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

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer case

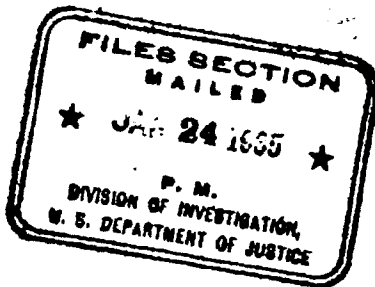
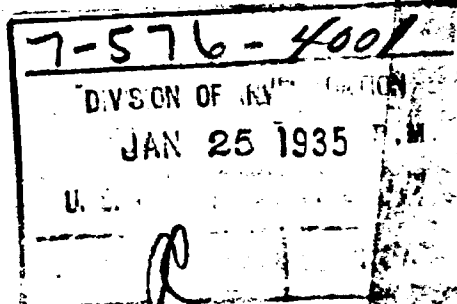
Mr. Victor Watson, Managing Editor of the Chicago Herald and Examiner telephoned from Chicago with reference to the story appearing in the Chicago American to the effect that Byron Bolton had made a confession of his part in the St. Valentine's massacre. I told Mr. Watson that this story is entirely without foundation; that there is absolutely no truth to it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the recent killing of Russell Gibson, while resisting arrest in Chicago, Illinois, on the evening of January 8, 1935, newspapers have carried misleading accounts of this incident, indicating that there existed a lack of cooperation between the representatives of this Division and the local police department. I am now in receipt of information from the Special Agent in charge of the raid which resulted in the death of Gibson.

The Special Agent in charge has advised that, immediately upon becoming aware that a shooting was about to take place, he arranged with the janitor of the apartment wherein the fugitives were located to call the police and, in the event they were already on their way, to meet them at the entrance to the apartment and direct them to where he was located. Shortly after this arrangement was made, the police arrived on the scene. They contacted the Special Agent in charge, and the situation was explained to them. Thereafter, the officers, who appeared friendly and cooperative, remained with the Special Agents of the Division and assisted them in preventing newspaper men and sightseers from entering the apartment, which had previously been raided, until after an opportunity had been had to lift latent fingerprints and various objects and numerous guns had been removed from the apartment. It is also to be noted that, prior to the arrival of the police at the scene of the activities, 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, they had been contacted by a squad of three Agents who were stationed at the corner of the alley leading from the rear of the apartment into Irving Park Boulevard, and that several of the officers remained with this squad of Agents and held themselves in readiness to assist, in the event anyone attempted to flee from the scene of the shooting.

The foregoing is a correct statement of what transpired at Chicago on the evening of January 8, 1935, which, as heretofore stated, was erroneously reported in several of the Chicago, Illinois, newspapers.

Respectfully,

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**John Edgar Hoover,
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Time - 11:50 A.M.

January 22, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Bureau Case.

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Mr. Larson telephoned from Monroe, Michigan to advise that the car of Dr. Hunsicker was found five miles east of Monroe, Michigan; that it was pointed westward toward Monroe, Michigan with the motor running and from this it appears that the car had been driven from Toledo, Ohio for a distance of about fifteen miles. They are going to interview a mail carrier who resides about five miles from Monroe, Michigan, who is reported to have seen this car about twenty minutes of five o'clock this morning at the time it was abandoned.

Mr. Larson stated that he believed that possibly someone else had been picked up in the same manner as Dr. Hunsicker was picked up yesterday and forced to drive with Karpis and Campbell. He stated that no car had been reported stolen in that vicinity and so far no one appears to be missing. I pointed out to Mr. Larson that also this car may have been sent out as a blind by a third individual from Toledo and that Karpis and Campbell remained in some hide-out in Toledo.

I also suggested to Mr. Larson that, although the papers are carrying the story about the delivery of the baby by Dolores Delaney, Karpis may be sufficiently interested to seek Philadelphia papers.

I instructed Mr. Larson to keep the Chicago office fully advised of all developments, inasmuch as it appeared to be up to the Detroit and Chicago offices to locate and apprehend Karpis and Campbell.

Respectfully,

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January 25, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. E. GARDNER
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

There is transmitted voucher in the amount of \$80.00, in favor of H. A. Strickland, for a round trip in his plane from Jacksonville to Ocala, Florida, and return, together with a voucher in the amount of \$260.00, in favor of Blue Bird Air Transport, Inc., for a chartered plane for travel between Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri.

With regard to the travel in Florida, you are advised that it was performed by Special Agent J. P. Lacour upon instructions from the Division, for the purpose of transporting special firearms and ammunition that were needed during an emergency that arose during the investigation of the Bremer Kidnapping Case in that vicinity. The fastest possible means of transportation was imperative.

The transportation between Chicago and Kansas City was also of an urgent nature for which the use of a chartered plane was requisite. This travel involved both the Bremer Kidnapping Case and the so-called Kansas City Massacre, a case involving an attempted frustration of Federal justice. The plane was needed for the pursuit and transportation of dangerous Federal fugitives, and it was imperative that the Agents have at their disposal a plane which could follow any route that might be necessary under the exigencies of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935

Time-1:00A.M.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Moore, the night clerk, called me this morning and stated that he had just received a call from Mr. Hanson at Miami advising that they had received some information to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Delores Delaney had been living in a home down there and had left about 5PM on the evening of January 16th., the day of the shooting. They are driving a 1935 two door Buick sedan bearing Florida license plates, D-5306. The motor number is 4949155, the serial number, 2783525. This car was purchased in the name of Leroy Morrison, 444 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Moore stated that Mr. Hanson has been talking to Dr. F. O. Nichols who had been treating Delores Delaney from December 8th. to January 14th. The Doctor reported that she is pregnant and that her baby was due between January 14th. and the 18th. With this in mind, Mr. Hanson is sending two Agents up the east and west coast of Florida and two Agents down the east and west coast towards Key West. Agents Brown, McKee, and Campbell are leaving in the morning for Havana regarding the Havana contacts. The Agents covering the coasts of Florida are going to contacts all hospitals in an effort to locate Delores Delaney.

Mr. Hanson talked to Mr. Connelley and they both agreed that a description of the car should be broadcasted at once all over the country east of the Mississippi River. To this end, I called Mr. Hanson and advised him that we would send a telegram to all Division Offices east of the Mississippi to that effect. Mr. Hanson stated that the Miami and Jacksonville Police have already put a description of the car on the air but are not giving it any publicity.

I instructed Mr. Moore to send a telegram to all Division Offices east of the Mississippi River, the three Texas Offices, St. Paul, St. Louis, New Orleans, Kansas City, and Oklahoma City. A copy of the telegram is attached hereto.

Respectfully

E. A. Tamm.
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Please send the following telegram to the addresses listed on the sheet attached hereto:

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

January 11, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

A short time ago a mail cover was placed on all mail going to the residence of the parents of Willie Harrison, wanted for questioning in the Bremer case. This office received tracings, however, Willie Harrison forwarded a package to his folks from Chicago and we did not receive any of the tracing on the package and it was only because we had an agent living next door to Harrison's, who has been friendly with Willie Harrison's brothers, that we were able to ascertain that a package was, in fact, received by Harrison's folks at St. Louis. We were then able to trace this matter back, secure the address, and advise the Chicago office.

This incident brought forcibly to my mind a suggestion which I think would not be amiss to be sent to all field offices and that is this; ~~that~~ instead of writing merely a routine letter, as we have been doing in the past, to postmaster to cover mail that we believe is being sent in our letters or that we believe is being sent by the ordinary mail, we should also send through the post office those mail we are convinced that in a number of instances we have received by air mail and Special Delivery letters as shown by letter written on mail tracings does not cover the additional mail we have set forth above. While I do not believe this is a common instance, yet in the case of important subjects who we believe it would be well to amplify our letters so that all letters and packages received through the mail will also be covered and tracings submitted to the respective field offices.

I submit this for your consideration and for possible inclusion in a bulletin to respective field offices.

I make this suggestion because the ordinary real hardened criminal whom we seek is conversant with the fact that mail is covered, but possibly on occasions they believe that packages can be received with-

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[REDACTED] away from any possible tracings.

Very truly yours,

(s) R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

REV:M

New York City, N.Y.
January 18th., 1935.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:-

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Please note in enclosed clipping from N.Y. Sun of January 16th., 1935, the section at bottom of first column, dated, Miami, Fla. I am a citizen of that section and know it thoroughly.

There is no question but what the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami is mixed up in this affair and a thorough investigation should be made. This hotel is owned by a man named Knight and he really operates it. He is the real, but unknown boss of the Miami underworld and controls the politics and rackets of that area, but he is always under cover.. The hotel is the headquarters for gamblers, gangsters and crooks of all kinds and many deals are pulled off there. Adams, the so-called manager, is not a hotel man and Carson Bradford is mixed up in many shady deals.

"Mac", the chief of Police, of Miami, was the former managers of the hotel and Knight got him his present office. He plays with the gang there, as do all the city and county officials.

The Miami area is now and will be for the next two or three months the biggest danger zone in the United States and should be carefully watched. Your department can get no help there locally. Twelve millions were bet at Hialeah Race Track last winter and the betting started off the 17th. at the opening this year with a quarter of a million the first day. Vice and gambling are wide open and the city is filled with the starving and jobless. The pay-off even goes to the Governor of the State, as he put out Hardie, an honest sheriff of Dade County, in October, 1933 and appointed his own man, who does as the Governor orders. This Sheriff all of last winter collected every week and turned in about two thirds to the Governor. The Governor was really put in by middle West gamblers and gangsters and has to make good to them. There is another bad one there, Wm. Dwyer manager of Tropical Park Race Track and so called owner of Palm Island Club. I think the Government is after him now on income tax returns way back. This Club is managed by Fred Auerbach, who is a crook and a bad actor. The night clubs of the highest class, when they are allowed to gamble, are assessed \$5000. per week and there are hundreds of smaller places assessed from \$15.00 per week up. It might be well for the Treasury Department to check up on Dwyer's income tax returns and those of Gov. Dave Sholtz for 1934. Station a man in El Comodoro Hotel for the winter as a guest and you will learn a lot.

I do not dare to give my name, as I might be taken for a ride, but you will find all of this true and more too. My only hope is that the Federal Government will clean up Miami and that quickly. This includes Miami Beach and Hollywood, although Hollywood is in Broward County.

I am a great admirer of you and your department and shall watch with interest.

Sincerely,
A Miami

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FEDERAL AGENTS KILL TWO OF BREMER GANG

Ma Barker, 'Brains' of Kidnapers, and Son
Mowed Down by Machine Guns in
Six-Hour Battle in Florida Town.

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OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16.—Fred Barker, long sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and his mother, Ma Barker, were shot to death today by Department of Justice agents after a withering six-hour machine gun battle.

Ma Barker has been mentioned frequently as the brains of the kidnap gang.

Just after the furious battle ended, the Federal agents said that two men and a woman had been killed, but a later check disclosed that only the Barkers were slain. Apparently they were the only occupants of the house.

After six hours of a blazing battle with machine guns the agents resorted to tear gas. The two immediately made a break from the barricaded house and were promptly mowed down by the withering fire of the Federal men.

The agents suffered no casualties. The beautiful resort home, belonging to Carson Bradford, president of the Biscayne Kennel Club at Miami, who had rented it two months ago to a man who gave his name as T. C. Blackburn, was shot full of holes.

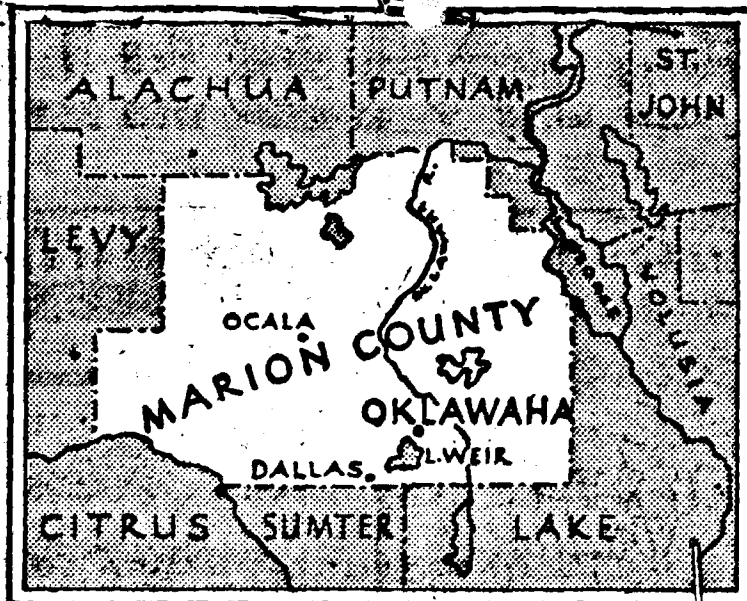
Blackburn Gang Members

To queries, an agent replied that the outlaws were members of the Blackburn gang sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

About 6:45 o'clock this morning the agents, fifteen of them, led by E. J. Connelley of Cincinnati, surrounded the fine home on the bank of Lake Weir and ordered the occupants to surrender.

There was a blaze of fire from a machine gun in answer. The agents retired and set up their own

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Oklawaha, scene of the gun fight, is in the citrus fruit belt.

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machine guns and retaliated. A blazing battle ensued and continued, except for occasional lulls, until 11 o'clock when the agents resorted to tear gas in an effort to smoke out their quarry.

A Negro cook employed in the house was sent inside by the agents. In a moment he returned with the news:

"They are all dead."

Inquest Is Called.

Immediately a coroner's inquest was called and the agents kept out all except eye-witnesses.

The dead woman was about 60 years old and the man between 30 and 35.

Mrs. H. E. Westberry, who has a cottage across the street from that occupied by the gangsters, told a graphic story of narrowly escaping death in the exchange of machine gun fire.

Her home was directly in the line of fire from where the bandits had set up a machine gun. A number of bullets tore through her home and she was forced to seclude herself in the bathroom to escape being shot.

As the battle waxed more furious she decided to make a break for safety. She dashed out of the back door and heard what she believed to be a command from a Department of Justice agent to halt. She kept going.

Several shots fanned her head, she declared, as she kept putting distance between herself and the battle.

