs of Subject Gibson were displayed to Assistant Manager Laton and he immediately identified these pictures as being those of the tall, skinny individual who had come to the Hotel on numerous occasions with John Borcia's automobile. It was stated that Gibson often came to the Hotel in the morning and called for Borcia's car and often returned to the Hotel in the evening and left the keys to the car in Borcia's box.

Similar identifications of Subject Gibson were secured through Miss Rose Fancher and Miss Gladys Blankenberg, telephone operators, and through E. A. Kovats, Clerk on duty between the hours of 4:00 P. M. and 11:00 P. M.

Mildred Kuhlman and Patricia Longquest were described to Assistant Manager Laton and he advised that the description of Patricia Longquest fitted that of a tall, blond woman who has been associated with Borcia for about the past ten days. He informed that this woman, who has platinum blond hair, dyed, was picked up by Borcia in the lobby of the Hotel; that she is known as Pattie Carroll; that she wears a mink coat and carries the key to Borcia's room with her. He stated he believed this woman resides at the Hotel Belair and that she came into the Commonwealth Hotel prior to the time Borcia picked up with her, for the purpose of visiting Mrs. Maude Nelson, who occupies Room 559 at the Commonwealth Hotel. Mr. Laton advised further that there is a second blond woman who associates with Borcia, but he was unable to furnish her name. He said, however, that this woman wears a black cloth coat.

Assistant Manager Laton and telephone operator Rose Fancher advised that Subject Russell Gibson last came to the Hotel, so far as they knew, at about 8:30 P. M. on the night of December 18th, 1934, at which time he left the keys to Borcia's automobile in his mail box. On this occasion, Gibson remained seated in the Hotel lobby for possibly fifteen minutes.

Examination of the registration records of the Hotel Commonwealth indicated that John Borcia, 958 North Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, registered under date of November 23rd, 1934 and was assigned to Room 727. At the same time he made arrangements with Schmidt's Garage, Hampden Court, which is located two blocks west of the Hotel, to store his automobile. There is a direct telephone line between the Hotel and the garage and the garage furnishes pick-up and delivery service.

At the request of Agent McKee, Mr. Laton communicated with the owner of Schmidt's Garage, who, he stated, was thoroughly reliable, and made inquiry concerning Borcia's automobile under the pretext that Borcia was away from the city and that the management was worried concerning his account. It should be stated here that at the time of Agent's interview, Borcia had been away from the Hotel for three days. It was learned from the garage that Borcia's automobile is a 1934 Model Oldsmobile Sedan, black in color, with a red stripe and a red radiator grill, bearing motor #403292 and 1934 Illinois license 594-680.

Examination was made of the local telephone records at the Hotel Commonwealth relating to John Borcia and it was found that the following calls were made by him during the period of December 1st through December 18th, 1934:

DECEMBER 1, 1934

LONGbeach 8144
DIVERsey 1111 (2)
MONroe 1600
LONGbeach 0513

BITtersweet 2389
LAKeview 3754
SPAulding 4437
SHEldrake 7160

DECEMBER 2, 1934

DIVERsey 1111 (2)
SKEley 5151
HAYmarket 1750

KILDare 0015
LONGbeach 0800
SPAulding 4438

DECEMBER 3, 1934

SPAulding 4438

DECEMBER 4, 1934

LONGbeach 0513
SHEldrake 7160
SPAulding 4438 (5)
MIDway 9166 (2)

BITtersweet 3223
HAYmarket 7150
MONroe 1600

DECEMBER 5, 1934

LONGbeach 0800
BITtersweet 3223
DIVERsey 8842
NEVada 8167

DIVERsey 8842
BUCKingham 10194
BITtersweet 2389

DECEMBER 6, 1934

SKEley 7651
BRIlgate 8000

LINcoln 4151

DECEMBER 7, 1934

BITtersweet 4000

DIVERsey 9269

DECEMBER 8, 1934

LONGbeach 0513
BOUlevard 1887
MIDway 9166
LINcoln 4149

BITtersweet 4000 (2)
BRIlgate 8000
DIVERsey 8842
DIVERsey 9269

DECEMBER 9, 1954

SPAulding 4438

BITtersweet 4000

DECEMBER 10, 1954

BUCkingham 10194

BITtersweet 4000 (3)

LINcoln 4151

LINcoln 4149

HAYmarket 7150

DIVERsey 1111 (2)

DECEMBER 11, 1954

BITtersweet 4000 (5)

DIVERsey 1111

BUCkingham 7051

MOHawk 5102

DECEMBER 12, 1954

FRanklin 9600 (2)

DIVERsey 8842

WHitehall 4700

DECEMBER 13, 1954

BITtersweet 4000

LAKeview 5151

ATLantic 3760 (3)

LONGbeach 0513 (2)

WELlington 0017

DECEMBER 14, 1954

MOHawk 3200

DIVERsey 8842

BITtersweet 4000 (2)

LINcoln 4149

ATLantic 3760

MOHawk 5102

PLAza 3200

DECEMBER 16, 1954

ATLantic 3760

BITtersweet 3223

** 9800

DECEMBER 17, 1954

BITtersweet 4000

DECEMBER 18, 1954

BITtersweet 4000 (5)

SPAulding 4438

There were no long distance telephone calls made by John Borgia from his room in the Hotel Commonwealth. Under date of December 2nd, 1934, however, he received a collect telegram, on which there was a charge of 95¢.

At about 2:50 P. M. on December 19th, 1934, arrangements were made with Assistant Manager Laton of the Hotel Commonwealth to place a tap on the telephone of John Borgia in Room 727 at the Hotel, same being installed by Special Agent J. L. Madala and the listening end being located in Room 741. At approximately the same time Special Agents J. C. White, L. V. Boardman and A. P. Barber commenced a surveillance in the Hotel lobby looking toward the apprehension of Subject Russell Gibson. Special Agent K. R. McIntire covered the telephone tap located in Room 741. The lobby arrangement was such that one Agent was located at all times in the Manager's office, which is located adjoining and behind the Hotel desk, while two other Agents remained in the lobby proper. The result of this surveillance will be incorporated later in this report.

At the time E. A. Kovats, Night Clerk at the Hotel Commonwealth, was interviewed, he informed that he had known John Borgia for about four years. He said Borgia used to run a speakeasy and a gambling joint in the Hotel Lincoln; that he was ejected from this place by Manager Hennessey for maintaining a nuisance. He advised further that Borgia's mother resides at 958 North Hamlin Avenue, which address was used by Borgia at the time he checked into the Hotel Commonwealth.

It was further stated by Mr. Kovats that Borgia has two blond women companions who visit him frequently in his room. Neither of these women keep any clothes at the Hotel but often spend the night there. Mr. Kovats described the woman Pattie Carroll as the tall, blond one who wears the mink coat. He said the second blond woman is also tall; that her name is Goudie; that she formerly resided at 1117 North Dearborn Street, where Kovats worked at one time; that she was ejected from the apartment hotel at that address for engaging in prostitution; that she moved from there to the Park Lane Hotel and is believed to be presently living at the Hotel Belair, which is located on Diversey Parkway, approximately one block from the Hotel Commonwealth. According to Kovats, Borgia associated with the Goudie woman at the time she lived at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The following listings of telephone numbers called by John Borgia from his room in the Hotel Commonwealth were obtained through the cooperation of Mr. J. R. Harmon, Claim Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois:

LONGbeach 8144 - Hotel Parmenter
5012 N. Winthrop Avenue, Chicago

LONGbeach 0800 - Sherone Apartment Hotel
4425 North Sheridan Road, Chicago

LONGbeach 0513 (Unpublished) -
Albert H. Luers, Apartment 1, 810
Eastwood Avenue, Chicago

DIVERsey 1111 (Unpublished) -
Barbara Longquest, 439 Arlington Place,
Chicago (Note: It was ascertained that
this telephone was only recently transferred
to the above address from Apartment 3-E at
2242 North Lincoln Park West and was former-
ly located at the following addresses, the
original date of installation having been
in 1928:

2728 Hampden Court 747 N. Michigan Ave.
450 Wrightwood Ave. 2758 Hampden Court.)

At the time this woman lived at 2242 North Lincoln Park West and 2758
Hampden Court, she also maintained telephone DIVERsey 9269, which
service was cancelled when she moved to 439 Arlington Place, on or about
December 18th, 1934. At the time she lived at 747 North Michigan Avenue,
which was approximately one year ago, she maintained telephone DELaware
8794. The Telephone Company's records also reflect that this woman
guarantees payment of all charges on telephone BITtersweet 3223, which
number is listed to her mother Mrs. Tillie C. Longquest, 641 Oakdale
Avenue, Chicago.

