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PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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EARL & ELLS
CAFÉ.
WEST PLAINS, MO.

Jan 22/35

Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs

I heard over the Radio this morning that Karpis
was headed for hide out towards West Plains Mo. if
so I believe this is a place not so far from West
Plains that he would almost sure to go to if your
department cares to investigate this and an officer from
here (come to me at Earl & Ellis Cafe) was an officer
here at the time of Sheriff Kelley's death and also filled
out the expired term of his office one year hoping
you all the success in capturing Karpis I remain

alvin

Yours Truly
A E Seibsting

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January 26, 1935

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7-576-4067

Mr. A. E. Seiberling,
c/o Earl & Ellis Cafe,
West Plains, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22, 1935, wherein you offer to assist in the matter of locating Alvin Karpis, now being sought by this Division in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, by pointing out several hide-outs in the vicinity of West Plains, Missouri.

Please be advised that I am forwarding copies of your letter to Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

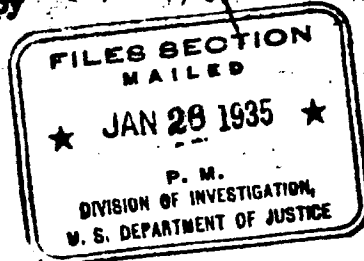
Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Kansas City (with copies of incoming letter)
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley
at Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JANUARY 25, 1935.

MS

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

Dear Sir:

I have received a request from Merle A. Gill, Ballistician, 6900 Kensington Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, that test shells and bullets be furnished to him from two (2) Thompson machine guns which he states were recovered by the Division at the time Fred and Kate^OBarker were killed in Florida. Mr. Gill advises that he desires these tests for comparison with specimens in his possession obtained in connection with the killing of a police officer in South St. Paul, Minnesota in September 1933; a similar killing in Chicago a month later, and a bank robbery at Grand Haven, Michigan. He states that in all of these cases ammunition designated as REM-UMC was used and that any tests furnished him should, accordingly, be of similar ammunition.

I have advised Mr. Gill I have no information as to any guns recovered as indicated by him, but his request was being forwarded to the Division for appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 25, 1935, concerning the request of Merle A. Gill for test specimens fired through Thompson Sub-Machine guns recovered by the Division following the deaths of Fred and Kate Barker in Florida.

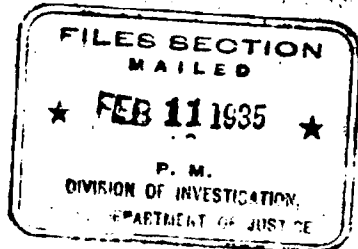
You are advised the Division does not consider it desirable to furnish such specimens to private individuals not directly affiliated with law enforcement agencies, and further that it would not be practicable to generally furnish to a large number of law enforcement agencies such specimens from confiscated guns. It may be readily seen that such a practice would involve a great deal of work and, furthermore, the constant firing of a large number of such test specimens would of itself tend to change the markings on such evidence to such an extent as to affect its value.

In addition, the Division does not desire to be a party to or assist in any manner in examinations made by Gill.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:TAM

January 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Hanson called me relative to the Bremer Case at 8:30 P.M. last night to advise that Agent Brown in Havana had secured access to the safe deposit box rented by Alvin Karpis in the National City Bank Branch at Havana, Cuba, yesterday afternoon and had ascertained that there was nothing in the box. Investigation in Havana has indicated that arrangements for this safe deposit box and evidently other arrangements made for Karpis in Cuba were made by an American officer of a sugar company, who presently resides further down the Cuban coast than Havana. I suggested to Mr. Hanson that as long as the Agents were in Cuba they should check on this individual and openly interview him. I stated that unless there was some actual necessity for three Agents remaining there, I thought that Agent Campbell should return to Miami and let Agents Brown and McKee complete this investigation, which should not require more than two or three additional days.

Relative to Mr. Hanson's telephone call of yesterday afternoon concerning a mysterious airplane which had landed in the Everglades, Mr. Hanson has ascertained that this airplane has been there since the 13th of the month. The plane appears to have been used by smugglers and to have no connection with the Barker-Karpis mob. Mr. Hanson is advising the Customs authorities of the location of this plane.