The agents said they had fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition into the house, which was riddled.

The place had been occupied about two months by the people known as the Blackburns. Neighbors said that they knew little of them, except that they had a great deal of company, mostly late at night.

Only last Sunday a couple, known to neighbors as Mr. and Mrs. Summers, left for the North, where they were understood to live. The Summers had been visitors at the house for several weeks.

Many fine summer homes surround beautiful Lake Weir, the scene of the fight.

Village Gets Big Thrill.

This ordinarily quiet little resort village, almost on the edge of the Ocala National Forest, experienced its greatest excitement. More than two hundred cars were parked about the beautiful lake, a number of summer residents keeping to their cottages during the winter.

As the battle blazed away many fled to safe distances. The sound of machine gun, shotgun and tear gas gun fire echoed through the trees.

News of the ambushade traveled rapidly and several hundred persons, more curious than cautious, flocked to the village. Newspaper men and camera men from the surrounding cities sped to the scene to tell the story to the outside world.

Oklawaha is an isolated spot with only one telephone, and soon a line was formed to that by those anxious to get word out.

"I can hear it plainly," the woman operator of the village's hotel told the Associated Press in reporting the first account of the battle: "It has been going on since about 7 o'clock this morning, and it looks like somebody is going to get hurt sure. It is a real battle."

Oklawaha is a small citrus village on one of the main North-South highways through Florida and is about 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville. It is situated in the southern part of Marion county, which is near the center of the State. It is about twenty miles southeast of Ocala, the county seat.

There are only a few scattered houses and stores in Oklawaha, and winter visitors to Florida often pass the village without knowing it is there.

Rented to a Blackburn.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 18 (A. P.).—The winter home of Carson Bradford on Lake Weir was rented two months ago by a man who gave his name as T. C. Blackburn, Joe Adams, associate of Mr. Bradford here, said today.

Mr. Adams is general manager of the Biscayne Kennel Club at Miami Beach, of which Mr. Bradford is president. Mr. Adams also is manager of El Comodoro Hotel here.

Mr. Bradford said that he had never seen the tenants of the house, saying that the rental transaction was made about two months ago by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams said that a man and a woman registered at El Comodoro Hotel and said that they were interested in renting Mr. Bradford's home on Lake Weir. Mr.

Adams said that the man told him the woman was his mother.

Rental prices were talked over, Mr. Adams said, and the couple left the hotel saying that they wanted to look over the house again. Shortly afterward, Mr. Adams said, they rented the house.

Mr. Adams said that the man appeared to be about 40 years old and the woman about 60. He said that the woman appeared to be "a nice old lady" and that he had sent flowers up to her room. He seldom saw the man while he was here, Mr. Adams said.

Washington Announcement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (A. P.).—The Department of Justice identified those killed today by Federal agents in a machine gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla., as the outlaw, Fred Barker, and his mother known as Ma.

Both were wanted for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago tomorrow. The reports to the department from the battleground said that the two Barkers were the only ones who took part in the encounter with the Federal agents.

None of the fifteen Federal agents who surrounded the house in Oklawaha was killed or injured.

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When Ma Barker fell, the department said, she was holding a machine gun in her hand and part of the drum of cartridges had been exhausted.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped on January 17, 1934. Taken from St. Paul, he was released on February 7, near Rochester, Minn., after the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Barker and Karpis Named.

At that time the Department of Justice named Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis as those responsible for the kidnaping. The Barker-Karpis gang has been described as the last of the free-running mobs to be at large in the United States.

Department of Justice guns have practically obliterated the Dillinger and Pretty Boy Floyd gangs.

Ma Barker has been mentioned as the brains of the group, and was said to have directed their activities in a number of bank robberies throughout the Middle West. The Barkers' home is in Oklahoma.

Machine guns, sawed off shotguns, revolvers and tear gas bombs were brought into play.

Hamm Link Sought.

Although named principally as the abductors of Mr. Bremer, Department of Justice officers let it be known that inquiries would be made to determine whether the gang had been responsible for the kidnaping of William Hamm, also of St. Paul. Ransom of \$100,000 was paid for Mr. Hamm's release.

Members of the notorious Touhey gang of Chicago were arrested, tried and acquitted of this kidnaping.

The announcement regarding today's battle was made after an hour's conference held by Attorney-General Cummings, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Division of Investigation; Assistant Attorney William Stanley and other officers of the department.

After the announcement the department said that Fred Barker, killed in the battle, was a brother of Arthur Barker. It was understood that Arthur had been a more prominent figure in the activities of the group than had Fred.

The attack on the Florida headquarters of the gang was made after weeks of search throughout the State. Whether any other members of the gang were in the locality was under investigation.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. No. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. No. 1232;
ET AL - Edward George Bremer, VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

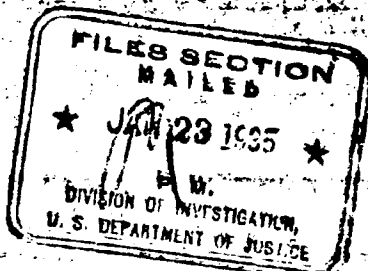
In connection with recent events in your district, there has been received at the Division an anonymous communication dated and postmarked at New York City, January 18, 1935, signed "A Miami Resident", which furnishes information with respect to the El Comodoro Hotel and other interests at Miami, Florida which have been mentioned during the investigation of the above entitled case. A copy of this letter is being furnished to you and to each of the offices indicated below, for information only. The newspaper clippings referred to in this letter are not being transmitted in that they have no bearing on the matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 839156

cc-Mr. Connelley (with inclosure mentioned above)
cc-St. Paul



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January 12, 1935

APPREHENSION OF RUSSELL GIBSON

During the course of the investigation of the Bremer kidnapping case conducted by this Division, it was definitely established that Russell Gibson was closely associated and allied with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

As a result of a surveillance maintained over the premises located at 439 Arlington Place, Chicago, Illinois, the residence of Barbara and Patricia Lonquest, during the early part of January, 1935, information was received which led Special Agents of the Chicago Office to maintain a similar surveillance over the premises at 3912 and 3920 Pinegrove Street, Chicago, Illinois. On one occasion a party, who was later identified as Russell Gibson, was observed, but the identification at the time of this observation was not definite. However, it was learned that other of his associates were apparently living at 3920 Pinegrove Street. On the morning of January 8, 1935, Russell Gibson and his wife were seen in an alley behind the latter address, and the surveillance was tightened and additional Agents were placed in the vicinity of both Pinegrove Street addresses, for the purpose of taking the individuals into custody when it was reasonably certain that all persons seen were in the two apartments.

On the evening of January 8, 1935, two men were observed moving articles from 3920 Pinegrove Street, and it was ascertained that one woman remained at that address. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to raid both of these addresses rather than to maintain a further surveillance.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley posted sixteen Agents at advantageous positions in the vicinity of the Pinegrove Street addresses, and at about 10:50 P. M. on January 8, 1935, Russell Gibson and his wife Clara returned to their apartment at 3920 Pinegrove Street. Shortly thereafter, a party who was later identified as Byron Bolton, entered the apartment from the rear, and in keeping with previously arranged plans, the apartment house was surrounded, Special Agents Barber and White being posted at the rear exit with a few additional Agents backing them up. Special Agent in Charge Connelley, accompanied by Agents Brown, McKee and McIntire, entered the apartment building from

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the front, where Mr. Connelley, by means of the speaking tube, invited the occupants of the apartment out into the vestibule, identifying himself as an Agent of the Division of Investigation, in the course of his conversation with Clara Gibson.

Shortly thereafter, Clara Gibson and another woman who gave her name as Ruth Haidt, the divorced wife of Willie Harrison, another associate of the Barker-Karpis group, came out of the front door, and immediately thereafter Russell Gibson emerged from the rear door, firing three shots from a Browning automatic rifle at Special Agents Barber and White. The firing was returned, and Gibson was shot down. A subsequent examination revealed that a .351 caliber rifle shot had penetrated a steel vest which he wore and had entered his lung. This exchange of fire took place at 11:15 P. M., and Gibson died at 1:40 A. M., January 9, 1935. Shortly after the firing, Byron Bolton came out of the apartment by the front door, and he and the two women were taken to the Chicago Division Office after arguing about the matter for about eight minutes.

During the course of the raid, three gas shells were fired into a side window of the apartment, and due to the darkness one gas shell struck the window of the next door apartment. However, there was no one injured and there was no shooting into any apartment except that of Russell Gibson.

Immediately after the firing had ceased, arrangements were made with the janitor of the building to meet the police who were expected to arrive, and to advise them to report to Special Agent in Charge Connelley. This was done, and the police who appeared at the scene cooperated fully, remaining until the matter had completely cleared up and the apartment had been thoroughly searched. There was no friction between the local police and the Agents.

During the siege and before it had been definitely determined that all of the occupants had emerged from the apartment, Special Agent in Charge Connelley proceeded into the court yard of the apartment house, identified himself to all the neighboring residents, and warned them to remain inside their apartments and to close their windows and lock their doors.

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A search of the apartment resulted in the recovery of two Browning automatic rifles, in addition to the one used by Gibson. The identifying numbers on all the guns were found to have been removed. There were also recovered two .38 caliber Colt automatic pistols, Nos. 481780 and 304899; one .38 caliber police positive revolver No. 273652; one twenty gauge sawed-off shotgun; and one .351 caliber rifle, with a twenty shot clip, fitted as a machine gun. In addition, there were recovered various ammunition clips, all loaded, and two steel vests.

In two garages in the vicinity of 5920 Pinegrove Street there were located a 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan and a 1934 Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, carrying license plates which had previously been checked and identified as having been used by Gibson.

There is attached hereto a copy of the criminal record of Russell Gibson.

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Criminal record of RUSSELL GIBSON (continued)

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

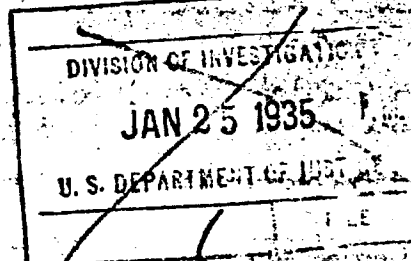
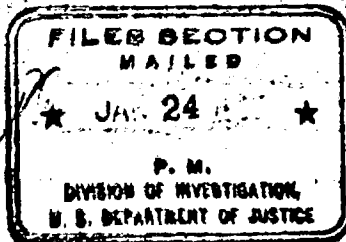
There is attached a copy of a memorandum which I have, this date, furnished the Attorney General, relative to the shooting of Russell Gibson at Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935, while he was resisting arrest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director,

Enclosure #821360

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is attached hereto a memorandum dated January 12, 1935 relative to the killing of Russell Gibson, while resisting arrest by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois on the evening of January 8, 1935.

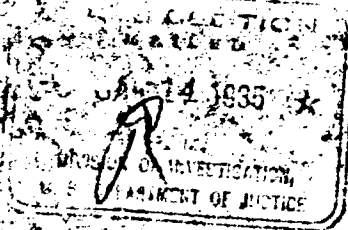
As a result of the raid conducted on the premises occupied by Gibson, his wife Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt, the ex-wife of Willie Harrison, another member of the Barker-Karpis gang, and Byron Bolton were taken into custody.

Respectfully,

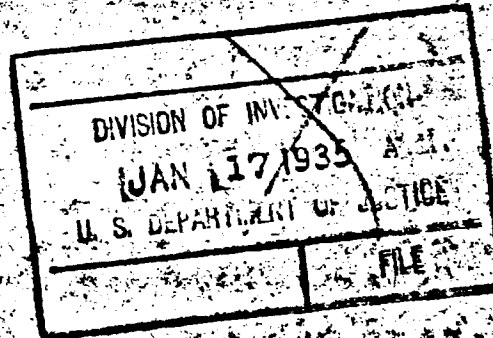
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John Edgar Hoover,
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 23, 1935.

EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 4:20 PM

Re: Bremer case.

While talking to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul, I inquired if the U.S. Attorney had changed his opinion in regard to the indictments. Mr. Nathan stated that he had been over to see him today and that he had not changed his attitude.

I advised Mr. Nathan ^{that} Mr. McMahon had been in touch with the U.S. Attorney regarding the matter of keeping the indictment secret and that the U.S. Attorney was going to present the indictment to the Judge tomorrow morning in order to obtain the viewpoint of the Judge on the matter of releasing the fact that the indictment has been returned and that Mr. McMahon would advise the Division of the results in the morning. I advised Mr. Nathan that it was your wish that he be informed of this.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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January 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I desire to inform you that the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the evening of January 22, 1935, returned two indictments in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 17, 1934.

The first indictment charges the substantive offense of kidnaping, and names the following individuals as defendants:

Alvin Karpis
Arthur R. Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell
Elmer Farmer
Harold Allderton
William Weaver
Harry Sawyer
William J. Harrison
Byron Bolton
John Doe
Richard Roe

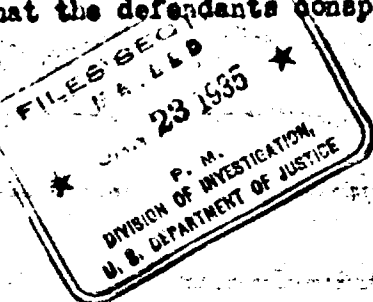
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

The second indictment charges the above named individuals and the following individuals with conspiracy to kidnap:

Oliver A. Berg
Joseph Patrick Moran
John Joseph McLaughlin
William Edward Vidler
Philip J. Delaney
James J. Wilson
Jess Doyle
Edna Murray
Myrtle Eaton

"Whitie", true name unknown

Included in the conspiracy indictment is a statement to the effect that the defendants conspired with the following deceased persons,



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namely, one Kate Barker alias "Ma" Barker, one Fred Barker, one Russell Gibson and one George Zeigler, all four of whom were living during the period alleged in the indictment.