DIVERsey 8842 (Unpublished -
William Restis, First Floor,
1156 N. Clark St., Chicago

DIVERsey 9269 - (Now disconnected)
Barbara Longquest, 2242 N.
Lincoln Park West, Chicago

MONroe 1600 -
Paragon, Inc., 1104 West
Madison Street, Chicago

BITtersweet 2389 -
Grace Lovelace, 420 Surf St.,
Apartment 511, Chicago

BITtersweet 2333 -
Mrs. Tillie Longquest, 641
W. Oakdale Avenue, Chicago

BITtersweet 4000 -
Belair Hotel, 420 W. Diversey
Parkway, Chicago

LAKevview 3754 (Unpublished)
John McCormick, Apt. 601,
712 Diversey Boulevard,
Chicago

SPAulding 4438 (Unpublished)
Mrs. Josephine Borcy, Apt. 1,
958 N. Hamlin Avenue, Chicago

SPaulding 4457 -
Louis Henigman, Apt. 2,
4516 W. Division St., Chicago

KILDare 0015 -
Paul Bienier Lumber Co.,
4540 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

SEEley 7631 (Unpublished) -
Romolo Tisani, 2316 West
Washington Street, Chicago

MIDway 9166 -
Frank N. Phiser, M.D.
6158 Evans Avenue, Chicago

BUCKingham 7051 -
Vogue Beauty Shop
755 W. Waveland Ave., Chicago

BRIargate 8000 -
Sovereign Hotel, 6200 N.
Kenmore Avenue, Chicago

BOUlevard 1187 (Unpublished) -
Thomas Mackowiak, Apt. 2, Rear,
5113 South Wall Street, Chicago

FRanklin 9600 -
Morrison Hotel, Chicago

WEllington 0017 -
Lake Shore Motor Sales
2840 N. Broadway, Chicago

PLaza 2300 -
Picadilly Hotel, 5107 Blackstone
Avenue, Chicago

SHEldrake 7160 -
Coronado Garage, 6247
Parkway, Chicago

SEEley 5151 -
Bruno Salvatore, 2141 W.
Ohio Street, Chicago

HAYmarket 7150 -
Joseph Tokorny, Room 517,
809 W. Madison St., Chicago

BUCKingham 10194 -
White House Tavern
2720 N. Clark St., Chicago

NEVada 8167 -
Frank Vincenzo, Apt. 1,
331 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago

LINcoln 4151 (Unpublished) and
LINcoln 4149 (Unpublished)
Peter Farina, 1156 North
Clark Street, Chicago
4th and 1st floors respec-
tively

MOHawk 5102 -
Lincoln Park Arms Hotel
2758 N. Pine Grove Avenue,
Chicago

WHitehall 5700 -
14 W. Elm St. Apartment,
Chicago

ATLantic 3760 (Unpublished)
Clara Smith, Apt. 2,
4823 Cottage Grove Avenue,
Chicago

On December 20th, 1934, the telephone tap maintained on the 'phone of John Borcia, Room 727, Hotel Commonwealth, resulted in overhearing the conversation between a woman in that Room and one "Cert", in Room 317 at Hotel Belair. Manager B. W. Lewis of the Hotel Belair was interviewed by Special Agent McKee and it was learned that no woman bearing the given name Gertrude resides in Room 317. The occupants of this room are Cecelia Porter and Vera Edmondson, both of whom have resided in the Hotel less than two weeks.

Mr. Lewis was asked for information concerning a Goudie woman, who might be living in the Hotel. He stated that one Olive Goudie has resided in Room 308 since September 10th, 1934. This woman is a tall, slender blond, about twenty-five years of age, who habitually wears a black cloth coat. She formerly worked at the Milano Restaurant, but has not been working recently. She drives a black colored Oldsmobile Sedan from time to time and Mr. Lewis stated he saw her driving this car on December 19th, 1934.

According to Mr. Lewis, reports from the maid who attends to the rooms on the floor on which Mrs. Goudie's room is located, she has not slept in her bed for the past four or five days, although she has been seen around the Hotel during the daytime. Mr. Lewis stated further that the Goudie woman is friendly with the two girls who live in Room 317.

Examination was made of local telephone calls emanating from Room 308, Hotel Belair, which is occupied by Olive Goudie, and the following numbers were found:

HAYmarket 9058 DIVERsey 9269
BITtersweet 2628 (3) DIVERsey 1711
DIVERsey 9810

During the time Agent McKee was at the Hotel Belair, Mrs. Maude Nelson, who resides at the Hotel Commonwealth, came into the Hotel. This woman had been pointed out to Agent McKee by Assistant Manager Laton at the Hotel Commonwealth. Agent McKee inquired who this woman was visiting and Manager Lewis informed that she usually visited the Goudie woman. He stated further that she has tried to secure a room at the Hotel Belair, but has been turned down for the reason that she keeps three dogs with her. It was further stated that this woman sold a dog to Olive Goudie; that she has made several efforts to collect payment for the dog but without success, and that her instant visit was possibly for the same purpose.

During an interview with Gladys Blankenberg, Night Telephone Operator, at the Commonwealth Hotel, Agent McKee was informed that at times when John Borcia leaves the Hotel he leaves a message that he can be reached

at either DIVersey 1111 or a SPAulding number which the operator could not recall. Reference to the listings of the telephone numbers secured and listed above would indicate, however, that the SPAulding number is either the telephone of Louis Henigman, 4516 West Diversey Street, Apartment 2, or Mrs. Josephine Borcy, 958 North Hamlin Avenue, Apartment 1. It was stated that when Borgia leaves these numbers he gives instructions that they shall only be given to "Pat" or "Doc". It was also stated that from time to time a tall, slender individual, who, he has said, is his brother-in-law, comes to the Hotel to visit him. This man has been to the Hotel in company with the tall, skinny person who has been identified as Subject Russell Gibson.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of the person at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel with whom John Borgia has communicated, interview was had by Special Agent McKee with Manager Fred Clare of the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel. Manager Clare has been contacted in the past on other matters and has been found to be entirely reliable. He was questioned as to a possible acquaintanceship with John Borgia, as was Clerk Harold Clark. Neither one of them knew Borgia. Accordingly an examination was made of outgoing local telephone calls from this Hotel to the Hotel Commonwealth, for the period of December 1st through December 20th, 1934, and it was ascertained that such calls had only been made from three different rooms; namely, rooms occupied by Mrs. Jack Quinn, Mr. Oppenheim and a Mr. Deutsch.

Manager Clare stated that Mr. Deutsch sells Houbigant's perfumes and is to be considered reliable. Mr. Oppenheim has no regular employment and is connected with "bookie" joints. With regard to Mrs. Quinn, he stated that these calls were probably to a Miss Rountree. It is deemed appropriate to state here that prior inquiries have been made at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel by Agent McKee with regard to the husband of Mrs. Quinn, in connection with information received from [redacted] to the effect that Subject Gibson had been seen going into the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel. Investigation by Agent McKee resulted in the information that the party supposed to have been Subject Gibson was Frank Brown, Jr., who, from time to time, visited the Quinn apartment. Data supplied by [redacted] was also to the effect that Jack Quinn is a narcotics peddler, as well as addict.

In connection with the telephone calls to the Hotel Commonwealth which emanated from the apartment of the Quinns at the Hotel Lincoln Park Arms, it should also be stated that telephone PLaza 3200, listed to the Picadilly Hotel, was called from this apartment. This number is included among the calls made from the room of John Borgia at the Hotel Commonwealth.

In connection with the telephone listed to Clara Smith, Apartment 2, 4823 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ATLantic 3760, which number was called from the room of John Borcia at the Hotel Commonwealth, inquiry through the Telephone Company resulted in the information that this 'phone, which is an unpublished line, was installed under date of November 24th, 1934. In view of the fact that the given name of this woman is identical with the given name of Subject Gibson's wife, also as this 'phone was installed on or about the same date that Subject Gibson purchased his Ford Victoria Coupe from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, investigation was made in the vicinity of 4823 Cottage Grove Avenue. It was ascertained that the apartment, which is located over a store in a two-floor building, is handled by one J. Johann, janitor of the apartment building located at 4852 Cottage Grove Avenue.

Mr. Johann was interviewed by Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee on December 20th, 1934 and he informed that the apartment in question is vacant at the present time, the occupants having moved out on or about December 12th, 1934. When questioned concerning the identity of the occupants he stated that a few days before Thanksgiving, 1934, the apartment was rented by a woman who furnished her name as Ethel Wilson. The occupants did not use the apartment for living quarters but during the evening hours Ethel Wilson and two other women, named Kitty and Virginia respectively, operated a "sporting house" at this address. Johann described the three women as being in the neighborhood of thirty years of age and said they kept a negro maid at the apartment. They had a telephone installed and the place was operated as what Johann described as a "call flat".

The woman who furnished her name as Wilson paid \$15.00 rent in advance, same covering a two-week period and at the end of that period she said she and her companions were going back to Michigan as business was poor. It was stated that these women had their own furniture but Johann was unable to supply information as to the moving company which took their furniture away.

Johann permitted Agents to inspect the apartment in question but it was found that the premises were entirely bare, with the exception of several Chicago newspapers, the latest of which was dated November 4th, 1934. There were two telephones located in the apartment, one of which bore the number ATLantic 3760, while the second was unnumbered. As both telephones were dead, the number of the second 'phone could not be secured. A bill from the Peoples' Gas, Light & Coke Company, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 20th, 1934 and covering a meter reading as of December 12th, 1934, was found under the door of this apartment, this bill being made out in the name of George Rosenthal, Second Floor, 4823 Cottage Grove Avenue.

Johann was asked for descriptions of the three women who had been at this apartment, but he was unable to supply any data other than that they appeared to be around thirty years of age, were blondes, and dressed very nicely.