Mr. Hanson also advised that he contemplated picking up Joe Adams this morning and charging him with harboring.

Having discussed with Mr. Connelley yesterday afternoon the necessity of three Agents from the Chicago Office remaining at Jacksonville, and having been advised by him that he did not believe this was further necessary, I am this morning calling the Jacksonville office, instructing these Agents to return to Chicago. I believe that the men now at Miami can take care of any emergency situation which arises in Florida, since it appears that our fugitives are no longer in Florida.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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PLEASE CHECK ON ART BURDETTE BROTHER OF WYNONA BURDETTE AT
 ERIE PENN FOR HARRY CAMPBELL=
 GEO GOBLER DEP SHERIFF.

DIV. OF INV.

*ack 1/25/35
 called Mr. Tamm
 & called Patterson
 re this 1/22/35*

7-576-4070
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 JAN 22 1935
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
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January 26, 1935

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Mr. George Gobler,
Deputy Sheriff,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gobler:

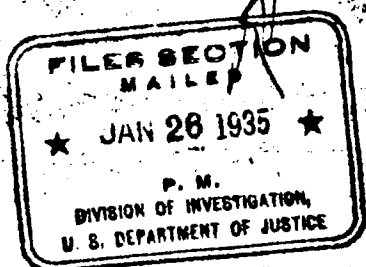
This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of January 21, 1935, advising that Art Burdette, brother of Winona Burdette, can be located at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation in this matter. It is such cooperation which makes for effective law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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ADVISE MR HOOVER THAT WYMONA BURDETT WHO WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
AT TIME KARPIS AND CAMPBELL ESCAPED OFFICERS IN ATLANTIC CITY ,
N. J. HAS BROTHER ART BURDETT OPERATING A BEER GARDEN IN ERIE,
PA. THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE TO YOU
IN APPREHENDING THESE MEN
END PLS WHM TULSA POLICE 28

Edward L. Bremer

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
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JAN 20 1935

OK THANK RICE

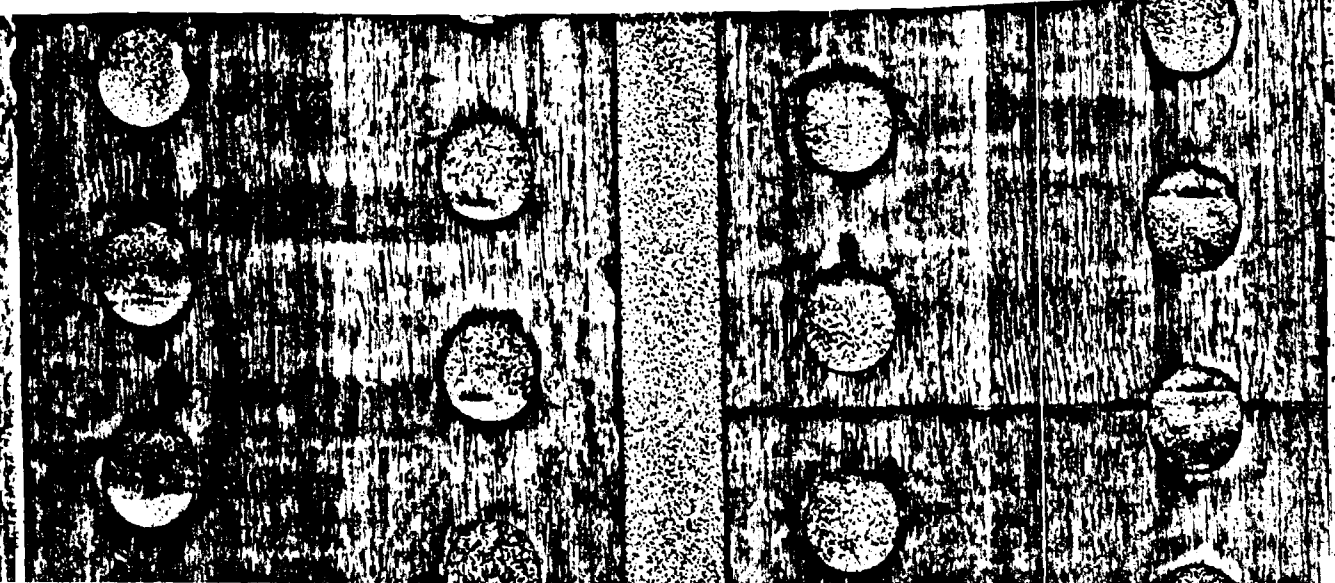
Charles F. Carr, Chf of Police
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Acknowledge by [Signature]
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REH:CSH