The indictments returned are considered secret indictments by the United States Attorney, who states that it is contrary to the policy of his office to make any announcement concerning an indictment in which any of the persons named are fugitives. As a result of this policy, no publicity has been given to the return of these indictments.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

There is attached a copy of a memorandum which I have today furnished the Attorney General, relative to the return of two indictments at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, arising out of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at that city on January 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #821359

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Edwards
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Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:25 P.M.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
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Mr. Hanson called in connection with the Bremer case. He stated he had just received a report from one of the Jacksonville Agents working there that the Sheriff at Everglades telephoned advising that three men had landed in an airplane there, and that they were heavily armed and had concealed the plane and driven off in a Buick automobile. Hanson stated he is taking four men and is going over there right away. He stated the Agent who talked with the Sheriff had requested that the Sheriff keep the airplane under surveillance and arrest anyone who came near it.

Mr. Hanson further advised that Duke Randall has now given a complete statement, admitting everything, and that they have plenty of evidence to hold him. Hanson stated he had intended to file a complaint against him today, and also to get a complaint against Adams and pick him up. Hanson stated that Randall has stated he did not know who the subjects were until the shooting at Ocala; that he read about it in the papers and had previously read about the Bremer case in the papers, and realized that Barker was wanted for that kidnapping and Karpis also.

Hanson stated he talked with Brown at Havana, Cuba this morning; that Brown had not yet received the keys, and they had checked at the post office, receiving advice there that they were sent out by plane this morning; that he has wired Brown giving information concerning the post office records, and is sure he has them by this time. Hanson stated Brown had no further information of value at the time of his call.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1935

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

Time - 6:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and inquired why a secret indictment was returned in the above case. Mr. Nathan stated that he was under the impression that this procedure was the wish of the Division; that, however, he believes that the press there is aware of the fact that an indictment has been returned, and it will probably be in the morning papers; that he will arrange to have it published just to make sure.

I told him of your desire that warrants be issued at once for Karpis and Campbell with non est returns thereon so that if there are any harboring activities, we can be in a position to prosecute and at the same time be within the letter of the law.

Mr. Nathan assured me that he would see that this is done at once.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 2:10 PM

Mr. Baughman
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. S. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy
Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Rider telephoned from Pittsburgh and advised that they had located the brother of Winona Burdette in Erie, Pennsylvania, and have positively had him identified as such. I instructed Mr. Rider to have this man interviewed.

Mr. Rider further advised that a man and a woman had registered at the William Penn Hotel under circumstances which might prove the man to be Alvin Karpis. This couple arrived in an old car, of about \$50 value, registered at the hotel, made arrangements to store the car for two weeks, and then bought two tickets for Los Angeles on an airplane. Mr. Rider stated that the couple appeared to have several thousand dollars with them; that he had checked up the money which the man had paid for the airplane tickets but it was not listed as ransom money; that the couple were preparing to depart for Los Angeles at 5:00 PM this evening. I instructed Mr. Rider to look into this carefully.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Schroeder, of the New York Office, telephoned to advise that Special Agent (A) Gentry had contacted Mr. W. W. Lancaster, Attorney for the National City Bank of New York with reference to the safety deposit box of Alvin Karpis located in the branch of this bank at Havana, Cuba. Mr. Lancaster states that it will be possible to enter this safety deposit box by first contacting him so that he can telephone, at the Division's expense, to Charles Bowser, Vice President of the branch bank at Havana and issue instructions to him to permit an Agent of the Division who has properly identified himself to the American Ambassador at Havana, Cuba, who in turn will introduce the Agent to Mr. Bowser. Mr. Lancaster stated that this procedure would be more desirable than approaching the Manager of the bank, who is a Spaniard. He also requested that after examining the contents of the box, that nothing be taken from it but that the box should again be locked up and legal proceedings initiated to recover the contents.

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephoned Mr. Hanson, at Miami and furnished him with the above information, instructing that the keys to the box be forwarded to Special Agent Brown at Havana, in accordance with the above arrangement.

Respectfully,

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Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 8:12 AM

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.....

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Ocala, Florida, and advised him of the apprehension at Atlantic City of the two women, one of whom is believed to be Delores Delaney, and also of the shooting and the subsequent escape of several individuals, believed to be Karpis and several members of his gang, in a LaSalle Sedan. I also advised Mr. Connelley that the 1935 Buick Sedan which these parties had been riding in was recovered.

Mr. Connelley advised that Harry Campbell was also known to have travelled in a Ford V-8 Deluxe Sedan, black, with cream wire wheels, and Firestone tires and has travelled at various times with Florida, Tennessee, and Illinois license tags. Mr. Connelley stated that this might possibly be the car which they got away in.

I instructed Mr. Connelley to remain at Jacksonville instead of proceeding to Miami, until it could be ascertained what would develop as a result of the above lead.

Time 8:20 AM

I telephoned Agent Heffler at Philadelphia and advised him of the information received from Mr. Connelley to the effect that the Karpis crowd also had with them a Ford V-8 Sedan, and instructed him to broadcast this information also, in the event that this might have been the car used to escape from the Atlantic City police.

Mr. Heffler stated that they had just received information to the effect that the first report that the men had escaped in a LaSalle Sedan was erroneous; that the police at Atlantic City now state that it was a Pontiac Sedan and that the license tags were A-3073 instead of A2073. Mr. Heffler advised that this information had been re-broadcast.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:40 A.M.

Mr. Waters called from Pittsburgh in connection with the Bremer case. He advised that he had received information that the doctor's car was located this morning near Monroe, Michigan, which would be on the road from where the other car was abandoned toward Detroit. He requested advice, in view of this information, as to whether it was still desired that a check be made at Erie, Pennsylvania of Art Burdette. It was requested that the check be made any way.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 23, 1935

Washington Heights Post Office
1256 103d Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Telephone conversation with Mr. Harrington of your Special Agent in Charge of this office. Have a third day mail cover placed on it. This mail directed to Homestead Iowa, 100 South Western Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois.

I would appreciate if you would forward all such letters and forward them immediately making reference to file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

I am

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

123:00

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
CHICAGO FILE 7-82

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Philadelphia, Pa.

January 23, 1936,

Hon. Harlan Besson,
U. S. Attorney,
Trenton, N. J.

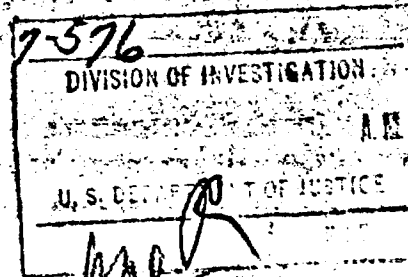
Attn: Thomas V. Arrowsmith,
Asst. U. S. Attorney

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:-

Confirming our telephone conversation of even date regarding the Buick Sedan abandoned by Alvin Karpis in Atlantic City, N. J., on the morning of January 20, 1935, concerning which complete information was furnished you by telephone covering the description and circumstances of purchase for Karpis by one of his mob, I am transmitting herewith, for your use in preparing petition, a copy of the petition filed in the District Court of the United States, for the Northern District of Illinois, concerning seizure of one Ford V-8 Coupe, which car was used by Vernon G. Miller, a gangster, now deceased. Likewise, I am attaching photostatic copy of the order handed down by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, in connection with this matter.

The foregoing papers are forwarded for your use in the Federal District Court of New Jersey, in preparation of a petition to be utilized as a basis for recovery of the Buick Sedan mentioned above.



I would appreciate your returning the petition and Court Order as soon as they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

Friday, December 22, A.D. 1933.

PRESENT: HONORABLE JAMES H. WILKERSON, Judge of said Court.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

42971

ONE, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE,
Motor Number 1836196.

On reading and considering the Petition.

this day filed by Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney,

the Court being advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Justice
be and it is hereby directed to deliver to the Division of
Investigation of the Department of Justice, to be used by said
Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, One
1932 Model Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor Number 1836196.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

D. C. #42971

ONE, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE,
Motor Number 18-36198

PETITION

To The Honorable Judges of the United States Court for the Northern District
of Illinois:

Your Petitioner, Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney, for
the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, represents unto this
Honorable Court that on, to-wit, the last day of November, A. D. 1933, Jay
C. Newman, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice,
in the District and Division aforesaid, did find and take possession of,
among other things:

One, 1932 Model, Ford V-8 Coupe,
Motor Number 18-36198.

Your Petitioner further represents that the said Ford automo-
bile was abandoned by Vernon C. Miller then a fugitive from justice. That
the said Special Agent investigated, and caused to be investigated, the title
of the said automobile. That he was unable to find the true owner of said
automobile, and that from investigation made by himself and other members
of the said Department of Justice, it was found that all names connected
thereto were fictitious, and furthermore your Petitioner states that at
no time was this property owned by the said Vernon C. Miller, now de-
ceased. Your Petitioner further states that the said automobile was not
attached to nor found in the land.

Your Petitioner further states that the said car has been in
the possession of the said Department of Justice since November 1, 1933,
and that the storage charges on said car are increasing daily.

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

ENIGHT H. GREEN
United States Attorney.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS)
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JAY C. NEWMAN, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he has read the above and foregoing petition, knows the contents thereof, that the same is true to his own knowledge, excepting as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
twenty first day of December A.D. 1933.

WINIFRED M. ROWAN
Notary Public.

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

January 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the enclosed map of the State of Kansas which was forwarded to this office by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, on January 22, 1935, please be advised that Special Agent J. L. Fallon questioned Wynona Burdett, who is now in the custody of the Philadelphia Office, with reference to the route from Ottawa, Kansas, to Cherryvale, Kansas, with the writing thereon "16 / 73 W". Miss Burdett maintains the only time she saw this map was in the sitting room of the home occupied by Fred Barker and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, when she was living with them.

She was questioned closely as to what route they traversed in going from Ponca City, Oklahoma, to Florida, and maintained she went directly to Oklahoma City and thence to Texas and crossed the Mississippi River at a point unknown to her. She could not relate any directions after leaving the State of Texas. She claims at no time was she in the State of Kansas nor did Harry Campbell show her the map referred to. She stated she does not know whose handwriting it might be as she is only acquainted with Harry Campbell's and is quite positive he did not outline this route; that the negroes who were hired by the Barker family while residing in Oklawaha might be able to relate something about the various maps found in the cottage as the same were common property to everyone.

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who visited the cottage as they were on the table in the sitting room, as stated previously. Accordingly, this map is being returned to the Kansas City Office for disposition.

Very truly yours,

R. C. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
Chicago - Mr. Connelley
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Oklahoma City
St. Paul

POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 23, 1935.



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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, (Deceased);
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER, Victim
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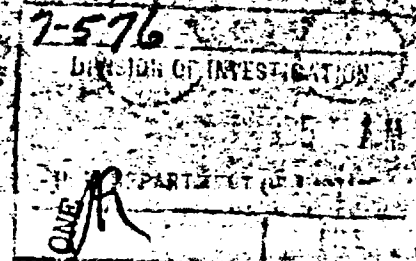
There are transmitted herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated January 11, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, which sets forth information concerning the taking into custody of Arthur R. Barker, Russell Gibson and William Bryan Bolton, together with the wife of Russell Gibson and certain other individuals who were held for questioning. Due to the confidential nature of this information, the Division copies only were mailed at the time the report was written.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

DEL:MD

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dec 16, 1935
Jan 16, 1936

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Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Dear Sir:

While listening to the radio this afternoon I heard of Barker's death in death in Florida. This is the first letter I have written to a public official, but I wish you to know that as an American citizen I truly appreciate your fight against the criminal element of this country.

I also wish to congratulate you and your force on your success of the past few months and hope that you will continue to meet with such success. More power to you and your force!

Sincerely,

William Levatton

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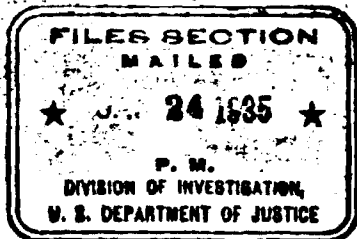
Mr. William Severson,
Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Severson:

You may be assured that the sentiments
expressed in your letter of January 16, 1935,
are deeply appreciated.

It is gratifying to learn that our
efforts in combating crime are endorsed by citi-
zens such as yourself.

Sincerely yours,



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January 24, 1935.

Time-11:37 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I telephoned Colonel Gates and asked that word be sent him at the Attorney General's Press Conference that if any of the reporters wanted photographs of the people named in the indictment at St. Paul, he could tell them that the photographs were available.

Very truly yours,

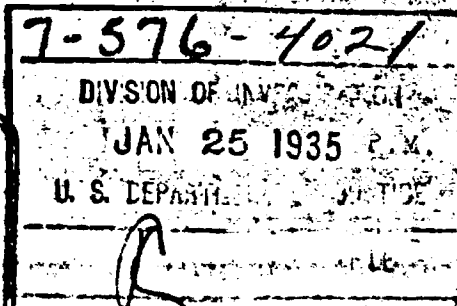
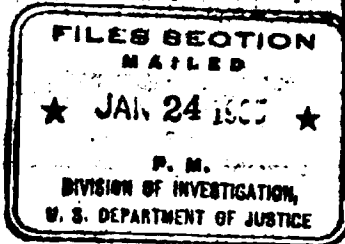
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
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Kansas City, Missouri

January 24, 1935

Mr. Robert H. Hudspeth, Warden
United States Penitentiary Annex
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, 1935, enclosing a letter written by J. W. Gray, register #6013, to Mrs. J. W. Gray, 617 East Fourteenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is noted that this letter contains a reference to the killing of "Freddy and his mother", which probably relates to Fred and Kate Barker.

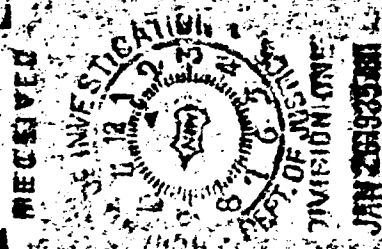
I appreciate your forwarding this letter, and it will have appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;
ARTHUR M. BAKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50

On January 22, 1935, a Mr. J.H. KUEKEN, who resides at 3394 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone, Regent 1725, called at the St. Paul Division Office. Mr. Kueken claims that he was with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN when the latter was arrested in Chicago. He states that this took place in the basement of BOLAND AND FRAZIER'S RESTAURANT, near State and Lake Streets in Chicago. His reason for being at this point, at that time, was that he was negotiating a sale of approximately 250 slot machines to McLAUGHLIN and had been so engaged for about ten days prior to the arrest. He is not certain as to the exact date of the arrest but his nearest recollection was that it occurred during August, 1933, and he states that he had about six meetings with McLAUGHLIN prior thereto. He states that McLAUGHLIN had an assistant whom he knew by the name of "MACK", who, Mr. Kueken believes, was engaged in exchanging "hot" money. Mr. Kueken has no evidence that this "MACK" was so engaged but was led to this belief from seeing "MACK" on five or six occasions meet with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN in the bar room and gambling room under the bowling alley in FRAZIER'S RESTAURANT and on each occasion Kueken claims McLAUGHLIN would take "MACK" into the men's washroom, or behind the bar, where they would talk together privately for fifteen or twenty minutes, after which, "MACK" usually would leave McLAUGHLIN hurriedly with a black brief case in his, (MACK'S), hand.