With respect to Albert H. Luers, Apartment 1, 810 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, whose telephone LONGbeach 0513 was called frequently from the room of John Bercia at the Hotel Commonwealth, Special Agents T. M. McDade and S. K. McKee made inquiry of Mrs. Gus Olson, 4636 Clarendon Avenue, telephone KDCewater 2960, who, along with her husband, has charge of the apartment building at 810 Eastwood Avenue. The Olsons have been in charge of this apartment building for the past eleven years. Mrs. Olson informed that Albert H. Luers has occupied Apartment 1 for the past two years, along with his wife and an eighteen-year old son. Luers is around forty-five years of age and he is connected with some union organization. Mrs. Olson thought the union in question was the Truck Drivers' Union but she was not positive of this. The son is attending college some place in the State of Iowa.

Mrs. Olson was unable to furnish any other information concerning the Luers family, aside from the fact that they do not have many visitors and that Mr. Luers has been seen from time to time driving a Ford automobile. She referred Agents to Mrs. Hilma Seagren, owner of the apartment building in question, for further information. Mrs. Seagren's address was furnished as 5312 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. H. Seagren, 5312 Winthrop Avenue, upon being interviewed stated that Albert H. Luers has occupied Apartment 1 at 810 Eastwood Avenue for about four years. The original rental application was taken by Mrs. Seagren's father, who is now dead, and Mrs. Seagren did not know where it was located. She advised that Luers pays a monthly rental of \$70.00, always makes prompt payment and pays same in cash. She knew nothing concerning his business affiliations, aside from the fact that he is connected with some union. Mrs. Seagren also informed that Luers drives an automobile.

Telephonic communication was had with Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of the St. Louis Office and a request was made that information be secured through the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, concerning any automobile listed to Albert H. Luers, 810 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Vetterli called back later and informed that a search of the alphabetical automobile registration records failed to reflect an automobile under the name of Albert H. Luers or any similar spelling. In view of this it is thought that the automobile which Luers is driving is possibly listed to the union by which he is employed.

A surveillance was maintained at the Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from and including December 20 through December 22, 1934, by Special Agents K. R. McIntire, L. V. Boardman, J. C. White, and J. L. Madala. At this time a tap was maintained on Room 727 of the Commonwealth Hotel, which room was occupied by John Borgia and a woman known as Elisia. It was understood that John Borgia had contacts with the members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and that Slim Gray had also visited Borgia at the Commonwealth Hotel on several occasions. In addition to the maintenance of the plant, Agents were stationed in the lobby of the Commonwealth Hotel in the hope of apprehending Slim Gray in the event that he made his appearance. On Saturday morning, December 22, 1934, at approximately 1:15 A.M., Special Agents McIntire and Boardman were posted in the inner lobby of the Commonwealth Hotel, Agent McIntire assuming a position where all persons visiting the desk could be observed. At this time Agent McIntire observed Elisia make several trips to a place where the pay station telephone is located. It was believed that she was making calls from the pay station since she had not previously been observed doing this or frequenting the lobby at such an hour of the night. Agent McIntire deemed it advisable to take a position in the main lobby for observation. At this time Agent McIntire observed Elisia and another woman standing in front of the main desk of the hotel. They were talking to the night clerk, who works from approximately 12:00 o'clock midnight until 8:00 o'clock the following morning. The name of this clerk has not yet been ascertained, nor has he been interviewed since all inquiries were decided to be undesirable at the time these observations were being made. His name and complete physical description and other data will be furnished at a later date.

The two women had been talking to the night clerk for perhaps one to five minutes before Agent McIntire heard their conversation. The conversation on the part of the night clerk was as follows:

"Sure, the Federal Agents are here. They have your phone tapped. Everything that goes over the phone in Room 727 is tapped and the "G" men know all about it. They have inquired about all of the blondes and the friends of John Borgia, and they know all the blondes. They know what kind of a car you and John Borgia are driving. They know where it is parked, and they know when it comes into the garage and they know when it leaves the garage. They know who brings it to the garage and who takes it from the garage. They have been around here looking for a tall slim fellow. They think he is going to come in to see John Borgia.

It's no use for you to make any more calls from Room 727 because the Agents know everything you talk about."

At this point, Agent McIntire notified Agent Boardman of the contents of the above conversation, and Agent McIntire informed that he would call Mr. E. J. Connelley and inform him. Agent Boardman advised that he would remain and listen to any further conversation that was held between the night clerk and the two women. Agent McIntire immediately notified Mr. E. J. Connelley by telephone from a point other than the Commonwealth Hotel, at which time Mr. Connelley advised that the surveillance should be continued and that no action should be taken with regard to the night clerk who had divulged the information.

This surveillance was maintained until approximately 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the night of December 22, 1934 with no further developments.

After Agent McIntire had informed Mr. Connelley of the conversation on the part of the night clerk, he returned to the Hotel whereupon Agent Boardman informed Agent McIntire that he had heard a conversation after Agent McIntire's departure. This information will be incorporated in a memorandum by that Agent.

The night bellboy at the Commonwealth Hotel known as "Pat" heard the conversation between the night clerk and the two women prior to its being heard by Agent McIntire, and will be able to inform as to how the conversation started. Pat advised Agent McIntire that the night clerk was intoxicated at the time he gave this information to the women. It should be stated, however, that Agent McIntire and Agent Boardman both observed the night clerk, and failed to notice indications of intoxication.

The following information was submitted by Special Agent L. V. Boardman, who overheard additional conversation between the night clerk and the two women at the Commonwealth Hotel shortly after Agent McIntire left the lobby to advise Mr. Connelley of the conversation. One of the women to whom the night clerk was speaking went upstairs to room 727. Shortly thereafter she returned with Johnny Borgia. Borgia then had the night clerk repeat practically the same conversation that Special Agent McIntire had overheard the night clerk relate to the two women. The night clerk told Borgia that the "G" men had been there for several days and in fact had been there that morning and were still there watching every movement they made. The night clerk said they were trying to get somebody that he (Borgia) knew. Borgia asked the night clerk why he hadn't told him (Borgia) about this before, and the night clerk said he hadn't had a chance to. The night clerk then went on to say that the

"G" men were always coming over to the hotel desk and asking the operators where room 727 had called and what they had talked about; that the "G" men knew where he kept his car and where the Ford was kept; that the "G" men had also been watching every movement that his girls were making. John Borgia and one of the girls to whom the night clerk had been talking then went over and sat down in the lobby and remained there for a short time, after which John Borgia went out apparently to make some telephone calls. Special Agent Boardman was also advised by Pat, the night bellhop, that the night clerk was intoxicated. However, Special Agent Boardman, upon observation of the night clerk, failed to note that the night clerk was intoxicated.

The following investigation is being reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

John Borgia, contact of "Slim" Gray, who had been residing in Room 741 of the Commonwealth Hotel since September of 1934, moved from said hotel on the afternoon of December 22, 1934, after a tip-off by the night clerk to the effect that the Government had his telephone tapped. After Borgia's departure the telephone tap which had been in existence since December 19, 1934 was taken out.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Laton, Assistant Manager of the Commonwealth Hotel, Agent J. L. Madala was permitted to search Room 741. A thorough search was made of all the waste matter in the room, and the following messages were found, some having been apparently written by the switchboard operator at the hotel:

December 18, 1934, Miss Miller called, at 12:40 P.M.
Left no message.

December 20, 1934, An unknown party called at 8:30 P.M.
and left message to call Bittersweet
3223.

December 18, 1934, Miss Roundtree called at 1:30 P.M.
left message to call room 727 of
the Commonwealth Hotel.

December 18, 1934, Miss Quinn called at 12:50 P.M.
left no message.

December 18, 1934, Ed called and left a message to call
Delaware 8295.

December 2, 1934, Mildred called at 9:35 P.M. Left
no message.

Concerning the above, it will be remembered that Bittersweet 3223 is the telephone number of Tillie Lonquest, 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, third floor apartment.

Miss Roundtree is apparently Frances Roundtree, who has been residing in room 540 of the Commonwealth Hotel since September, 1934. She is alleged to be a girl friend of John Borgia, and it was learned that Borgia made two telephone calls from her room on December 21, 1934. Miss Roundtree moved from the Commonwealth Hotel on the same day that John Borgia did, and upon leaving the hotel with her baggage, this Agent observed

her step into a 1934 Buick tudor sedan, bearing 1934 Illinois license tags No. 1-267-049. It was ascertained that these tags were issued to Bess Seten, 3223 Franklin Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on a Buick car. However, information was received from a bellhop at the Commonwealth Hotel which indicates that this woman is in fact Miss Quinn and that she resides at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel.

With reference to the last message above set out concerning Mildred, investigation discloses that this woman undoubtedly is Mildred Kuhlman, consort of Arthur (Doc) Barker.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Laton, the assistant manager of the commonwealth Hotel, Agent was permitted to search the room previously occupied by Frances Roundtree, on December 22, 1934, and the following articles and messages were found therein.

- 1 - Christmas card signed "Charles Irby"
- 1 - Business card of the Roosevelt-Kedzie Club, 3218 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, with the telephone number Ravenswood 5360 written on the back of same.
- 1 - Match cover of the Club Garnea, 4720 Irving Park Boulevard, 2d floor.
- 1 - Money order receipt #342766, for \$10.00 stamped "Chicago, Diversey Station, December 18, 1934".
- 1 - Telephone message to Miss Roundtree from Mr. Irby to the effect that Mr. Irby called on October 8, 1934, stating that he was leaving for California.
- 1 - 6 page longhand letter signed "Josephine", bearing the return address, "30 Huxley Ave., Hamilton, Ont."