January 26, 1935

RECORDED 7-576-4071

Mr. Charles F. Carr,
Chief of Police,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your teletype dated January 23, 1935, advising that Art Burdette, brother of Winona Burdette, is presently located at Erie, Pennsylvania, operating a beer garden.

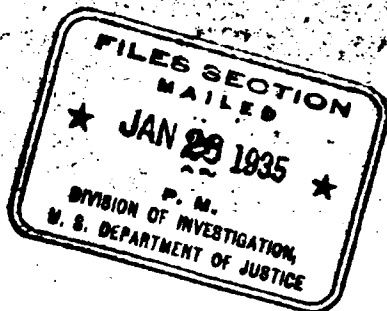
Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation in this matter. It is such cooperation which makes for effective law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JEH:HW

January 24, 1935.

Time-3:12 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Bremer Case

Mr. Harvey, Special Agent in Charge at Philadelphia telephoned and advised that they had arraigned the Delaney girl and the Burdette girl; and that they were now in the custody of the United States Marshal; however, the Burdette girl was in the hospital pending the arrival of her child, which the Doctor had told them would be in about five or seven days. Mr. Harvey stated that he was removing his Agents from the hospital, all of them with the exception of one; that he left one to question the Burdette girl about the Delaney girl and also about the Doctor who is attending her.

I advised Mr. Harvey that his action in the matter had my approval.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Handwritten: Mr. Nathan Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
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- Mr. Nathan.....
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 28 1935
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

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January 26, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218,
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
Chicago file No. 7-82.

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to advance to one [redacted] a confidential informant who has previously furnished this Office with information of value in the above-entitled case, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for information recently furnished concerning the possible return to Chicago of Alvin Karpis.

At the present time [redacted] is without funds and is to endeavor to secure information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis for the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. Purvis
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: Director
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Tamm
 Unit Two

Unit Four
 Files Section
 Personnel Files
 Equipment Section
 Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five
 Identification Unit
 Statistical Section
 Technical Laboratory

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 Mr. Richmond
 Mr. Thompson
 Mr. Chambers

Unit Three
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 Mr. Berens
 Mr. Foxworth
 Mr. Weeks

Miss Gandy
 Mrs. Kelley
 Miss McCarthy
 Mr. Ward
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for the payment*

E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

RE: CJ
7-576-4073

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February 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I. O. #1236; VOLSKY DAVIS
with aliases, I. O. #1237; et al -
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated January 26, 1935,
in the above entitled case requesting authority to advance the
sum of \$10,00 to one [redacted] a confidential informant who
has previously furnished information of value to the Chicago
Division office. You are authorized to make the expenditure
of \$10,00.

From a review of the reports submitted in this case, as
well as the Kansas City massacre case, it appears that this in-
formant is reliable and has furnished information which, upon
investigation, has proven to be authentic. The Division feels
that informants of this caliber should be encouraged to continue
to cooperate with the Division.

Very truly yours,

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 24, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Recently Special Agent R. G. Reed of this office, while on official business at Lexington, Missouri, had occasion to interview Mr. D. M. Little, Vice President of the Commercial Bank of Lexington, Missouri. Mr. Little volunteered the statement that he sincerely appreciates and approves of the Division's campaign to eliminate gangsters of the type of "Ma" Barker, her sons and associates. He advised he felt that the Division has the unqualified support of his entire community; that all persons with whom he comes in contact have manifested a sense of gratification at the relentless and ruthless drive by the Division against the nation's public enemies.