Kueken states that he was at this "MACK'S" home four or five times and that it was in the vicinity of 25th and Clark Street in an apartment; however, he cannot give the address although he claims he would be able to take anyone to this place. He says he met "MACK" and McLAUGHLIN together and that "MACK" was apparently handling slot machines for McLAUGHLIN, who was a "fixer" of the Chicago Police to let slot machines run in the Chicago Loop.

Kueken describes "MACK" as being about 200 pounds or more in weight, white, evidently a native of the United States, about 5'10" in height, 35 to 40 years of age, of heavy build, having dark brown hair, blue eyes, being a good talker, sloppy dresser, and claimed to have been a former Federal convict.

At the time Mr. Kueken was in the St. Paul Division Office, Special Agent McIntire of the Chicago Division Office was present and stated that McLAUGHLIN was arrested at his home rather than at the State and Lake Street Restaurant; that the arrest took place in April, 1934, rather than in August, 1933; and that, therefore, there probably was no connection between the BREMER case and whatever information Mr. Kueken may have.

The above is being forwarded to you merely to keep you fully advised as to all developments in this territory.

Very truly yours,

SHW:TC
CC Division

D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

JEH:CDW January 24, 1935

Time - 4:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer case.

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that the Associated Press telephoned him and stated that they understand that the Barker-Karpis gang killed Fred Goetz to keep him from talking in connection with the above case.

I told him that we have been unable to get a confirmation of any such story.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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I called Mr. Connelley at Philadelphia and asked him what his immediate plans were after he had completed the questioning of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. He stated that he felt he should proceed immediately to the midwest and I stated that this was the Director's feeling in this situation. Connelley states that he will complete the questioning of these women sometime this afternoon and will then proceed by plane if possible or by train to Detroit and thence to Chicago.

I asked Mr. Connelley for his opinion concerning the filing of charges against the Delaney and Burdette women and he stated that he didn't think that they would receive much of a sentence in New Jersey if we filed upon them there, and he stated that he thought the best procedure would be to prosecute these women in Florida, since this procedure would probably strengthen our case against Duke Randall, Joe Adams and Carson Bradford in Florida. I told Mr. Connelley that I thought he was right in this viewpoint and told him that I would instruct Hanson in Miami to today file charges against these women under the Harboring Statute and to forward certified papers, air mail, special delivery to Philadelphia. I advised Mr. Connelley that the details of the complaint filed would be sent to him by telegram so that when he had finished questioning the women, a fugitive complaint could be filed in Philadelphia and the women turned over to the United States Marshal.

I questioned Mr. Connelley as to the desirability of taking Duke Randall to Chicago. He stated that he does not believe that there is any purpose in removing Randall to Chicago at the present time, particularly since Hanson appears to be getting full information from Randall. He states that he believes Randall can be interrogated in Miami.

Connelley advised that he had personally talked to Bradford, who is of the "crying type" and Bradford was emphasizing his innocence in all of these transactions and demanding to know if the Government would pay for the damage done to the house which he had rented to the Barkers.

I also mentioned to Mr. Connelley the steps which the Division was taking to enable Agents to obtain entrance to the safe deposit box in Havana. Mr. Connelley suggested that Mr. Matthews at the American Embassy is a good friend of the Jacksonville Office.

I called Mr. Hanson at 11:20 A.M., at Miami, and he stated that Randall is talking freely, giving considerable information concerning the association of

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Joe Adams with the Barkers and Karpis. Randall states that he purchased an automobile for Karpis at the request of Joe Adams and is making other statements, implicating Joe Adams in the harboring of the fugitives in Miami. Randall still insists that he did not know the identity of the fugitives. Mr. Hanson states that they are vigorously interviewing Randall and will continue to do so. Mr. Hanson has recovered a Colt Monitor rifle which Randall states he obtained from Joe Adams and attempted to sell. The Agents at Miami have also recovered the Ford car which Randall purchased from the Barkers.

Keep after these two as well as Randall.
I advised Mr. Hanson to continue vigorously upon this matter and to obtain all possible evidence implicating Joe Adams and Carson Bradford in the harboring of the fugitives in Florida. I further instructed Mr. Hanson to file a complaint against Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette today, charging them with harboring the fugitive and to forward certified papers to Philadelphia, together with telegraphic summary of the complaint filed.

I suggested to Mr. Hanson that he suggest to the agents in Havana that they obtain the assistance of the local police in obtaining entrance to the safe deposit box, advising him that we have already taken the matter up with the State Department and the headquarters office of the National City Bank.

Respectfully,

Ea
E. A. Tamm

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

EAT:TAM

I contacted Mr. Ladd at Chicago this morning and asked whether he had transmitted to the Division photographs of Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer. He stated that these photographs had been taken in the Chicago Office but that through oversight he had failed to transmit them to the Division. I instructed Mr. Ladd to submit these photographs immediately by air mail, special delivery and admonished him for his failure to transmit them to the Division immediately after they had been taken.

Photographs of Vidler and McLaughlin are being prepared in the Photographic Section and will be finished this afternoon.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Time 5:40 PM

Mr. Waldrop telephoned. I advised him that the indictment returned in the Bremer case had been released today and that we would be glad to furnish him with pictures of any of the subjects which we had available if he desired them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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January 24, 1935

Time - 3:12 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Alvin Karpis

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia, I inquired why the affair with Karpis at Atlantic City recently was not promptly reported to him. Mr. Harvey stated that as he understands the situation, a police teletype message to the effect that the car in question had been recovered at Atlantic City went out; that this message was received by the Philadelphia Police Department. Mr. Harvey stated that the usual procedure taken by the Police in matters of this kind is that the lieutenant who is on duty at the time of the receipt of such a message will immediately call Mr. Harvey and usually Mr. Fierstone at Atlantic City; that in this instance, the regular lieutenant was off and the man on duty merely telephoned Mr. Fierstone at Atlantic City; that Mr. Fierstone naturally presumed that he, Mr. Harvey, had also been notified and did not call Mr. Harvey about the matter; that the man at the Police Department then reported that he had reported the matter to the Department of Justice, when, as a matter of fact, he had reported the matter merely to Mr. Fierstone.

Mr. Harvey stated that he places the utmost confidence in the regular lieutenant of the Philadelphia Police Department who is in charge of this particular work, and stated that this is the first instance where anything of this kind has occurred.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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Division of Investigation

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EAT:CSH

January 22, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:10 P.M.

Mr. Nathan
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I called Mr. Nathan at St. Paul to secure the developments in the court proceedings relative to the Bremer kidnaping case there. He advised that the Grand Jury is still hearing witnesses; that he hopes they will finish this afternoon; that he believes the indictments should be returned by tomorrow. Nathan advised that a lawyer named Fisher, of a large firm in Chicago, had arrived there this morning to represent Farmer. Nathan stated after Farmer had been before the Grand Jury he allowed the lawyer to see him, and that Farmer had signed a waiver of immunity, also a waiver of removal; that, in fact, all three of them had signed waivers of immunity and removal. Mr. Nathan stated there may be a little delay in the arraignment because, as he understands it, an attorney is entitled to a copy of the indictment, but stated that the longer the arraignment is delayed, the better. Mr. Nathan stated he had talked with the Judge and Doc Barker's bond will be \$100,000, and the bonds of the other three will probably be \$50,000. Mr. Nathan stated they are going to indict James Wilson, and his bond probably won't be over \$50,000.

I asked Mr. Nathan whether the Marshal had secured the authorization for the appointment of special deputies to act as guards and he stated it had been received Saturday and acted upon on Monday, and they are assuming the responsibility for the payment of these guards.

Mr. Nathan stated he had the publicity situation well in hand; that he is going to let them take a photograph of Barker in jail; that he has declined to talk about any other prisoners we may have, although the papers know who we have; that the Chicago papers are quoting the chief of police at Bensenville.

Mr. Nathan stated there are going to be two indictments, one substantive and the other conspiracy, and that on the substantive indictment are included Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis,

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SS ~~Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Myron Bolton and John Doe and Richard Roe.~~ On the conspiracy indictment are included Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, ~~Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Oliver A. Bird, Joseph Patrick Moran, John Joseph McLaughlin, William Edward Vidler, Phillip J. Delaney, one Whitle, true name unknown, Myron Bolton, James J. Wilson, Jeff Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, John Doe and Richard Roe.~~ Mr. Nathan also advised in connection with this indictment that there is a statement to the effect that "all of the foregoing persons, individually, collectively, et cetera, conspired, combined, to confederate and agreed together and with each other, and with various and divers other persons whose names and personal descriptions are unknown to the Grand Jurors, and with the following late deceased, namely, one Kate Barker alias Ma Barker, one Fred Barker, one Russell Gibson, one George Zeigler, all four of whom were living beings during the period of time hereinbefore alleged, etc."

Mr. Nathan advised that the United States Attorney's attitude is very good, that he is enthusiastic and complimentary. He advised that he will let me know as soon as the indictments are returned.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

JOHN F. AR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

While talking to Mr. Harvey on other matters I stated that consideration should be given to the necessity of filing a complaint against Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette in the event there was any indication that a writ of habeas corpus would be brought for them. I advised Mr. Harvey that I did not believe there was any Federal charge which could be filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania but that if the emergency arose he should send an Agent to Camden or Trenton and file a complaint in the District of New Jersey, charging these women with harboring Karpis, after which he could immediately file a fugitive complaint in Philadelphia.

E. A. Tamm

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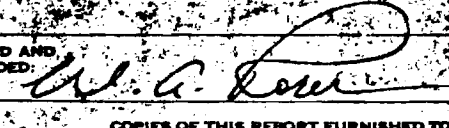
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **V-2**

REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-24-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/20, 21, 22/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. A. Rorer LS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>All peace officers and hospitals in Tennessee furnished with description of Karpis and Campbell and asked to be on lookout for them. Police officers advised of Buick and Pontiac cars in possession and recovery of both; also that they may be using Ford V-8 Sedan.</p>	
REFERENCE:		<p>Division wire dated January 20, 1935. AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.</p>	
DETAILS:		<p>On the morning of January 20, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, then at Miami, Florida, telephonically advised that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney left Miami on the afternoon of January 16, 1935 in a two-door 1935 model Buick Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license tags No. D-5306, which car bore motor number 4949155, same having been purchased in the name of Leroy Morrison at Buffalo, New York. Agent Hanson advised that Dolores Delaney is now pregnant and expects to give birth at any time and recently received medical attention from Dr. F. O. Nichols of Etowah, Tennessee; that Dr. Nichols has been interviewed by agents; that Joe Adams of Etowah, Tennessee is also possibly acquainted with members of this gang and he has been interviewed at Miami, Florida.</p> <p>This information was immediately broadcast by wires to police throughout this State and circular letters were sent to every police officer in Tennessee on the morning of the 20th. On the afternoon of the 20th a wire was received from the Division to the effect that the aforementioned car had been recovered at Atlantic City, New Jersey; that Karpis and Harry Campbell had escaped; that Campbell is believed to have been wounded; that Winona Burdett and Dolores Delaney</p>	
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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were in custody. Police officials in major cities in Tennessee were immediately notified by telephone and telegraph and circular letters were prepared and put in the mail on the same date to all peace officers in Tennessee, advising them of the description of Karpis and Campbell and that Campbell was believed to be wounded.

They were also furnished in this circular with a description of the Pontiac car which they left Atlantic City in, and the fact that they may possibly be using Ford V-8 Deluxe Sedan with white wire wheels.

On January 22, 1935 all police officials in Tennessee were advised of the location of the Pontiac automobile in which Karpis and Campbell had left Atlantic City. In addition to the above, form letters were sent to every hospital in the State of Tennessee to be on the lookout for both Karpis and Campbell. Descriptions were furnished and they were advised that Campbell was believed to be suffering from gunshot wounds.

P E N D I N G.

January 23, 1935

Time - 4:12 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer case

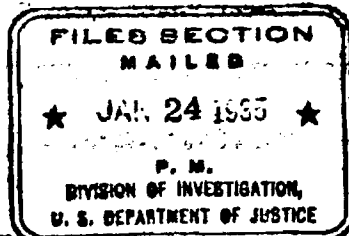
I telephoned Mr. McMahon relative to the indictment which has been returned in the above case at St. Paul. He stated that he has been asked by Mr. Stanley to communicate with the United States Attorney at St. Paul relative to this matter; that as he understands the situation, the Attorney out there wants to keep the indictment secret and I want to make it public; that before he calls the United States Attorney, he wanted to get my view on it.

I told him that it has always been the policy of the United States Attorney at St. Paul to never disclose an indictment as long as the persons named in the indictment are still fugitives from justice. I told him that fundamentally I agreed with this policy, provided that the persons being sought do not know that they are being sought. In this particular case, every one of those who is a fugitive, knows that he is being sought; that the names of the persons named in the indictment have been printed from coast to coast and are perfectly aware of the fact that they are being sought. I told him that it was my desire to make it possible to prosecute any person who at any time harbored or assisted these persons. I told him that in the case of a secret indictment, it was not possible to prosecute for harboring for the reason that the persons harboring such fugitives are not in possession of any constructive knowledge that an indictment has been returned.

I further informed Mr. McMahon that I had expressed these views to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General had concurred with me in detail.