The above mentioned items will be retained in the file at the Chicago Division office for future reference.

It will be noted that it was learned from an examination of the telephone calls from the room of John Borcia at the Commonwealth Hotel, and from the room at the Morrison Hotel occupied by Mildred Kuhlman and Patty Lonquest, that the telephone number Diversey 1111 was often called. This number is listed to Barbara Lonquest, 2242 North Lincoln Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent A. P. Barber, on December 15, 1934, interviewed Louis C. Sudler, of Sudler & Company, 75 East Wacker Drive, rental agents for the apartment at 2242 North Lincoln Parkway, occupied by Barbara Lonquest, who advised that Miss Lonquest rented this apartment early in October of this year, paying the sum of \$300.00 for a period of two months. He stated that shortly after Miss Lonquest moved into this apartment he received several complaints from other tenants of the building, who complained that they were being disturbed by parties living in this apartment. Mr. Sudler advised that he complained to Miss Lonquest, who advised that she was having more night entertainment than she had expected, and that she would move in the near future.

Mr. S. Jensen, janitor of the apartment located at 2242 North Lincoln Parkway, was interviewed, and stated that he had observed a great number of young women entering and leaving the Lonquest apartment during the past two months. He was unable to identify any of the photographs of subjects or suspects in this case as being persons whom he had seen enter or leave the Lonquest apartment. Mr. Jensen was requested by Agent to make inquiry of Miss Lonquest concerning the date of her departure from the apartment, which he did. Miss Lonquest stated that she expected to leave sometime during the week starting December 17, 1934. Mr. Jensen agreed to immediately communicate with the Chicago Division Office should a moving van appear to remove the furniture from this apartment, or if he received any other information indicating the parties were going to move.

On December 18, 1934 Mr. Jensen called Special Agent R. D. Brown and advised that moving vans had arrived at his apartment house to remove the furniture of Miss Lonquest. Special Agents R. C. Suran and R. D. Brown then proceeded to 2242 North Lincoln Parkway, and there observed two large moving vans which were being filled with furniture coming from the Lonquest apartment. When the

vans departed they were followed by these two agents, and it was learned that they proceeded to a three-story stone house at 439 Arlington Place and commenced unloading the furniture into this house. From appearances enough furniture was removed from the Lonquest apartment to furnish at least five rooms.

Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala then returned to 2242 North Lincoln Parkway and examined the apartment just vacated by Barbara Lonquest. It was found that the same consisted of two large bedrooms, two baths, two living rooms, a dining room and kitchen. It was found that four telephones were located in this apartment, one having the listing of Diversey 1111. The other phones contained no numbers. Apparently, two of the telephones were used to switch calls from one room to another. On the cover of a Chicago telephone directory were found written in pencil the following telephone numbers, with the following listings:

Diversey 5610, Room 121. - Diversey 5610 is listed to the Fullerton Plaza Hotel, 420 Fullerton Parkway.

Buckingham 8151 - listed to John Hayes Kelly, 5300 Lake Shore Drive, Apartment 5B.

Kedzie 5824 - listed to John Gadeke, 213 South Homan Avenue, Apartment 1.

Nothing else of value was found in the apartment. From all appearances this apartment had been used as a "call flat". Mr. Jensen, the janitor, advised that men occasionally called at this address, where they would stop at the apartment for a very few moments and leave, indicating possibly that narcotics were also being handled.

On December 23, 1934 Special Agents J. J. Matcalfe and D. P. Sullivan obtained a room at 442 Arlington Place, where it was possible to view all persons entering and leaving the address 439 Arlington Place, the new address of Barbara Lonquest.

It will be noted from the section of this report dealing with the investigation at the Morrison Hotel that Mildred Kuhlman and Patty Lonquest frequently called Bittersweet 3223. It was learned that this telephone is listed in the name of Mrs. Tillie C. Lonquest, 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago.

On December 15, 1934 Special Agents R. S. Gillespie and M. Chaffetz interviewed the superintendent of the Lakeview Post Office Substation, 3245 Sheffield Avenue, who referred Agents to the carrier who carries mail to this address, Fred Witt. Mr. Witt stated that the building at 641 Oakdale Avenue consists of four apartments, each of which occupies an entire floor; that the persons residing in Apartment 3, Third Floor, go under the name of Lonquest; that this family has been living in this apartment for approximately six months. He was unable to furnish any further information concerning the Lonquest family, but stated that they received very little mail.

Agents then interviewed a party named Peter Leys, who resides in the basement of the apartment at 641 Oakdale Avenue, who is the janitor in charge of the premises. He informed that the party living in the third floor apartment by the name of Lonquest consists of a mother and two daughters, who have been living in the apartment for approximately two years. He stated that one of the daughters is a young lady who has recently graduated from high school and the other daughter, to his knowledge, is employed in a department store in downtown Chicago. He stated that he sees very little of these people, but on one occasion in conversing with the older lady, she told him that she had a third daughter who was recently married and lives in the neighborhood. He advised that he has seen this third daughter and that she drives a large car and visits at 641 Oakdale Avenue occasionally. He stated that these people do not entertain extensively and do not have wild parties.

Mr. Leys advised that the apartment consists of a living room, a dining room, two bedrooms and a kitchen. He was able to furnish very little information concerning the background of the family but recalled that on one occasion Mrs. Lonquest advised him that she had once lived on a farm somewhere in the West. He described Mrs. Lonquest as being about 5'7" in height, age about 55 or 60, weight 150 pounds, gray hair, light complexion, and of refined appearance. He described the oldest daughter as being about 20 years of age, weight 115 pounds, hair bleached blonde, complexion fair, and of thin build. He described the younger daughter as being 5'6" in height, age about 17 years, weight 130 pounds, hair blonde, build medium and with a fair complexion.

It will be noted that Mildred advised her friends in Toledo, Ohio that she could be located in Chicago any time through the telephone number Bittersweet 3223, address 641 West Oakdale Avenue. Due to this information and due to the fact that Patty Lonquest and Mildred Kuhlman frequently telephoned Bittersweet 3223 while at the Morrison Hotel, it was deemed advisable to place a tap on this phone. Special Agent J. L. Madala found it impossible to obtain a point on West Oakdale Avenue, near the address 641, for the purpose of housing a telephone tap. However, he was successful in obtaining Apartment 307 at 644 York Place, which is located only a short distance from 641 West Oakdale Avenue. A telephone was installed in this apartment, and Agent Madala was able to run the tap into this telephone. Authority was requested of the Division to tap this telephone on December 16, 1934 and the same was granted on the same date. Special Agents Madala and C. B. Winstead remained on this tap on December 16, 1934, and thereafter Special Agent M. Chaffetz remained on this tap, keeping a log of all results of telephone conversations to and from Bittersweet 3223. On January 3, 1935 Special Agent G. C. Woltz was detailed to assist Agent Chaffetz in maintaining this telephone tap.

On December 19, 1934 a room was obtained at 634 West Oakdale Avenue by Special Agents R. C. Suran and T. G. Melvin, where the apartment of Mrs. Tillie Lonquest, 641 West Oakdale, could be viewed.

On December 22, 1934 at about 12:00 noon, Special Agent Suran, while maintaining this surveillance, observed Mildred Kuhlman approach the entrance of the apartment house at 641 Oakdale. She was walking at the time she was observed, and her arms were filled with packages. Before entering this address she stepped to the edge of the sidewalk and glanced upward toward the third floor apartment, and then glanced up and down the street immediately before entering. Agent Suran observed her go to one of the mailboxes located inside the doorway of this apartment house, where she apparently rang the bell to the Lonquest apartment.

After Mildred had glanced up the street Agent changed his point of observation and saw a 1934 model black Ford Sedan slowly coming down the street towards 641 West Oakdale Avenue. The car was

not exceeding a speed of five miles per hour. It drove up in front of 641 West Oakdale and stopped. The motor was left running. Agent Suran observed that two men occupied the front seat of this car. However, the license number and the individuals occupying the car could not be closely observed from the point where Agent was making his observation. Agent Suran then left the room he was occupying and crossed the street to the rear of this automobile, passing within approximately twenty-five feet of it. The driver of the car was partially observed. It was noted that he was a slender-faced individual, wearing rimless glasses, a dark hat and dark overcoat. Agent Suran is of the opinion that he had a small dark mustache. This man, in the opinion of Agent Suran, strongly resembled Alvin Karpis. The other individual seated beside the driver could not be closely observed, but he was either much shorter than the driver of the car or had slipped down in the seat in a slouchy position. He also was dressed in dark clothing. The license number of the car was observed to be 1934 Illinois license #1-266-231.

Agent Suran, after having observed this car, proceeded immediately to the corner drug store, located about one-half block from 641 Oakdale Avenue, where he communicated with Special Agent S. K. McKee, who was at that time present at the office located at 59 South LaSalle Street.

Immediately after communicating with Agent McKee by telephone, advising him of his observations, Special Agent Suran returned to the vicinity of 641 Oakdale Avenue and observed that this car had departed. Mildred Kuhlman was not seen to leave the apartment building subsequent to this time, and it was concluded that she probably left with the two individuals who appeared in this Ford Sedan. This car did not reappear at 641 West Oakdale Avenue.