Mr. McMahon stated that he was going to immediately call the United States Attorney at St. Paul and would inform me of the result of his conversation with the United States Attorney.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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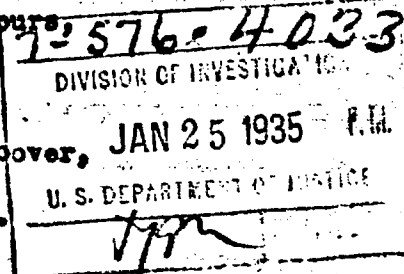
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John Edgar Hoover,

Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 25, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
1218-FUGITIVE, et al- Kidnaping

A certified copy of the complaint and warrants filed by the U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, Miami, against Wynona Burdette and Delores DeLaney, charging harboring of Alvin Karpis in that district were received by the U.S. Attorney, Philadelphia, under date of January 24, 1935. Fugitive complaints were filed against these individuals and Wynona Burdette was arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner, William S. Wacker, at Philadelphia, Pa., at noon, January 24, 1935. The Commissioner set bail at \$50,000 returnable April 4, 1935, Miami, Fla.

Delores DeLaney was arraigned by Commissioner Wacker in the Maternity Ward of the Hahnemann Hospital, where she is now confined, and was placed under \$50,000 bail, returnable Miami, Fla., April 4, 1935.

In accordance with instructions, these individuals were placed in the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Wynona Burdette was lodged in Moyamensing Prison, Philadelphia, and Delores DeLaney will be kept in custody at the Hahnemann Hospital.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Detroit, Michigan
January 24, 1935

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Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Reference is made to a long distance phone call received from the Philadelphia office by Special Agent E. M. Black on the night of January 22, 1935, regarding a Harry Campbell living at 4096 Calhoun Street, Dearborn, Michigan. The details of this phone call are set forth in an additional memorandum dictated by Agent Black.

Inquiry to develop this information was conducted on the late night of January 22, 1935, and forenoon of January 23, 1935. The street given as Calhoun in Dearborn is undoubtedly wrong and should be Olhoun. The address 4096 Calhoun in Dearborn is an apartment house which has 44 apartments. It is managed by Mrs. Emma Conner, whose husband, Isham Conner, is employed at the Ford plant, badge # 55152. The caretaker, Mrs. Conner, may be reached at telephone Oregon 9849.

Lieutenant Rueben Orr of the Dearborn Police Department was contacted in the matter, as he is well posted on matters of this sort in Dearborn and has numerous acquaintances and informants, and has been of material assistance to this office in the past in many matters. In company with Lieutenant Orr this Agent and Agent Graham made a careful tour of the premises in question on the night of January 22, 1935, at which time practically all of the apartments were dark and no automobiles bearing other than local license plates were noted to be parked around this apartment or in that immediate vicinity. The majority of people in this vicinity are employed at the Ford plant which is nearby.

The caretaker in the apartment, Mrs. Emma Conner was carefully interviewed in her private apartment, #108, and from her it was learned that Apartment #201 is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell and Mrs. Campbell's young son, age 8, by a former marriage. These persons have rented this apartment since September 15, 1934. It is a two room apartment. Mr. Campbell is known as a fireman with the city fire department of Dearborn, Michigan, working twenty-four hour shifts. Mrs. Conner stated that she had not seen in this apartment or with the Campbell family any persons of a questionable character in the recent past, especially during the last two days, and that likewise she had not observed any late callers going to or from this apartment, nor had she seen any automobiles around here which are not usually parked nearby being owned by the tenants. She further stated that she is frequently in Apartment 201 on matters pertaining to the building, such as arranging for the laundry and sundry and other similar things, and that Mrs. Campbell frequently calls at her apartment in connection with domestic matters. She understands that Mr. Campbell comes from Pennsylvania.

and that Mrs. Campbell, who is his second wife, is a native Detroit woman. Mr. Campbell is about 32 years of age, is estimated to weigh 165 pounds, 6 feet tall, has black hair and a fair complexion. He bears a good reputation except occasionally he gets drunk while off duty and within the past week gave his wife a severe beating for which he was temporarily arrested, but as she refused to appear he was released. By a former marriage Mr. Campbell has three children, two boys and a girl. His first wife has since remarried and lives at an unknown address on Ford Road and his three children attend one of two schools, that is, the Lawrey or Woodward School.

At Agent's request, Mrs. Conner made a special visit to the Campbell apartment and during the course of her visit carefully observed the contents of the apartment, and upon returning to be interviewed stated that she observed no one in the apartment and could see nothing of an unusual nature while there, and that she was personally satisfied that no one was being secreted there. Lieutenant Orr, through discreet inquiries of the Superintendent of City Firemen, was able to learn that Harry Campbell was born and raised in Elmwood, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Conner was requested to consult her record of previous occupants of this apartment and informed Agent that one George Lomas and wife lived in this apartment for a short period prior to its present occupancy and prior to the tenancy of Lomas, two boys, given names not known, but last names being McConnell and Osborn, occupied the apartment for about one year. These other tenants were employed by the Ford Motor Company. It was further learned from this lady that a William Campbell occupied Apartment 208 in this building until January 8, 1935, and these people were on the Dearborn welfare, but recently Mr. Campbell was able to secure a job at the Ford Motor Company and on the aforementioned date they moved to 5146 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan. This family, according to Mrs. Conner, was very poor and in desperate financial circumstances, and during the time they were here, which was less than one year, she frequently saw them in the apartment building as also in their private apartment, and at no time did she observe any suspicious characters or unusual goings on. It should also be stated that photographs of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Mrs. Conner and she definitely stated that she had never seen anyone resembling them in or about this building.

With the view of getting further information on William Campbell who formerly occupied Apartment 208, Agent went to the Dearborn City Welfare Department, consulted the records there regarding this man, and found that he is now 22 years of age, was born in Ontario, Canada, and by trade is a printer. He has worked from time to time for short periods of time in several of the local automobile factories.

Lieutenant Orr is rendering very splendid cooperation in this matter and stated that he will be on the alert for any additional information in connection with this particular line of inquiry which may be productive of results, and will immediately get in touch with this office if

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he learns anything of interest.

Without being in possession of the details as to the source of the information which prompted this investigation, the writer has come to the conclusion that the original informant in the matter evidently has mistaken Harry Campbell, who is employed by the city of Dearborn as a fireman, for the Subject of this case. In conclusion it may also be stated that Lieutenant Orr has a speaking acquaintance with Mr. Campbell, and states that he does not resemble the photograph of Subject Campbell.

R. B. Donaldson
Special Agent

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*C.C. Livingston
Philadelphia
Joc Connolly*

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SIH

January 24, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

On January 23, 1935, Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett furnished the Jacksonville office with a memorandum containing the following information:

At 9:00 A. M. on January 22, 1935, at Miami, Florida, Assistant United States Attorney W. S. Gramling requested Agent Tollett to stand by while he went to 1251 1/2 Northwest 4th Street in answer to a call that he came alone. At 9:30 A. M. Mr. Gramling telephoned Agent Tollett to come to said address. Upon arrival, Mr. Gramling introduced Agent to Merle H. Rolfe, who operates the Rolfe Armored Car Service and contracts for the guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club. Rolfe showed Agent Tollett an automatic rifle or machine gun which had been left in his office by Duke Randall who offered it for sale for \$150.00. Agent Tollett examined the weapon, which is very similar to the Division's Colt Monitors. It had the numbers and manufacturer's name chiseled off. After hearing Rolfe's explanation as to how the gun came into his possession, Agent Rolfe telephoned Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, who requested that the gun be brought to his, Hanson's, room, No. 611, in the Alcazar Hotel. Agent Tollett took possession of the gun without receipt along with four loaded clips and a wooden box and delivered same to Agent in Charge Hanson.

Rolfe related to Agent Tollett that he employed Duke Randall as a guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club, arrangements for the employment having been made by Joe Adams, who refunded to Rolfe the weekly salary of twenty-five dollars paid to Randall. He also stated that at about 1:00 P. M. on Friday, January 18, 1935, Randall came to his, Rolfe's, combination home and office, bringing the automatic rifle. Randall explained to Rolfe that it was one of three in Miami and offered to sell it to Rolfe, who owns several types of guns, for \$150.00. During the demonstration the gun accidentally discharged. Upon seeing the numbers and manufacturer's name chiseled off, Rolfe refused to buy it, but Randall left it with him, Rolfe, who became uneasy with it in his possession and called Mr. Gramling. Rolfe was quite eager to let Agent Tollett have the gun, possession of which is illegal under the new Federal laws, and stated that he desired Agent Tollett to explain taking possession of the gun by

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saying that Randall had been followed to his, Rolfe's, house and the gun subsequently seized, without the tip from Rolfe. Rolfe explained his request by stating that his employment of Randall would injure his reputation if known, and that he feared the consequences which might follow his calling Gramling.

All of the above information was furnished by Agent Tollett to Agent in Charge Hanson in Miami. Mr. Rolfe assured Agent Tollett that he would be willing to furnish any information possible requested of him in the future.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul
Chicago
E. J. Connelley
J. H. Hanson, Miami
Jax #7-24

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1935

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 6:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul and stated that both the kidnaping indictment and the conspiracy indictment were returned today; that all persons named on the list which was furnished to Mr. Nathan are named in these indictments; that, however, there will be no arraignments immediately. Mr. Nathan stated that Jimmie Wilson, the understudy of Mr. Moran, is being picked up again; that he came to St. Paul under subpoena, and after he is picked up will probably make bail.

Mr. Nathan stated that the indictments are being returned secretly, but he believes the press will assume that they have been returned, and Mr. Nathan expects to see the news of their return all over the morning papers.

Mr. Nathan stated that he would forward to the Division a copy of the indictment tonight.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Laboratory Report
January 24, 1935

Case: ⁶ Alvin Karpis with aliases et al;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Two Browning automatic rifles with numbers removed located in apartment of Russell Gibson shortly after his apprehension at Chicago. One Browning automatic rifle with number removed which Russell Gibson was carrying at the time of his apprehension. One Thompson sub-machine gun found in apartment of Doc Barker shortly after apprehension of Russell Gibson, number removed.

Examination requested by: Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

Date received: January 16, 1935

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons ²⁸⁸

Attempts have been made to restore the serial numbers on these guns with the following results:

On the Thompson sub-machine gun, marked found in the apartment of Doc Barker, the serial number had been drilled and the attempt to restore it was unsuccessful.

On the Browning automatic rifle found intact in the apartment of Russell Gibson, the number has been restored and found to be 211774. Neither of the other two rifles have responded to treatment but further attempts will be made to restore the numbers on these guns and any additional information will be submitted in a supplementary report.

The Browning automatic rifle found disassembled in the apartment of Russell Gibson was found to have a defective firing pin and an attempt had been made to repair it. This firing pin was replaced in order to obtain test bullets and cartridge cases and the firing pin impression on the cartridge cases from this gun is therefore not significant.

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Test bullets and cartridge cases were taken from all of these guns and compared with the specimens contained in the Laboratory File but none similar found. One set of these specimens were forwarded to your office as requested. Another set is being retained in the Laboratory File for possible future reference.

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These guns are being retained in the Laboratory.

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January 25, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

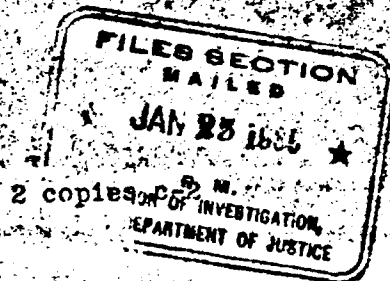
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division January 17, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Enclosure: #806440

cc-St. Paul



P. O. Box 1385

Butte, Montana, January 22, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to carbon copy of letter from the Chicago Office, dated December 26, 1934, to the St. Paul Office, relative to Ford V-8 coach, Motor No. 1130843, and V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 1142463, and 1933 Model Pontiac Coach, Motor No. 935155, Serial No. 815237, I would respectfully state that this matter has been put through the Motor Vehicle Departments of Montana and Idaho and no record found for these cars. Both the Registrar of Motor Vehicles at Deer Lodge, Montana, and the Commissioner of Law Enforcement at Boise, Idaho, advise that if any of these cars are offered for registration the Butte Office will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 25, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
1218, FUGITIVE, et al
Kidnaping

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Dear Sir:

In reference to telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Division relative to the failure of the Pennsylvania State Police to notify the Philadelphia Office of the recovery of Pontiac Sedan, near Doylestown, which was used by Karpis in his flight from Atlantic City, the following information is submitted:

Special Agent in Charge Whitley, who was acting in my absence on January 21st, informed me he received no notification of the abandoning of this car from the State Police. I immediately telephoned Major Adams of that organization and he stated that this information was furnished by teletype to the Philadelphia Police, who later informed him that they could not reach our Philadelphia Office, and further that I was in New York City, and other agents were in Atlantic City. Mr. Whitley, however, informed me that no one from the State Police or the Philadelphia Police telephoned this office.

Major Adams later informed me that the teletype message went out at 3.46 P.M. to the Philadelphia Police, Harborton, N.J. Barracks of the State Police, and the Atlantic City Police, in which the Philadelphia Police were requested to get in touch with this office and advise us of the recovery of the Pontiac Sedan.

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Major Adams stated the first information he had concerning this car was from his barracks at Doylestown at 3 P.M. on the 21st, although the car was recovered about 7 A.M. on the morning of the 21st by Chief of Police Albert Cooper, Quakertown, Pa. I obtained a copy of the teletype message from the State Police, which reads as follows:

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"Re NJ GB-616 dated 1-20-35 be advised the State Police and State Highway Patrol have located the Pontiac Sedan NJ.Reg. A-3073 Mfg 887386 Mot 1039382 Color Pea Green found on a lonely lane about 2 miles Southeast of Quakertown Bucks Co. Pa. Car is being held at State Police Doylestown Pa. The car had four bullet holes in it none of which could have taken effect on its occupants There were no blood stains in it There were no tracks of another car behind it and State Police and Highway Patrol are endeavoring to locate the criminals in that vicinity"

This verifies the fact that Adams had sent out the proper notification.

Adams also informed me that he had every available man of his force on guard duty along the highway between Philadelphia and the western part of the State on the lookout for Karpis.