Special Agent S. K. McKee telephonically learned from the St. Louis Division Office that 1934 Illinois license plates #1-266-231 were issued to J. B. Bolton, Harrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on September 29, 1934 for a Ford, body style not known; that this car was purchased from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, title being given on September 29, 1934. It will be noted that the Ford V-8, five-passenger coupe purchased by Russell Gibson, bearing 1934 Illinois

license plates #1-289-927, was also purchased from the Vrba Motor Company. Due to the information obtained by Special Agent S. K. McKee to the effect that it appeared probable that the officials of the Vrba Motor Company are not trustworthy, no inquiry was made to determine who purchased this car.

On December 30, 1934 the surveillance of 641 Oakdale Avenue was discontinued due to the fact that information had been obtained through the telephone tap on the telephone of Mrs. Tillie Lonquest that Mrs. Lonquest and Barbara Lonquest had left Chicago to spend approximately ten days with relatives at Leona, Kansas. Regarding investigation at Leona, Kansas, reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office dated December 27, 1934.

It was learned from the telephone tap on telephone number Bittersweet 3223 that there are two telephones located at Barbara Lonquest's new residence at 439 Arlington Place, these telephone numbers being Diversey 1111 and Diversey 9269.

On December 24, 1934 Special Agent J. L. Madala interviewed Dr. William R. Gubbins at the University Club, Chicago, Illinois, relative to the use of his home, located at 425 Arlington Place, for surveillance purposes. Agent discussed with Dr. Gubbins the importance for such a surveillance and he readily offered the Chicago Division Office the liberty of his home for an indefinite period of time. His home is located five doors east of the address 439 Arlington Place on the same side of the street. Previous efforts had been made to obtain a room in a rooming house located at 431 Arlington Place, but after interviewing the landlady it was deemed inadvisable to place any confidence in her, she appearing untrustworthy.

Upon Division authority Special Agent Madala installed a telephone tap on December 25, 1934 on telephone number Diversey 1111, which is the unlisted telephone number issued to Barbara Lonquest, 439 Arlington Place. On December 26, 1934 a tap was placed on telephone number Diversey 9269, which is also listed under the name of Barbara Lonquest. Division authorization was obtained to tap Diversey 9269 on December 26, 1934 and the tap was run into the same room which is being used for the telephone tap on Diversey 1111 at 425 Arlington Place, both telephone taps being covered at the same time. These telephone taps are being maintained by Special Agents F. G. Tillman and T. M. McDade.

On the evening of December 21, 1934 Patty Lonquest made a telephone call to a girl whose identity is not known from telephone number Bittersweet 3223 and during the conversation this unknown girl asked where "Mildred" was staying. Patty replied, "At the Surf".

On December 22, 1934 Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala conducted an investigation at the Surf Apartments, 420 Surf Street, The Surf Shore Apartments, 426 Surf Street, the Sheridan Surf Apartments, 425 Surf Street, and the Surf Hotel, located on the corner of Surf Street and Pine Grove Avenue. However, investigation failed to locate Mildred Kuhlman under that name or her known aliases. All the persons interviewed stated that they have no tenants who had recently obtained accommodations wearing a fur coat similar to that being worn by Mildred Kuhlman.

It will be noted from a check of the telephone calls made from the room of John Borcia at the Commonwealth Hotel that he called a Grace Lovelace, Surf Apartments, 420 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On December 22, 1934 Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed G. L. Drierer of the Cochran and McCluar Company, realtors, 40 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, who have the management of this apartment house. Mr. Drierer advised that Mr. Neil Constant is manager of this building, and that he could be relied upon.

Manager Neil Constant was interviewed by Special Agents Brown and Madala while making inquiries towards the location of Mildred Kuhlman at the Surf Apartments, and Mr. Constant advised that a Grace and Maude Lovelace have been living in his building since September 17, 1932; that they have always conducted themselves properly and are waitresses at Ricketts Restaurant. Photographs of the suspects and subjects in this case were discreetly shown to the managers of the Surf Apartments, Surf Shore Apartments, Sheridan Surf Apartments and the Surf Shore Hotel. None could identify any of them.

From the Illinois Bell Telephone Company a list of the long distance telephone calls made from Bittersweet 3223 and Diversey 9269 for the past two months was obtained. Calls from Diversey 9269 were as follows:

November 21, 1934 - Call to Cincinnati, Ohio; Main 6600,
John Barnes, Gibson Hotel.

November 24, 1934 - Telegram to Abingdon, Illinois,
signed "Sis".

December 15, 1934 - Call to St. Louis, Missouri, telephone
number Cabenny 4465R to party named
"Floun" at 6236 Enright Avenue. (The
St. Louis Division Office was requested
to check the person to whom this tele-
phone is listed at St. Louis, and the
details concerning same are reported in
the report of Special Agent J. A. Smith,
Jr., St. Louis, Mo., dated 12/26/34).

September 25, 1934 - Call to Deerfield 70R.

October 11, 1934 - Telegram to Pittsburgh signed "Sis".

Long distance calls from Bittersweet 3223 were as follows:

October 15, 1934 and October 22, 1934 - to Western Springs
856. This telephone is listed to Dr.
L. W. Rowell, 4506 Wolf Road. Dr.
Rowell is listed in the Chicago classi-
fied directory as being a physician with
offices at this address.

No long distance calls were made during the period covered
from Diversey 1111.

On December 26, 1934 a cover was placed on all mail received
by persons residing at Apartment 3, 541 West Oakdale Avenue, and per-
sons residing at 459 Arlington Place, with the Chicago City Post Office.
These two addresses are covered from the post office substation at
913 Montana Street. Results of these mail covers have been unpro-
ductive of any information of value to date.

As a result of the surveillance of 439 Arlington Place Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe and C. E. Winstead have noted that John Borcia frequents this address, often spending the night there. However, after leaving the Commonwealth Hotel John Borcia took up his residence at the home of his mother, 958 North Hamilton Avenue, Chicago. He has been seen entering and leaving the address 439 Arlington Place frequently in the company of Patricia Lonquest. Borcia drives a 1934 model maroon-colored Oldsmobile Sedan, bearing 1934 Illinois license #594680. This car is frequently used by Patty Lonquest. From December 24, 1934 to January 2, 1935 Agents Metcalfe and Winstead noticed Mildred Kuhlman entering and leaving 439 Arlington Place quite frequently.

As a result of the telephone taps on telephones Diversey 1111 and Diversey 9269 it has been learned that 439 Arlington Place is a "call house". At least five girls take calls from this house, and there appear to be two or three other girls who live outside the house who are also on call from this address. Barbara Lonquest appears to be the matron of this house and in her absence Patty Lonquest, her sister, appears to be in charge. The girls who operate out of this house appear to have an exceptionally high grade of clientele, and it has been noted on three different occasions, from the information obtained from the telephone taps, that Mildred Kuhlman has accepted calls. It appears that the reason for her accepting calls has been due to the fact, as disclosed from telephone conversations over these two taps, that "Doc" Barker has been out of the city, and also due to the fact that she may be anxious to make some money in order to attempt to defray losses which she has suffered as a result of her becoming intoxicated recently, at which time she lost a considerable sum.

Barbara Lonquest drives a 1934 model Pontiac Sedan bearing 1934 Illinois license plates #652629. Another automobile frequently used by John Borcia is a 1934 model Buick Sedan, black in color, owned by Bess Seten, Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, which car bears 1934 Illinois license tags #1-267-049.

On December 27, 1934 Special Agents F. G. Tillman and D. P. Sullivan followed Mildred Kuhlman from 439 Arlington Place to 432 Surf Street, at which premises are located the Surf Lane Apartments. On December 28, 1934 Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala proceeded to the Surf Lane Apartments, and on the mail

box of Apartment G-1 found the name "A. R. Esser". It will be noted that Mildred Kuhlman used the name of Esser when she registered at the Morrison Hotel. It should also be noted that the initials of "Doc" Barker are "A. R."

After making inquiries of the apartment manager at the Surf Shore Apartments and the manager of the Surf Hotel, both of whom were thought to be reliable, and who advised that Mr. Hunter of the Surf Lane Hotel was thought by them to be reliable, Mr. Thomas W. Hunter, the manager, was interviewed.

Mr. Hunter advised that a Mrs. A. R. Esser called at his office on December 15, 1934 and rented apartment #G-1 for one month, paying him with three \$20.00 bills for one month's rent. He described Mrs. Esser in such a way that Agents were satisfied that she is in fact Mildred Kuhlman. Mr. Hunter advised that he would cooperate with the Division in any way possible. He then rented Agents an apartment, Apartment #309, from which point persons entering and leaving the entrance to the group of apartments which occupants of Apartment G-1 must use, could be watched. Upon leaving 432 Surf Street, Agents Brown and Madala noticed Mildred Kuhlman enter the entrance to the building leading to Apartment G-1.

Mr. Hunter further advised that Mildred Kuhlman rented the apartment for herself and husband, and that a man had been staying with her from December 16, 1934 to about December 24, 1934, and since that time she had been staying alone.

On December 28, 1934 Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, A. P. Barber and R. G. Gillespie took up the surveillance from Apartment #309, 432 Surf Street. They noted that Mildred Kuhlman usually left the apartment alone during the early afternoon and would return usual between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M., also alone. On December 31, 1934 Special Agents C. G. Campbell, A. A. Muzzey and C. O. Hurt took up the surveillance at this address.