The copy of the aforementioned teletype message was obtained from Captain of Detectives John Creedon of the Philadelphia Police Department, who informed me that since he was absent from the office, and ordinarily handles such matters, the assistant, who was taking his place, instead of calling the Philadelphia Office upon receipt of the aforementioned teletype message, telephoned to Agent Fierstone in Atlantic City, inasmuch as Fierstone's address had been left with him by Mr. Heffler, who was Acting Agent in Charge in my absence, on the 20th, and Fierstone naturally assumed that this office had received the information from the Philadelphia Police.

In view of the foregoing, it will be noted that the Pennsylvania State Police cannot be charged with failure to notify this office of the recovery of this automobile.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, several agents were sent to Quakertown, Pa., to conduct investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
I.O. 1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the fingerprint card received
in the Division on Henry Randall, #7836, Police Department,
Miami, Florida, please be advised that an examination of
the fingerprint records fails to disclose any data concerning
this individual.

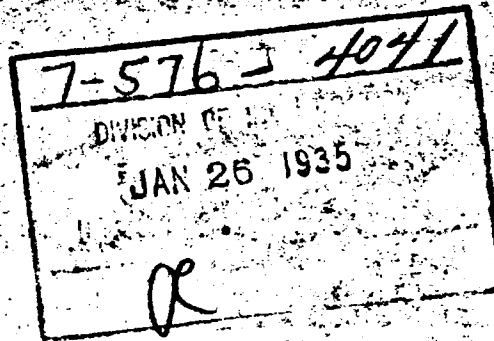
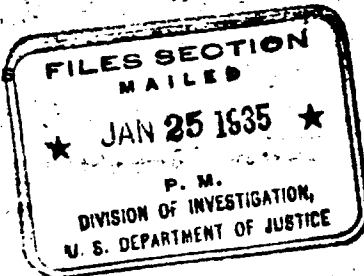
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Division Office,
St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Invest.,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

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January 24, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION.

RE: VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
KIDNAPING.

There are transmitted herewith data for
Identification Order #1237 to be issued relative
to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classifica-
tion, and use the attached photograph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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VOLNEY DAVIS,
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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WANTED:

VOLNEY DAVIS, with 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, Roy Green. KIDNAPING

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE

DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches
Weight, 123 pounds
Build, slender
Hair, light chestnut
Eyes, blue
Complexion, fair
Scar, vertical cut scar 1/2 inch above eyebrow.

RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, parents,
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John (Mildred) Harness, sister,
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John G. (Bertha) Williams, sister,
436 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Glenn (Ruby) Lamberson, sister,
1019 1/2 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Luther B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister,
416 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Charles (Beulah) Porter, sister,
Oklahoma State Hospital for the Insane,
Vinita, Oklahoma.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Volney Davis, #1025, arrested
Police Department, Tulsa,
Oklahoma, February 3, 1919;
charge, grand larceny;
turned over to Tulsa County.
As Volney Davis, alias V. E.
Davis, #9849, received State
Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, September 28, 1919,
from Tulsa County; crime,
grand larceny; sentence,
three years.
As Volney Davis, #12808, received
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, February 3, 1923,
from Tulsa, Oklahoma; crime,
murder; sentence, life;
escaped January 6, 1925.
As Roy Green alias Volney Davis,
#13404, arrested Police Depart-
ment, Kansas City, Missouri,
January 21, 1925; charge,
investigation - fugitive;
returned.
As Volney Davis, #12808, returned
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, January 25, 1925;
November 1, 1932 granted
leave of absence to July 1,
1933; leave of absence
extended to July 1, 1934;
leave cancelled, now a fugitive.

Volney Davis is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at
St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the
Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charging Davis
and others with the kidnaping.

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Issued by:

Director.

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January 25, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

The fingerprints of Wynona Burdette, our file #828772, and Dolores Delaney, our file #877715 have been compared with the latent finger impressions previously developed in this case. Thirty-five latent prints developed on material found in an apartment at 7137 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois have been identified as those of Dolores Delaney. It is noted that other latent prints on this material have been previously reported as being identical with fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz alias George Ziegler (deceased).

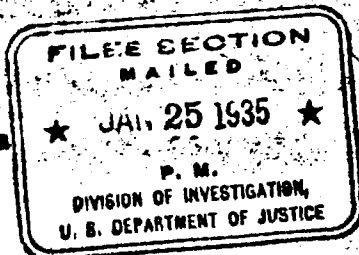
No identification could be effected with the fingerprints of Wynona Burdette.

It is further noted that a number of the unidentified latent prints remaining in this case are palmar impressions, and it is suggested that palm prints of suspects in this case be submitted to the Division, where available.

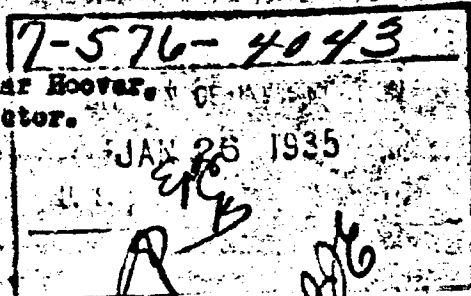
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
cc-Philadelphia



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January 22, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Colonel Gates telephoned and made reference to a memorandum written by me in regard to the Karpis-Barker case. Colonel Gates inquired if I objected to his having several copies of it mimeographed. I stated that I had no objection. I remarked that the memorandum was written before Fred and "Ma" Barker were killed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

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

Further reference is made to my letter of January 23, 1935, regarding information that Arthur Burdette, a brother of Wynona Burdette, is presently residing in Saginaw, Michigan.

Inquiries have been made by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney at Coffeyville, Kansas, where it was determined that apparently the original information indicating the possible presence of this man in Saginaw came from one Melvin Drake, a radio announcer. Agent O'Mahoney ascertained that Arthur Burdette was in Coffeyville for a short time several months ago, at which time he was associated with an orchestra known as The Arkansas Travelers which broadcast from the Coffeyville Radio Station. After leaving Coffeyville Drake received a card from Arthur Burdette, which was, to the best of his recollection, mailed at Erie, Pennsylvania. However, he subsequently heard, through discussion with other acquaintances of Arthur Burdette, that the latter was now located in Saginaw, Michigan.

Agent O'Mahoney was informed that Arthur Burdette has in the past broadcast from Station KVO, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with three of his sisters named Eunice, Jim and Ruth. At the time these inquiries were made at Coffeyville some members of The Arkansas Travelers orchestra were broadcasting from the Coffeyville station and were interviewed by Agent O'Mahoney. However, they had no definite information as to the present location of Arthur Burdette. The leader of the orchestra, Bob Mayfield, was not in Coffeyville, but the Agent was advised that Mayfield's orchestra will play for a dance on the night of January 24, 1935 at 416 South Detroit, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is possible that Mayfield has definite in-

formation as to the present whereabouts of Bardette.

This information was transmitted by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Brantley, of the Oklahoma City Office, in order that Bob Mayfield might be interviewed and any further information which he might have concerning Arthur Bardette might be obtained.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RBN:os
cc - Division
Mr. Connelly, Chicago
St. Paul
Oklahoma City

REN:CSH

January 24, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION.

RE: HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
KIDNAPING.

There are transmitted herewith data for
Identification Order #1236 to be issued relative
to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classifica-
tion, and use the attached photograph.

Very truly yours,

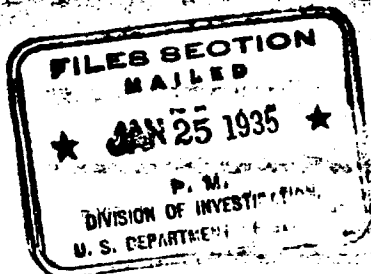
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ORDER NO. 1296
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CLASSIFICATION:
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WANTED:

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases;
Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin,
George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott,
George Winfield, George Swanson.

KIDNAPING

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE

DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet, 5 inches
Weight, 135 to 140 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, brown
Eyes, blue
Complexion, ruddy-medium
Marks, scar corner left eye,
vaccination scar upper left arm,
lane in right leg.
Teeth, decayed.

RELATIVES

George E. Campbell, father,
818 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Lissa Campbell, mother,
818 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Mickey Rheinsmith Campbell, wife,
123 East Crawford Street,
Pampa, Texas.
Pearl Campbell, Edith Campbell Majors, and
Laura Campbell, sisters,
818 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Howard (Myrtle) McKeel, sister,
Kemp City, Texas.
Clarence Jack Campbell, brother,
Ranger, Texas.
Clell Campbell, brother,
Long Beach, California.

Place photograph here
(date)

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Harry Campbell, #1646,
arrested Police Department,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, December
25, 1920; charge investiga-
tion; fined \$19 and costs.
As Harry Campbell, #11056,
received State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma, January
30, 1921, from Lincoln County,
Oklahoma; crime, bank robbery,
held for safe keeping; dis-
charged June 11, 1921 on
order of Court.
As Harry Campbell, #9420,
arrested Sheriff's Office,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 29,
1932; charge, burglary;
released on bond; case
pending.

Harry Campbell is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at
St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by
the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charging
Campbell and others with the kidnaping.

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Issued by:

Director.

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935

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.....

Time - 11:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Heffler telephoned me and stated that he had communicated with the New York Office and there ascertained that Agent Fierstone is still in New York; that Fierstone knew nothing of the plans to the effect that he was to proceed to Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Fierstone told Mr. Heffler that he is under the impression that no one was sent from the New York Office.

I telephoned Mr. Fay at New York City and inquired ^{why} the squad of Agents had not been sent to Atlantic City. Mr. Fay stated that directly after my call to him, Agent Turrou had telephoned him advising him of the situation down at Atlantic City; that the information received indicated that the men were heading either toward Philadelphia or New York City. Mr. Fay stated that he has a number of his men at the present time guarding the tunnel and ferries and doing all they can there in New York. I told him that you had expected four hours ago that men from the New York Office were to be on the road to Atlantic City; that we have three or four of the Agents there who have been out of the training school only a short time, and a situation which will require the most skillful investigation; that there are two women in custody, a car abandoned and a large amount of baggage and guns which have to be taken care of; that fingerprints should be lifted from these items if possible.

I instructed Mr. Fay to immediately contact Mr. Fierstone and dispatch him with two or three good men to Atlantic City at once so that they might take charge of the situation there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Stanley and advised him that we succeeded in getting the indictment in St. Paul through yesterday; but that the United States Attorney in St. Paul has insisted that it be kept a secret.

I stated that I had talked with Assistant Director, Mr. Harold Nathan concerning the matter and he in turn talked with the United States Attorney, and the United States Attorney told him that it had always been his practice to keep the indictment a secret until after the persons were apprehended. I remarked that the criticism of this procedure was that any person who might lend aid or assistance to any of the persons indicted could not be charged with the violation of the law because the indictment was held secret.

I told Mr. Stanley that since we had quite a number of these people in actual custody and still quite a number who were not yet in custody, and since it was no mystery that we were looking for those not yet apprehended; that I thought it would be a good thing if the United States Attorney were approached with a view to having the indictment made public.

Mr. Stanley stated that he would contact the United States Attorney immediately.

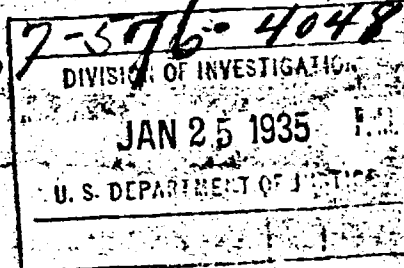
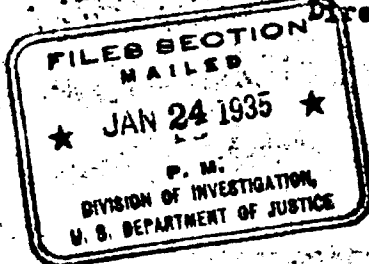
Edward L. Tamm

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Very truly yours,
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

AIR MAIL

January 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

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

Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey, St. Paul, Minnesota, called at this office this afternoon and suggested that the money and automobile which was previously obtained under subpoena duces tecum should be immediately removed from the State of Florida otherwise the property is still subject to attachment in that state. He stated that he knew of no particular purpose of bringing the automobile to St. Paul as there is a possibility that the value of same might be questioned at this time; however, the money should be shipped or otherwise conveyed to St. Paul and some suitable disposition made of the car.

With reference to the other articles such as rings, Mr. Heisey advised that he was issuing an additional subpoena this date.

Will you kindly take this matter up with the United States Marshal and cause the necessary arrangements to be made.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BOX 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska

January 24, 1935

Chief of Police,
Police Department,
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

Recently, Special Agent O. C. Dewey, of this office,
was loaned a copy of the palm prints of Clyde Rimerick, alias C. D.
Harris, which prints were taken by your Department on December 22,
1931. I am returning the prints, herewith.

Please accept my thanks for the cooperation you have
rendered in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANAU,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Division

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping.

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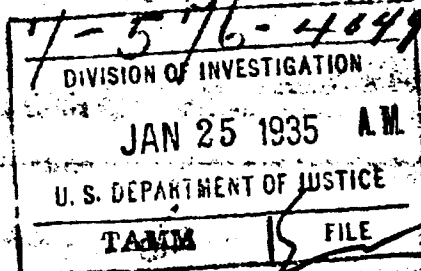
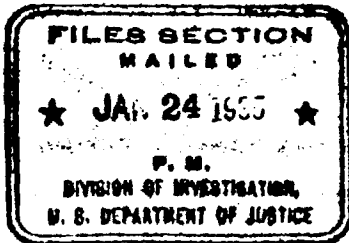
I telephoned Mr. Carusi and told him that it would be all right for the Attorney General to give out the story about the indictment issued in St. Paul at his Press Conference at 11:30 this morning. I stated that I had sent him a memorandum giving all the data and names; that, however, I had a carbon copy of the memorandum before me and would like to correct the spelling of the name of William Edward Vidley to William Edward Vidler.

J. E. H.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 567
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I.O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. 1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases - I.O. 1215
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. 1232
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

After the seige by Division Agents on January 16, 1935, on the house occupied by Fred Barker and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, which house was formerly also occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Gurdett, there was found therein, among other things, a pair of ladies' optical glasses wrapped in a piece of cloth advertising the Jenkel-Davidson Optical Company, with offices in San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. The above mentioned glasses and wrapper are enclosed herewith and it is respectfully requested that your office conduct an appropriate investigation at the Jenkel-Davidson Optical Company in an effort to establish the identity of the purchaser of these glasses.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment).