On January 4, 1935 Special Agents J. L. Madala and R. D. Brown noted a 1934 model Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, dark blue in color, with yellow wheels, bearing 1934 Illinois license #1-266-231, parked on Surf Street in front of the Surf Lane Apartments. It will be noted that this is the same car seen by Special Agent R. C. Suran at 641 West Oakdale Avenue, which car is registered in the name of Bo

At about 11:45 A.M. two men left the building entrance leading to Apartment G-1 and entered this automobile. Special Agent R. D. Brown left the Surf Lane Apartments and noted that these two men drove this Ford V-8 Sedan to a point about a block west of the Surf Lane Apartments on Surf Street to a small cleaning shop, where one of the men got out of the car with a package of laundry and two men's suits, which he took to this cleaning shop. Just before he entered the cleaning shop, a 1934 model Pontiac Sedan bearing 1935 Illinois license tags #118532, bearing five men, drove up beside the Ford V-8 sedan and had a short conversation with the man who had just left the car, who delivered the clothes to the cleaning shop. Agent Brown was walking on Surf Street very near this car and was unable to examine the persons occupying it or the make of car or license number very closely, due to the fact that the occupants of both automobiles were observing Agent, and it was thought that undue observation by Agent Brown would cause suspicion. Agent is therefore not positive as to the make of the car or certain as to the license number, but it is believed that the license number given is correct.

The Pontiac Sedan then drove east on Surf Street, and after the man occupying the Ford V-8 Sedan had delivered his clothes to the cleaner he returned to the car and also drove east on Surf Street.

Special Agents C. O. Hurt, A. A. Muzzey and W. C. Ryan followed this Ford V-8 Sedan with a Division automobile and observed that it stopped in front of an apartment building at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue.

With reference to the Pontiac Sedan occupied by five men, the occupants of which conversed with one of the occupants of the Ford V-8 Sedan before-mentioned, Agent Brown was able to best observe the driver of this car. He wore a dark overcoat with a dark gray hat, was wearing rimless glasses and had a small black mustache. It is Agent Brown's opinion that the driver of this car resembled Subject Alvin Karpis. None of the other occupants of the car resembled any of the subjects or suspects in this case other than one of the men seated in the rear seat. He resembled somewhat Harry Campbell, although Agent Brown is in no way certain of this, due to the fact that this man was seated at an angle and a full view could not be obtained.

The two persons who left the Surf Lane Apartments and entered the above-described Ford V-8 Sedan, are described as follows:

The Driver -

Height	About 5'8"
Age	About 35 years
Glasses	Was wearing rimless glasses
Clothing	Black derby hat, black overcoat and gray spats.
Weight	About 175 or 185 pounds
Complexion	Ruddy
Face	Unusually full
Had unusually broad shoulders.	

His Companion -

Age	About 38 or 40 years
Height	About 5'6½" or 7"
Weight	About 180 pounds
	Broad shoulders
Complexion	Ruddy
Face	Broad
Clothing	Wore black derby, dark overcoat, dark shoes and light spats.

Neither of these men appeared to resemble any of the subjects or suspects in this case with the possible exception that the man seated beside the driver bore some resemblance to William J. Harrison.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley telephonically communicated with the St. Louis Division Office and found that 1935 Illinois plates #118532 were issued to G. W. Clark, 243 Church Street, East Alton, Illinois.

Apartment manager Hunter at the Surf Lane Apartments was again interviewed and advised that the colored maid who takes care of Apartment G-1 advised him that "Mr. Esser" occupied Apartment G-1

with Mrs. Kaser on the night before; that he had returned to Chicago. She also reported that the Murphy bed located in this apartment had been used for the first time since the apartment had been rented. The apartment consists of a bedroom, living room with Murphy bed, dinette, kitchenette and bath.

Special Agents Campbell, Hurt and Muzzey, who have been observing Apartment G-1 since January 3, 1935 to the date of the writing of this report, advise that Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan bearing Illinois license plates #1-266-231 is parked on Surf Street immediately in front or at the side of the Surf Lane Apartments a great deal of the time; that the occupant of the apartment who wears glasses has been seen leaving the apartment on several occasions; that his companion has made his appearance but once. They report that in the late afternoon Mildred Kuhlman generally leaves the apartment by herself and walks east on Surf Street, returning alone in the early evening. She sometimes leaves about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M. and does not return until after midnight. The agents who are assigned to this surveillance have been instructed by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to attempt to follow Mildred Kuhlman from this apartment if she leaves on the evening of January 7, 1935. It is not considered advisable to attempt to follow her in daylight as Agents have observed that she generally looks up and down the street before leaving the apartment house, apparently trying to determine whether or not she is being followed. Mildred Kuhlman has not appeared at 439 Arlington Place since January 2, 1935. She is apparently making daily visits to some other address in the close vicinity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents S. K. McKee and John L. Madala.

On January 5, 1935, agents McKee and Madala contacted Mr. J. Migdal, Manager of the Pine Beach Apartments, 3912-3928 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the person or persons residing at that address who might be associated with J. B. Bolton, recipient of 1934 Illinois license tags No. 1-266-231 on a Ford V-8 coach, 1934 model, which car was observed by Special Agent R. C. Suran on December 22, 1934, at 841 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under suspicious circumstances. This car, bearing the above license plates, was again observed on January 4, 1935, by Special Agents R. D. Brown and W. C. Ryan in the vicinity of the Surf-Lane Apartments, 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which address Mildred Kuhlman, consort of Arthur "Doc" Barker, has been residing since December 15, 1934, under the name of Mrs. A. R. Esser. The above mentioned Ford was followed by Special Agents C. O. Hurt, A. A. Muzzey and W. C. Ryan to 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the same date.

At the above address agents requested Mr. Migdal to furnish them with a complete list of the tenants now living on the premises, together with information concerning the exact location of each tenant's apartment in the building. This list was prepared with the help of Paul Lenco, janitor, whose cooperation was likewise enlisted in this regard.

When this list was completed, it was observed that a J. B. Bolton resides in Apartment 1 North, 3920 Pine Grove Avenue. With reference to this individual, the janitor, Mr. Lenco, stated that Bolton moved into the building on November 20, 1934; that on his application for rental he gave his address as Fort Worth, Texas, and gave as reference the name, W. W. O'Brien, 75 East Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Lenco advised that when Bolton rented the apartment in question, he was alone but indicated that his wife was coming from Texas in a few days and that she would live there with him. On the following day he requested another bed in the apartment and stated in this connection that he was expecting his mother-in-law to move in with them in a few days.

At this time agents exhibited to Mr. Lenco all photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, and he positively identified the photograph of Willie Harrison, No. 1829, Hammond, Indiana, as being identical with J. B. Bolton. This photograph was also viewed by Mrs. Lenco, the janitor's wife, and she likewise identified same as being that of J. B. Bolton. In addition, it was noted that the description of Bolton as furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Lenco

is similar to that of Harrison. After the above identification was made, agents strongly impressed on Mr. Migdal, as well as the janitor and his wife the importance of keeping this matter in strict confidence, which they promised to do.

Further information provided by Mr. Lenco concerning Bolton revealed that he has numerous visitors, both male and female, who come to the apartment after dark; further, that he also had observed numerous people enter Bolton's apartment from the rear; that in this connection they would drive their automobiles in the alley, which is located in the rear of the building, and keep them parked there while visiting. He further stated that he distinctly recalls that during the first two weeks that Bolton moved into the apartment, he removed therefrom a large number of empty whiskey bottles, which caused him to believe that Bolton had many visitors drinking there during that period.

Continuing, Mr. Lenco advised that although Mr. Bolton's mother-in-law is supposed to be residing with him in the apartment, he has never seen her. However, there is a woman living with Bolton whom he stated is his wife. Mr. Lenco described the wife as follows:

Age 26; height 5'2"; weight 110 lb.; brown hair;
dark complexion; brown eyes; wears dark Mink coat.

Photographs were again exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Lenco in an effort to learn the identity of the woman living with Bolton, and both selected the photographs of Myrtle Eaton and Alvin Karpis as appearing familiar to them. However, they advised that Myrtle Eaton is not identical with the supposed Mrs. Bolton.

Mr. Lenco further stated that he does not know whether Bolton has any employment or occupation; that he knows very little of his history and activities, and that the few times he has seen him, which were always towards evening, he had very little to say to him.

The above information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley on the afternoon of January 5, 1935. Pursuant to his instructions, agents obtained an apartment located on the second floor, west, at 3916 Pine Grove Avenue, for observation purposes. This apartment is situated approximately fifty feet eatty corner from Bolton's apartment, and from this point a fair view can be had of the 3920 front entrance. This position also presents a good view of the living room windows of the apartment in question but nothing within can be observed during the day.

Special Agent R. C. Suran and the above agents maintained the surveillance on Bolton's apartment on January 5 and 6, 1935, and on the evening of January 5, agents observed a man in the apartment whose features and physical description somewhat resemble those of Willie Harrison. However, in view of the curtains in the apartment which makes it impossible to discern facial characteristics of a person, agents were unable to make any positive identification. There was also observed by agents at this time a woman who answers the description as furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Lenco, previously set out.

The original of the application for rental executed by J. B. Bolton on November 20, 1934, was turned over to agents by Mr. Lenco for comparison with the handwriting of Willie Harrison, which comparison reveals that the handwriting is identical.

With reference to W. W. O'Brien, who was given as a reference by Bolton, it will be stated that he is a prominent criminal lawyer in Chicago, having offices at 75 East Washington Boulevard. Previous information developed by the Chicago Division office in the investigation looking towards the location and apprehension of Willie Harrison discloses that W. W. O'Brien had on numerous occasions played golf with Subject Willie Harrison during the year 1933. This is mentioned to show the apparent connection between Willie Harrison and W. W. O'Brien, which fact further substantiates Mr. and Mrs. Lenco's identification of Willie Harrison as being identical with J. B. Bolton.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

All offices receiving copies of this report will examine same carefully and conduct any investigation suggested therein in their respective districts.

PENDING

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 23, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. 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, I.O. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1214
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
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Supplementing the information transmitted to Special Agent V. M. Peterson of your office by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Little Rock office on January 18, 1935, to which reference was made in your letter to the St. Paul office dated January 18, 1935, please be advised that the following investigation has been conducted by Agents of this office:

Pursuant to Special Agent in Charge Conroy's telephonic request made of this office at 3:20 P.M., January 18, 1935, a surveillance of the General Delivery Section of the Post Office at Kansas City, Missouri, was maintained by Division Agents from approximately 4:00 P.M., January 18, 1935, to 8:30 P.M., January 19, 1935, at which time J. Bates appeared at the General Delivery window and was immediately conducted to the Kansas City Division office where he was questioned at length by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Nathan.

He stated that his true name was Edward J. Ragan, 37 years of age and a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Piedmont Apartments, 9th and Smith Streets, where he presently lives with his wife. In explanation of his presence in Kansas City and of his calling for mail both at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in this city, he said that he was on his way back to St. Paul, Minnesota, having purchased a through ticket on the bus from Hot Springs to St. Paul. Some one owed him money in Kansas City which he desired to collect so he registered at the Snyderhof Hotel, room 212, under the name of

A. J. Barker on January 14, 1935. The use of a fictitious name was for the purpose of not being detected pending his arrival in St. Paul where, according to his own admissions, he was wanted for questioning concerning two bond coupons amounting to \$25.00 each in value which he had deposited for collection at the Capitol Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, around December 12 or 13, 1934. The serial numbers on these bonds were M14682 and M14683.

Bates claimed that he had been given the same by one George Dickenson at the Budweiser Tavern on Baltimore Avenue in Kansas City some time during last October in part payment for a debt the latter owed him. Dickenson, according to Bates, was a "pay off" man or "son" man, but he could furnish no further information about Dickenson.

Subsequent to the deposit above mentioned, the bonds were returned marked "stolen bonds" whereupon Bates threw them away. He added that he would not know where to look for them now. Shortly after the above incident occurred, Bates continued, he left St. Paul and went to Little Rock, Arkansas, later back to Kansas City for three or four days around Christmas time and subsequently to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he remained up until about January 13, 1935. While in Hot Springs he called for mail at the General Delivery for about two weeks prior to January 13, 1935, during which time he received a special delivery letter every day from 448 St. Peters Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. It was also during this time, according to Bates' own statement, that he learned that Special Agent Dugan of the St. Paul office had been out to his home there making inquiries about the coupons mentioned above. It will be noted here that in all probability this is the connection with the letter delivered to the home of J. E. Bates, who operates a hotel at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on January 13, 1935, which was subsequently opened by the latter and which contained a sentence approximately as follows: "If you were to come in it would not gain you anything." The above facts were not disclosed by Bates but were communicated to this office by Special Agent in Charge Conroy when he called by telephone at 5:20 P.M., January 13, 1935.

Telephonic communication was had with the St. Paul office and it was ascertained that Agent Dugan and other officials had been investigating Regan inasmuch as the bonds were discovered to be part of the loot obtained during the robbery of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, which occurred on September 17, 1931.

The Chicago office was also advised that J. Bates had been taken into custody and that there was on file at the Post Office, Kansas

City, Missouri, a postcard request signed "J. Bates" and postmarked Chicago, December 14, 1934, and addressed to the Postmaster at Kansas City, Missouri, asking that all mail delivered to General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri, be forwarded care of Bloom, 4764 North Virginia Avenue, Chicago. It will be noted here that Regan subsequently on January 21, 1935, when interviewed at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan of this office, denied having sent the above message, stating that he had not been at Chicago for over ten years.

His fingerprints were taken and have already been forwarded to the Division under date of January 19, 1935, it being first definitely determined by comparison of photographs and in particular physical descriptions that Bates was not identical with any of the Subjects in this case. His fingerprint classification as subsequently supplied to this office by the St. Paul office is

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Upon being questioned as to previous arrests, he stated that he had been a pick-pocket practically all of his life and that he had served only one prison sentence that being at the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin, where he was sentenced in 1917, having been convicted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a charge of larceny from a person. It will be noted here that upon being subsequently interviewed on January 21, 1935, at the Jackson County Jail that Bates stated that he served three years of the above sentence at which time he was pardoned by the then Governor Phillips of Wisconsin, which occurred in the year 1920. Bates revealed no further information concerning his past record, but the records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, which were examined on January 19, 1935, revealed that Regan, under the name of Ed Healy with numerous aliases, including his true name Edward Regan, bore the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department number 271 and had a record dating back as far as August 18, 1903. Subsequent arrests listed in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department record reveal no prison sentences and no offenses whatsoever subsequent to 1917. Bates later stated in the Jackson County Jail that the above offense for which he served three years in Waupun, Wisconsin, was the last time he had been in trouble, adding that he had not even been picked up for investigation since that time, but had been engaged in the saloon business at St. Paul, Minnesota, the past fifteen years.

Acting upon the information received from the St. Paul office in the telephone conversation mentioned above, Regan was taken to the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, on January 19, 1935, and there booked on a charge of investigation, where he is presently incarcerated, he being booked on a Government charge. On the same day investigation was made at room 212 Snyderhof Hotel where Regan, who had registered there under the name of A. J. Baxter, had registered on January 14, 1933. A thorough search of all articles in his room was made but nothing having any definite bearing in this case was found.

On January 21, 1935, this office telephonically communicated with the Omaha office where it was learned that the County Prosecutor, Lincoln, Nebraska, was desirous of interviewing Regan and asked that he be held in the Jackson County Jail until further inquiries could be made. On the same day it was learned that the authorities at Grand Island, Nebraska, are now interested in this man, but that no contact has as yet been made by the County Prosecutor from Lincoln, Nebraska. Consequently, at the present time he is still incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail at Kansas City, Missouri.

It will be further noted here that upon being interviewed at the Jackson County Jail on January 21, 1935, by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan of this office, Regan reiterated remarks he had made at the time he was first questioned in the Kansas City Division office on January 19, 1935, and added, upon being shown pictures of the Subjects in this case and upon being interrogated concerning possible contacts of the same, that he had no information to offer other than he had seen Harry Sawyer in St. Paul over two years ago.

Although it appears doubtful at this writing that Regan is involved in the investigation of this case, these facts are being communicated to you at this time for whatever value they may have.

The physical description of Edward Regan as obtained from personal observation at the Kansas City office on January 19, 1935, is as follows:

Age - 57 years
Height - 5 feet 11 1/2 inches
Weight - 157 pounds
Hair - black, streaked with gray
Eyes - brown
Build - slender, slightly stooped
Complexion - sallow
Marital status - married; wife, Josephine, Piedmont

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Apartments, 9th and Smith Streets, St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Fingerprint classification - $\frac{S}{1} \frac{U}{U} \frac{OO}{OO} \frac{9}{9}$

Very truly yours,

E. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division ✓
St. Paul
Omaha
Little Rock

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1935.

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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.....

Acting Special Agent in Charge E. M. Black, of the Detroit Office, telephoned to advise that the Michigan State Police, at 5:30 A.M. had recovered the Plymouth coach of Dr. Humsicker on the highway six miles south of Monroe, Michigan and fourteen miles north of Toledo, Ohio. The car had been abandoned and the motor was running. From this, it appears that Karpis and Campbell have circled the southern end of Lake Erie, passed Toledo and were on their way to Detroit. This car may have been left as a blind and they possibly have doubled back into Toledo, where they have numerous contacts. I pointed out to Mr. Black that indications were that Dr. Joseph P. Moran was presently located in Detroit and Mr. Black stated that this probably accounts for the third individual who was either seen in the abandoned car or in another car that was near the scene at the time of abandonment. Mr. Black also stated that the State Police and the Detroit Police have all roads leading to Detroit blocked and that Mr. Larson, at Toledo, is covering all contacts there. I instructed Mr. Black to call the Chicago Office and furnish them with this information.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT 2 & UNIT #3

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Foxworth

Miss Gandy
Mrs. Kelley
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Please let me have record - write -
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Supervisor - *OK*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Time - 5:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville and stated that Mr. Connelley, who is leaving shortly for Toledo from Philadelphia, asked him, Mr. Alt, to submit the following information to the Division:

Mr. Alt just talked to Mr. Brown in Havana, Cuba relative to the box which Karpis rented at the branch of the National City Bank of New York on September 22, 1934. Karpis rented this box for one year on September 22, 1934 and entered the same on September 24th, this being the only time the box has been entered since its rental. When Karpis entered this box on the 24th, he placed a lot of money therein. Mr. Brown has not received the keys which Mr. Connelley sent to Mr. Hanson at Miami yesterday, which keys are to this box, but when the keys are received, Brown has permission to enter this box and observe the contents thereof. There are two keys to this box, and Karpis had both of them in his possession, which keys are now en route to Hanson at Miami. The bank officials have agreed to plug this box, and as no one can enter the same except Karpis or one in whom he has invested the power of attorney, if and when anyone comes to enter this box, the party will be placed in custody at once.