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CC Director
Chicago
Saint Paul
Mr. Connelley

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Jan. 25, 1935

To D. Brantley, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice

Street and No. 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Place

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

ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES -
I.O. 1218 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith are the fingerprints and a photograph of DUKE RANDALL alias HENRY RANDALL alias HENRY STERN. 1/23/35

These are being forwarded in accordance with instructions from the Jacksonville office which were received telegraphically today.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/26/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/23 to 25/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. CALHOUN - RMW
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213 (Deceased); DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232, et al;			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at 2503 South 23rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska, disclosed that the correspondent of Mrs. Eugene Bowling of Salem, Arkansas, is her sister, Mrs. J. D. Welch, and that William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, is an uncle of Mrs. Welch's brother-in-law. Mrs. Welch knows nothing of whereabouts of Weaver, whom she has never seen.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Little Rock Office to Omaha Office, dated January 18th, 1935.			
DETAILS: It was learned that the present occupants of 2502 South 23rd Street at Omaha, Nebraska, are a Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Welch. Special Agent W. P. Ellwood ascertained from Mr. S. S. Rayner, of 1729 South 27th Street, the owner of the house at 2502 South 23rd Street, that Mr. and Mrs. Welch appeared to be a fine young couple and that Mr. Welch is in the poultry business at 1301 North 24th Street, Omaha. With Detectives Phelan and King, of the Omaha Police Department, this Agent made inquiry of a Mr. Dooley, who lives just south of the Welch home, and the photograph of William Weaver was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Dooley, but they stated that they had never seen this person in the neighborhood.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Werner Hanne	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-4051
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An open interview was then had with Mrs. J. D. Welch, a young woman about twenty-two years of age. Mrs. Welch appears to be a young woman of good character and she stated that she and her husband had moved to Omaha about two months ago from Salem, Arkansas, and that her husband is working for his brother, Mr. E. P. Welch, who owns the Produce Distributors Company at 1301 North 24th Street. Mrs. Welch stated that she has a sister who married one Eugene Bowling at Salem, Arkansas, and that Eugene Bowling's mother is a sister to Phoenix Donald, who is also known as William Weaver. Mrs. Welch stated that she had never seen Phoenix Donald in her life and that she doubts that he has been in the vicinity of Salem, Arkansas. Mrs. Welch had lived in a country community all of her life until about two months ago.

Interview was had with Mr. E. P. Welch, owner of the Produce Distributors Company, and he stated that he left the vicinity of Salem, Arkansas, about fifteen years ago and that he is not acquainted with Eugene Bowling or Bowling's family. He was shown the photograph of Phoenix Donald and stated that he did not recall ever having seen him. Mr. E. P. Welch seemed to be a young man of good character.

Mr. J. D. Welch called at the Omaha Division Office and stated that his wife's sister had married Eugene Bowling at Salem, Arkansas, but that he knew very little concerning the Bowlings. He advised that Eugene Bowling's father was formerly Sheriff at Salem, Arkansas, and that to his knowledge the Bowling family bore a good reputation. Mr. Welch, himself, came from the little town of Elizabeth, which is about twenty-five miles in the country from Salem, Arkansas, and he was not personally acquainted with Eugene Bowling, although they are brothers-in-law. He was likewise shown the photograph of Phoenix Donald and stated that he did not recall ever having seen him. Mr. Welch stated that he had noted newspaper accounts of the Barker-Karpis gang and had noted the name of William Weaver, but had never before connected this man with anyone at Salem, Arkansas.


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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE Jan. 25, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Jan. 4-15, 1935	REPORT MADE BY E. A. Alt
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases—I. O. #1212; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases—I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases—I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases—I. O. #1232; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Arthur Radke at Knox Hotel, Tampa, Florida, was believed to be Doris O'Connor. Investigation at Tampa determined that Mrs. Radke is not Doris O'Connor. She is the wife of Arthur Radke, a gambler who has been visiting Tampa each year during this season for the past three years.			
DETAILS: On January 4, 1935, a woman thirty-eight years of age, employed by the [redacted], Florida, advised the Deputy United States Marshal in that city that two men and a woman were residing in the Knox Hotel for some time and were conducting themselves in such a way as to create suspicion. The woman was driving an automobile bearing 1934 California license tags 2H-6639. Investigation at this hotel by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley disclosed that the persons mentioned are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Radke and one R. Cooper. Agent Yearsley displayed the photograph of Doris O'Connor to [redacted] who stated that Mrs. Radke somewhat resembled Doris O'Connor, it being noted that the photograph of Doris O'Connor was taken in 1923. The Radke couple and R. Cooper were driving a Pontiac automobile bearing 1934 California license tags 2H-6639. The report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., of the San Francisco office, dated January 10, 1935, containing as a reference telegram from the Jacksonville office dated January 4, 1935, reflects that this license was issued to Mrs. Nora Radke, Willard Hotel, San Francisco, California, on January 19, 1934, for 1932 Oakland sedan.			
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J. M. Major, Manager of the Knox Hotel, Tampa, and several other hotels, advised Agent Yearsley that Mr. and Mrs. A. Radke had been guests at the Knox Hotel each year at about the same season during the past three years; that these persons are followers of state fairs, carnivals, et cetera; they engage in gambling concessions; that is, Cooper and A. Radke do; the woman is engaged in fortune telling and other like activities. Agent Yearsley observed the Radke couple and R. Cooper and is quite positive that they are not persons wanted in connection with this case.

Agent Yearsley submitted to the Jacksonville office a lengthy memorandum in this case covering his activity. The information quoted in this report is the substance of his memorandum.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

January 25, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing herewith latent fingerprints
lifted by Special Agent in Charge William Larson from the
Plymouth coach of Dr. Horace H. Hunsicker of Allentown,
Pennsylvania, whose car was found abandoned near Monroe,
Michigan, Tuesday, January 22, 1935.

There is also inclosed a Graflex Film Pack which
contains exposures of latent fingerprints photographed
on this automobile by Mr. Larson. This film pack is
being forwarded to the Division in order to expedite the
developing of same so that a comparison may be made by
the Division to determine if the prints found on this
car are the impressions of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell,
or others connected with this case.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **7-576-4054**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Ind.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-25-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-18-35	REPORT MADE BY: F. E. HURLEY VLD
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No criminal record on subjects obtained at Louisville, Kentucky Police Department.			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Reference: Division letter dated 10-13-34.</p> <p>Details: AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Agent called on Captain S. S. Searcy and Sergeant Herbert Ashby, Bureau of Records and Identification, Police Department, Louisville, in compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated October 13, 1934.</p> <p>A search was made in the police files of any arrest at Louisville or at any other known place of the several fugitives named in the Division letter in mind. No such records were found except recent circulars known to the Division. So far as fingerprint records and names are concerned, none of the several persons named in the Division letter has ever been arrested by the police at Louisville. Temporary circulars were left with the Sergeant for his file. In the event any of them are apprehended through the agency of the Police at Louisville, the Indianapolis office of the Division will be immediately notified. A full inquiry developed that none of the several persons named is wanted locally by the police at Louisville.</p> </div> </div>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Pennington</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-4054</p> <p>JAN 28 1935 A.M.</p> <p>ONE STAT. SECT. Hk</p> </div> </div>			
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>3 Division</p> <p>2 St. Paul</p> <p>3 Chicago</p> <p>1 Kansas City</p> <p>2 Indianapolis</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED MAR 22 1965</p>		<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 28 1935</p> <p>JAN 29 1935</p> <p>JACKETED:</p>	

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Bureau of Investigation

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

January 25, 1935

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
(1) WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, aliases: Bryon Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Owen B. Carter, Monte Carter, "Andy", Andrew Allen, Byron Bolton.		January 9, 1935	
(2) ELMER FARMER		January 16, 1935	

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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February 7, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, I. O. 1232; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

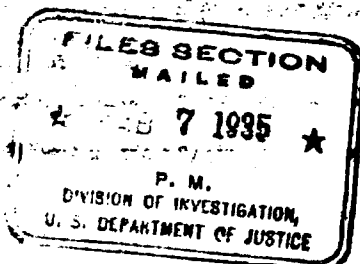
In reply to a communication received from the
Division Office, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 25, 1935,
requesting the criminal records of WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON and
ELMER FARMER, there are transmitted herewith copies of the
criminal records of one Byron Bolton, our file #841188, and
one Elmer Farmer, our file #82348, as reflected by the finger-
print files of the Division of Investigation, who are probably
identical with the above individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #298188.

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
January 25, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office immediately with
thirty-five (35) copies of the following Apprehension Order:

ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, A. O. #1219-329

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

January 26, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office with seven additional
copies of I. O. #1219 on Arthur R. Barker with aliases.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton

T. N. Stapleton,
Special Agent in Charge

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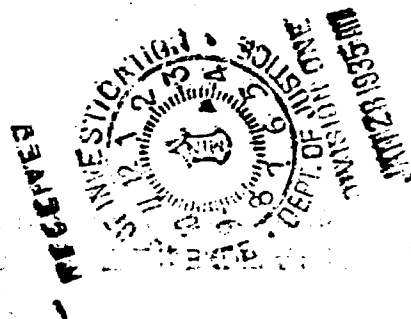
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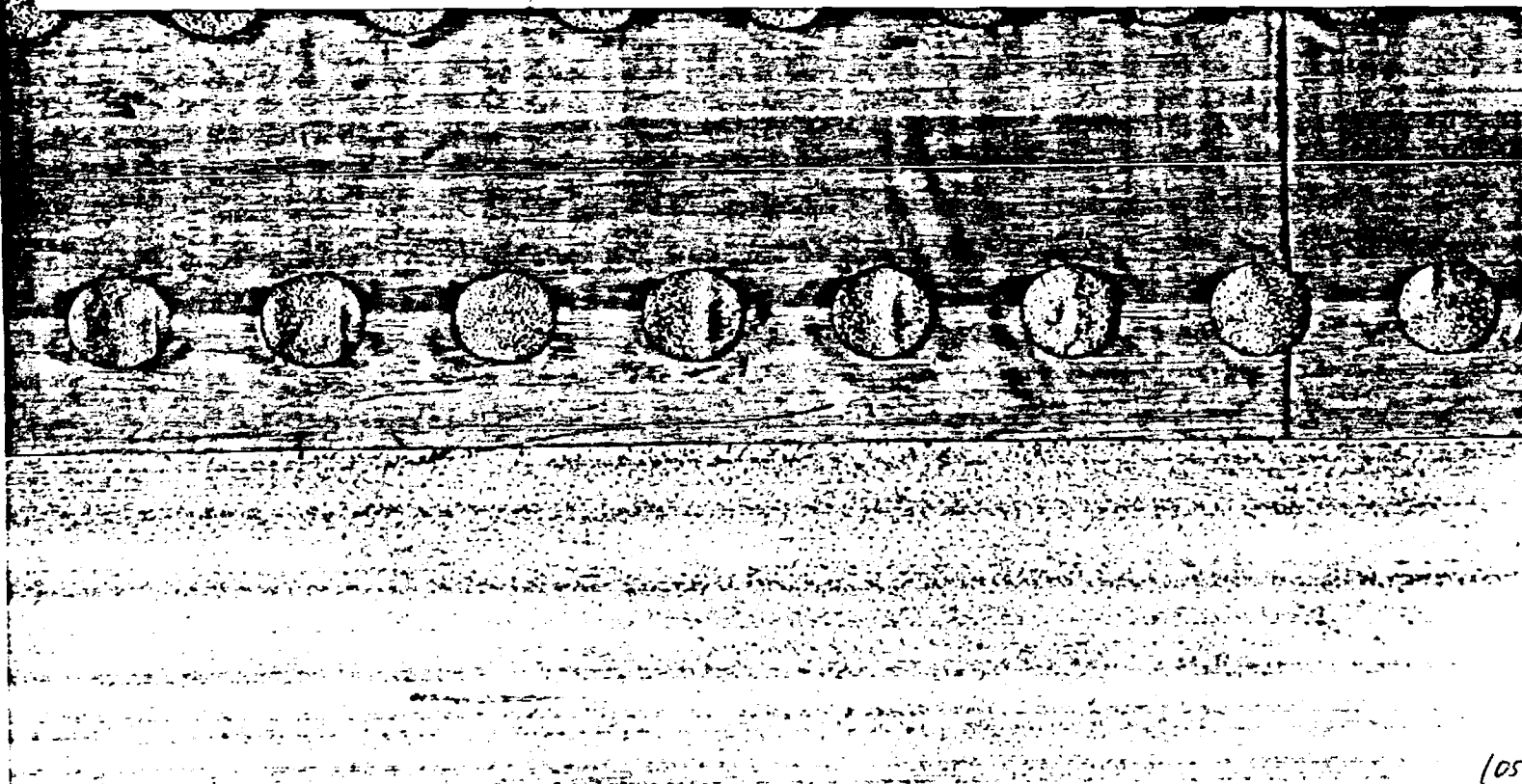