Mr. Alt further stated that Harry Campbell in November of 1934 at Miami, Florida, purchased a new Ford Sedan from the Ford dealer there. When he purchased this car, he traded in a Ford Coupe which had been wrecked several days before at Bronson, Florida. In this wreck, Campbell killed two people from Jacksonville - a man and his wife who were employees of a bank there. Campbell was exonerated of this for it appears that the bank people were in the wrong. While Campbell was recuperating from minor injuries, he stopped and slept with the Sheriff at Bronson, Florida. The Ford Sedan has been recovered in Miami.

Respectfully,

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January 19, 1935.

Dr. George E. Brown,
620 Tenth Avenue Southwest,
Rochester, Minnesota.

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.

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
January 14, 1935, furnishing certain information in this
case. I wish to thank you for your cooperation and
interest.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases;
MYRON BOLTON with aliases;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases;
FRED BARKER with aliases;
KATE BARKER with aliases;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim

On January 17, 1934 Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 A. M., immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School. He was taken to a hide-out located in Bensenville, Illinois where he was held until February 7, 1934, when he was released near Rochester, Minnesota after the payment of \$200,000 in ransom money by Walter McGee, who was named by Bremer as the contact man.

Soon after the release of Bremer, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, through their investigative efforts, identified two members of the Barker-Karpis gang as participants in this kidnaping. Efforts had been made to locate and apprehend members of this gang and on the evening of January 8, 1935 Russell Gibson, one of the members of the gang, was located in an apartment at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which was occupied by his wife, Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt, wife of Willie Harrison, another member of the gang, and Myron Bolton. Gibson was shot and killed while in the act of firing upon Special Agents, who were endeavoring to take him into custody. The other occupants of the apartment submitted to arrest without resistance.

In another part of the city, on the same date, Arthur R. Barker was located with his paragon, Mildred Kuhlman, and was taken into custody without a struggle. Acting on information that Fred Barker, reputed leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, together with his mother, Kate Barker, was residing in the vicinity of Ocala, Florida, Special Agents of the Division located the house wherein they were residing and, in answer to their demands to surrender, the Agents were fired upon. This precipitated a gun battle which lasted over four hours and resulted in the deaths of Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer case

Mr. McMahon telephoned and stated that he had just finished talking with United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul with reference to the indictment in the above case; that he had intimated that it was the desire of the Attorney General that the indictment be made public so as to make it possible to prosecute persons who were found to be or have been harboring the individuals named in this indictment who are fugitives.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he would have to confer with the Judge about making the indictment public, and would telephone Mr. McMahon at 10:00 A.M. in the morning.

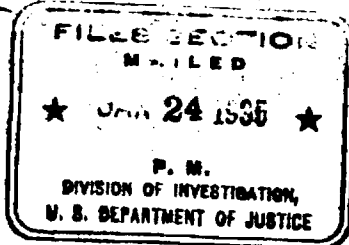
Mr. McMahon stated that he would advise me just as soon as Mr. Sullivan telephones in the morning.

Very truly yours,

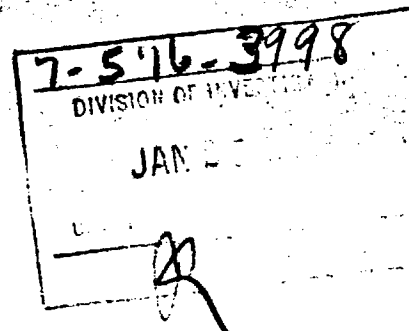
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Tolson.....
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Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Connelley telephoned and stated that they had forwarded the guns and money to Jacksonville; that the personal effects were bundled together and had been placed in the Buick car and would be sent to Jacksonville in order that anyone claiming them could do so there. The guns will be shipped to the Division from Jacksonville by express.

Mr. Connelley further advised that Agents Brown, McKee, Jones and Campbell were with the Agents from the Birmingham office at Miami, Florida, working on the angle down there; that he considered it advisable to leave Agents White, Woltz and Winstead at Jacksonville in case something breaks in that vicinity, as Mr. Alt is short of men. Mr. Connelley stated that he believed the Agents from the Charlotte office could go back to headquarters as soon as they had finished writing their reports; as well as the remainder of the Agents, namely Muzzey, McDade, Sullivan, McLaughlin, Madala, and Melvin, who can go back to Chicago.

Mr. Connelley stated that the angle down at Miami did not look any too promising; that there was evidence that they had been there but had now departed and might possibly gone into Cuba; that he would look into the situation down there and report further on it.

I instructed Mr. Connelley to have the agents return to Chicago and Charlotte as soon as possible and he stated that he believed they would probably be able to depart tomorrow evening.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I called Mr. Fay this evening regarding his desire to hold Mais and Legenza over for another day. Mr. Fay stated that Mais has made a complete confession on the kidnaping and murder of Weiss; that in the confession, he has implicated Wiley, Farrell, and Legenza; that Mais, Wiley, Farrell, and Legenza are actually in on the kidnaping; that they collected the ransom and split it between themselves; that Coffey and Eckert are indirectly involved as well as Mrs. Wilkinson in whose home Weiss was held; that Mrs. Wilkinson and Eckert are in custody in Philadelphia and Wiley is in Eastern Penitentiary.

With reference to the Weiss kidnaping, they collected the money and on the night of November 5, 1934, they took Weiss out with Mais driving the car. Farrell sat along side of him and Legenza and Wiley sat in the rear with Weiss. After they had driven about four or five blocks, Mais heard two shots. He did not know who fired them but in a later conversation learned that Legenza had fired them. They then finally wound some copper wire around the body and attached some heavy weights to it and drove out on the State road. The body was pushed over a high bridge into a creek.

Regarding his desire to hold them for another day, Mr. Fay stated that they are talking to Legenza. Legenza indicated that he wanted to talk and that he talked to Malone of the Philadelphia Police. Mr. Fay stated that Farrell has not broken as yet and that Superintendent of Police LaStrange is of the opinion that if we move Mais and Legenza tonight, all hopes of getting Farrell to crack will be lost; that we would more or less be obstructing justice if we moved them tonight as planned. I stated that what I was opposed to is this, that everything that has happened there in New York has been at once given to the newspapers; that I did not know who was giving the information to the newspapers but they are obstructing justice by giving to the newspapers what Mais and Legenza say. I stated that everything that they said yesterday appeared in this morning's papers, and that we had a call this evening from some of the Philadelphia papers. I stated that at the present time we do not know how many people are involved in this matter and that the interest of justice would be better served if everybody would keep their mouths shut. I stated that we have a very

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definite problem on our hands of getting Mais and Legenza back to Richmond; that it is our job and if anything goes wrong we would be held for it; that the longer we hold them, the more perilous that becomes. I advised Mr. Fay that I was willing to let them stay there if he could get an understanding with LaStrange, Malone, and Sullivan and also Truscott. I stated that I did not understand why Truscott had to be in on the matter at all and Mr. Fay stated that Truscott was going to leave as soon as he talked to them. I stated that it looked like Truscott was furnishing some of this information to the newspaper reporters and that we were not getting very far by having someone runout and whisper to a newspaper reporter every time one of these fellows make a statement. I advised Mr. Fay that we would defer the movement of Mais and Legenza tonight and decide the time of their removal tomorrow.

I instructed Mr. Fay to get in touch with Whitley and have him to go to Philadelphia and take charge there; that the two women are being brought to Philadelphia from Atlantic City; that they are to be held there pending the arrival of Mr. Connelley. I stated that I wanted Mr. Connelley to interrogate these two women and organize the search for the rest of the Barker-Karpis gang. I stated that I wanted Mr. Harvey to stick along with the Philadelphia Police; that there have been some stories out of Philadelphia and in the first one, LaStrange took all of the credit and giving what credit he did give to the New York Police, and never mentioned the Department of Justice People. I told Mr. Fay that they have done a good job and that I did not want the police to get all of the credit.

I instructed Mr. Fay to send to the Division a teletype summary of all developments in the Mais and Legenza case today. Mr. Fay stated that he would transmit a verbatim copy of each statement.

I advised Mr. Fay that I would like to have someone press Mais and Legenza on the Wilson Murder here. I stated that if they have admitted the Weiss Murder they might be perfectly willing to admit the Wilson Murder; that I was more interested in the Wilson Murder than the Weiss Murder from our point of view; that when they are questioned about the Wilson Murder, only our own people should be present; that the Washington Police and Post Office Inspectors did not cooperate with us when this case started six or seven months ago; and that I did not want Truscott to pass word back that we obstructed him in interviewing Mais and Legenza and that he couldn't solve the Wilson case because we wouldn't cooperate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.