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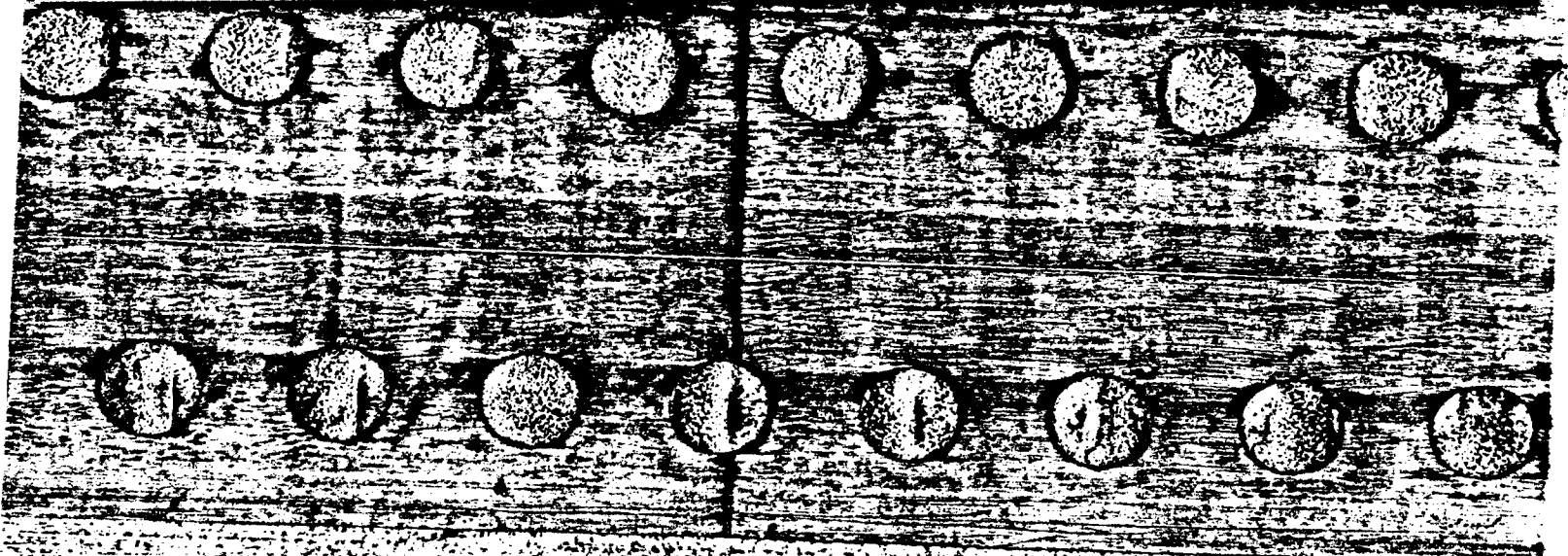
BREKID HARLAN BILYEU WHO RESIDES NEAR OZARK MISSOURI STATES HARRY CAMPBELL AT HIS HOME TEN O'CLOCK MORNING OF JANUARY TWENTY THIRD ACCOMPANIED BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING BLACK COUPE POSSIBLY CHEVROLET LICENSE UNKNOWN STOP BILYEU CLAIMS ACQUAINTED CAMPBELL APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS AGO AND HAS NOT SEEN SINCE UNTIL THIS OCCASION STOP STATES CAMPBELL TALKED OF ATLANTIC CITY AFFAIR AND REQUESTED PRESENT LOCATION BILYEU'S BROTHER BEN WHO RESIDES SPRINGFIELD AND ROLAND WILLIAMS ALLEGED FORMER MEMBER RAY TERRELL GANG RECENTLY RELEASED OKLAHOMA PENITENTIARY AND NOW REPORTED RESIDING SEMINOLE OKLAHOMA BILYEU PLAINTIFF IN WAR RISK CASE SUIT BEING BROUGHT BY GUARDIAN AND INVESTIGATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SHOWING MENTALLY INCOMPETENT STOP THIS OFFICE HAS PHOTOGRAPH ONE ROLAND J WILLIAMS LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY NUMBER ONE SEVEN SEVEN NINE ONE POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WILLIAMS REFERRED TO STOP BILYEU'S INFORMATION POSSIBLY UNFOUNDED BUT FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE THIS DISTRICT AND SUGGEST APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES SEMINOLE REGARDING WILLIAMS WILL ADVISE ANY DEVELOPMENTS

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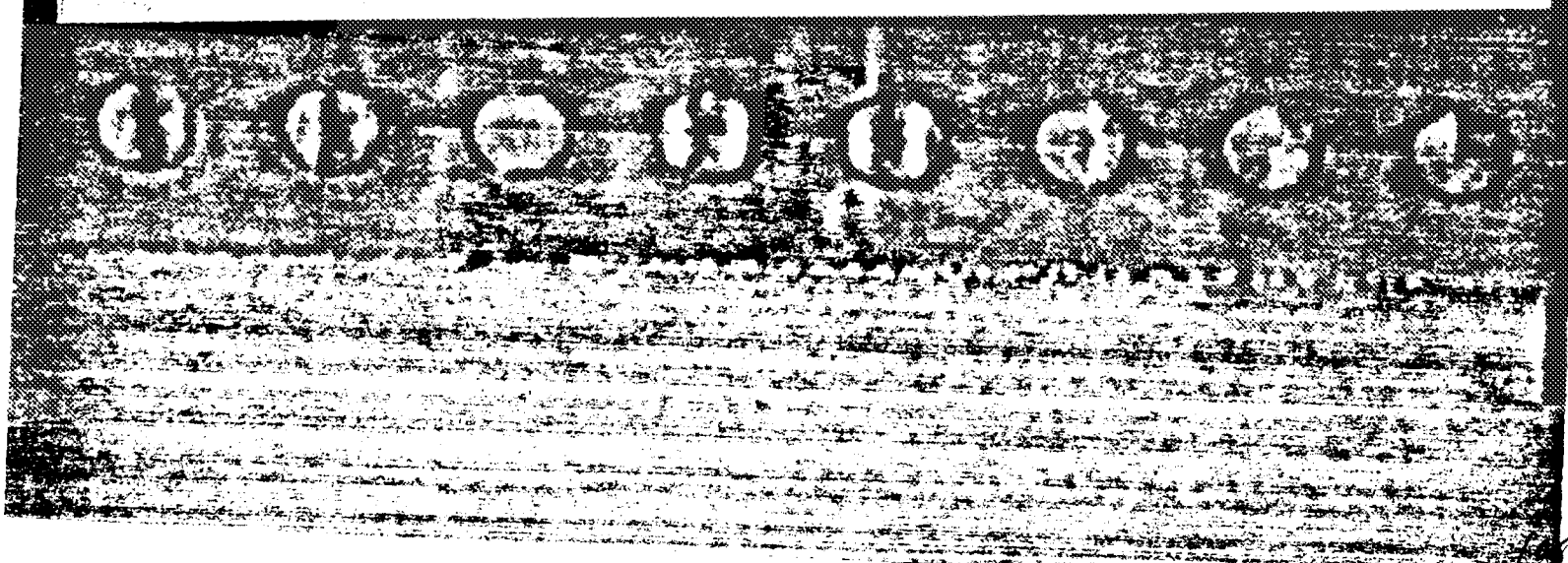
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422 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
January 24, 1935

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming our telephone conversation of last evening,
please be advised that Special Agent H. J. L. Pieper
of this office, while at Casper, Wyoming, yesterday,
ascertained through Sheriff R. John Allen that Oscar
Felt, former Mayor of Evanville, Wyoming, who is re-
ported to be a very good friend of Subject Harry Camp-
bell, is now residing at 16534 Stoepel Street, Detroit,
Michigan.

The activities of Oscar Felt are mentioned in report
of Special Agent J. E. Swanson dated at Denver, Septem-
ber 21, 1934, a copy of which was furnished your office.

At this time it is considered possible that Karpis and
Campbell may endeavor to contact Felt in Detroit.
Every possible contact of Campbell at Casper and Evana-
ville, Wyoming, is being covered at this time.

Very truly yours,

JAY G. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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

January 25, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O.1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with
aliases, I.O.1219; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Mr. William Hamm, Jr. viewed Arthur R. Barker with
aliases at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota,
during the morning of January 25, 1935, in the presence of
Special Agent R. C. Coulter. After viewing Barker for some
ten or fifteen minutes, Mr. Hamm later stated that he could
not identify him as one of the persons who kidnapped him
in June, 1933. He did state, however, that there was a
possibility that Barker was one of the two smaller men; that
he remembered the driver of the car had black hair, but
could tell nothing in particular as to that individual's
height.

Later, during the same day, Roy McCord, who was
shot by an individual operating a machine gun, during the
early part of January, 1934, viewed Barker in the presence
of Special Agent J. E. Brennan of this office. He later
stated he was unable to identify Barker as the individual
who shot him, advising that he had not secured a good look
at the man's face at the time he was shot, although, he
stated, this man appeared to be short. While he did not
say so, he seemed to be convinced that Barker was not the
individual.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
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Shortly after noon, United States Attorney George Sullivan advised that Jack De Courcy, who is a local attorney, made an affidavit and presented same to Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, setting out that a relative of Barker had called him on the telephone, instructing him to contact Barker and determine if he desired De Courcy's services. Mr. De Courcy previously advised Assistant Director Nathan and Agent Coulter that he did not learn the identity of the relative. Judge Joyce ordered that De Courcy be permitted to see Barker in the presence of a Special Agent from this office, for the purpose of determining whether Barker desired his services.

In connection with the above, Special Agent J. E. Brennan submitted the following memorandum:

"On the afternoon of January 25, 1935, Special Agent John E. Brennan, of the Division of Investigation, while at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, received a telephone call from his office during which Special Agent R. C. Coulter informed him that an attorney named DeCoursey, of St. Paul, had filed an affidavit in the U. S. District Court to the effect that he had been retained to represent Arthur "Doc" Barker, who is at present confined in the County Jail; that the judge had issued an order to the effect that DeCoursey might interview Barker in the presence of an agent of the Division, such interview to be confined to ascertaining whether or not Barker desired to retain DeCoursey as his attorney.

"DeCoursey appeared at the County Jail and was accompanied to the cell block occupied by Barker where he introduced himself to Barker and stated that he had been unable to see him sooner as the Government would not allow him to see Barker, remarking that he supposed "these fellows", indicating Special Agent Brennan, apparently did not want him to represent Barker. Brennan stated that this was not the case, that in fact he knew of no one that he would

rather see represent Barker as the last time he had seen him represent any thieves was up in Duluth where they were all convicted. DeCoursey then stated that it would not be necessary that Barker retain him to represent him in this case but that he might be able to help him and he could get another lawyer later on if he, Barker, so desired. Barker remained silent. DeCoursey then said to Barker that he supposed he had told these fellows, indicating Brennan, all about it, and cautioned him to "tell them nothing." He stated that he could not disclose who had hired him to come up and see Barker as "this fellow (Brennan) and the bunch working with him, would go out and grab them and tell them to come home to their drunken father." He further stated that if Barker would hire him he could then have a private interview with him and that the question at this time was whether or not Barker would hire him. Barker stated that he needed a lawyer to handle a few matters for him and DeCoursey stated that was all he wanted to find out at this time and would see him again tomorrow as it would be Saturday. This concluded the conversation, DeCoursey stating that he wouldn't mind spending a week in a place like this so he could rest up."

United States Attorney Sullivan requested an immediate memorandum of the conversation between De Coursey and Barker, and after viewing same he stated that the facts possibly did not warrant De Coursey seeing Barker alone, as a State law gives officials authority to deny vicious prisoners the right to confer with attorneys except with reference to their case. This may not be the exact wording of the Statute, but is correct in substance, I believe.

The Division will be kept informed as to developments in regard to the above.

Very truly yours,

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

RCC:RMM
Cc Connelley, Chgo.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer 1457
St. Louis, Missouri
January 26, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my conversation this morning with Messrs. Tolson and Tamm of the Division and in harmony with the instructions issued, Special Agent W. L. Buchanan will remain at St. Louis to continue his plant next door to the home of the parents of subject Willie Harrison in the Bremer kidnaping case, and will not depart for Chicago at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
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January 25, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between Mr. Tamm of the Division and Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago Division Office, on January 17, 1935, during the course of which Mr. Tamm advised that the Division had received an anonymous letter from Chicago advising that Dr. Moran, subject in the above-entitled case, is presently associated with one Dr. Wells at 64th and Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, using the name of Dr. Mason.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents A. A. Muzzey and J. T. McLaughlin on January 24, 1935 disclosed that Dr. H. Eugene Wells, osteopath, located at 6420 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the only doctor by that name in the vicinity of 64th and Cottage Grove Avenue. Discreet inquiry was made in that vicinity and it was ascertained from postal carrier #3745, A. Kiser, of the Jackson Park Postal Station, and from Harry Simons, a locksmith, having his place of business at 6420 Cottage Grove Avenue, and at Walgreen's Drug Store, on the corner of 64th and Cottage Grove Avenue, that Dr. Wells has been engaged in the practice of osteopathy in the vicinity of 64th and Cottage Grove Avenue for eighteen years, and that he bore a wonderful reputation in that section; that at one time he was associated with a Dr. Mason at 6414 Cottage Grove Avenue, but that Dr. Mason has not been with Dr. Wells for approximately three years.

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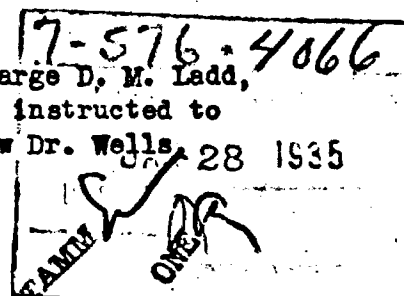
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Agents communicated with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, informing him of the reputation of Dr. Wells, and were instructed to conclude discreet investigation and to openly interview Dr. Wells, 28 1935

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Dr. Wells, upon interview, stated that he had been engaged in the practice of osteopathy in the vicinity of 64th and Cottage Grove Avenue for eighteen years; that approximately three and one-half years ago one Robert J. Mason, M.D., shared offices with him at 6414 Cottage Grove Avenue; that Dr. Mason was more or less a habitual drunkard, and that Dr. Wells severed his business association with Dr. Mason as a result of Dr. Mason's drunken escapades. Dr. Wells further advised that he has not seen Dr. Mason for three and one-half years, and that the last time he heard from him was Christmas, 1933, when he received a Christmas card from Dr. Mason, postmarked Santa Monica, California. It is Dr. Wells' opinion that Dr. Mason is still in Santa Monica, California.

A photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject, was shown to Dr. Wells, and he emphatically stated that Dr. Mason was not Dr. Moran; that Dr. Mason is approximately forty-seven years of age, very small in stature, married, and has a family of three children. Dr. Wells further advised that he has never seen anyone answering to the photographic appearance of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Dr. Wells was very cooperative and considerate in the interview conducted by Agents, and stated that in the event he secured any information relative to Dr. Moran, or in the event that the Government desired to interview him further, he would gladly come to the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
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