Mr. Little requested that, if appropriate, his sentiments be conveyed to the Division and, accordingly, this is being done at the present time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

Colonel Nathan

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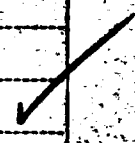
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 To
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MEMORANDUM

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| The Attorney General..... |
| The Solicitor General..... |
| Assistant to Attorney General Stanley..... |
| Assistant Attorney General Wideman..... |
| Assistant Attorney General Stephens..... |
| Assistant Attorney General Sweeney..... |
| Assistant Solicitor General MacLean..... |
| Assistant Attorney General Blair..... |
| Mr. Stewart..... |
| Mr. Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation..... |
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| Mr. Woll..... |
| Mr. McGuire..... |
| Mr. J. H. Smith..... |
| Miss Brookley..... |
| Miss Broomhead..... |

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McCALLON'S

West Plains, Mo.

Jan. 18, 1935

Hon. Homer S. Cummings,
Atty. Gen'l,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

In our morning paper I noticed where your Federal Agents found several thousand dollars on the Barkers when killed in Fla. a day or so ago. I have a judgment against Fred Barker for about \$1,200 for goods stolen out of my store the day before they killed Sheriff Kelley here in 1931. He was going up to their car to question them about the robbery when killed. The robbery almost ruined me as I only had a small store about \$4,500 stock and they took about $\frac{1}{2}$ of it and took the newer, better goods. I haven't talked to any lawyer and don't know as if its necessary, but it just occurred to me that if the money found isn't marked money that maybe I could collect my judgment in some way as goodness knows I need it. My judgment against Barker was gotten before Hon. Judge Will H. D. Green, Circuit Judge in this dist. My attorney in the matter was A. W. Landis who is now a U. S. Title Atty here at this place. Judge Green's address is also West Plains. Either one could give you the history of the case as could hundreds of people in West Plains. Mr. Cummings give me your advice in this matter as you would give it to your son or a brother. If the judgment might be collected from this money would it be necessary to employ a lawyer. If I didnt would probably have to pay him about half of it and I need all of it.

With tkas in advance for any favor or information that will help me in this matter and with kindest regards I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

C. C. McCALLON.

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January 26, 1935

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Mr. C. C. McCallen,
West Plains,
Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 18, 1935, addressed to the Honorable Homer B. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, wherein you advise of a judgment obtained by you in the amount of \$1,200 against Fred Barker for goods stolen by him from your store.

Please be advised that this is a matter which your attorney should refer to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, who is representing the Government's interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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★ Jan. 26 1935 ★
P. M.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten signature

Shepherdstown W. Va.
January 24 - 1935
1:30 P.M.

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

Alvin Karpis, (Implicated in the Bremer
Kidnapping) has a hiding place here in
Shepherdstown, with a woman relative,
who may have some of the Bremer
Kidnap money. He missed him two years
ago, by half an hour. It is reported
that, he was here again last week.
Bremer's mother was a native of this
Town. Send me an agent and I will
tell you all.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Moler,
"Box Justice"

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7-576-4076

January 26, 1935

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Mr. Albert T. Halar,
Shepherdstown,
West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 24, 1935, wherein you advise that Alvin Karpis has a hiding place with a woman relative near Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Please be advised that I am forwarding copies of your letter to Mr. J. J. Waters, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will assign an Agent to interview you relative to this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your offer of assistance, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Pittsburgh (with copies of incoming letter)
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley
at Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

January 24, 1935

WKS.

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

Dear Sir:-

The Division is requested to furnish this office 100 additional copies of APPREHENSION ORDER NO. 1213-328, on RUSSELL GIBSON, alias RUSTY GIBSON, inasmuch as the supply received is insufficient for our mailing list.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
January 26, 1935

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Number: 7-576-3846

Specimens: A - 3 pages from the Dept. of State, State of Missouri, one of which bears the signature of Grace R. Hansen.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office

Date received: January 22, 1935.

Examination requested: Comparison of signature with that in Division's files of Edna Price.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

The signature "Grace R. Hansen" appearing on the application for certificate of title for a Pontiac Sedan, Engine #1058715, has been compared with the signatures of Edna Price, with aliases, and while there are not a sufficient number of letters common to these signatures upon which to base a comparison, there are several similarities and it is believed that Edna Price could easily have signed the application.

Comparisons have been made with other women known to have been associated with the Karpis Gang but none have been found to be as likely a suspect as Edna Price.

3-Director
2-Kansas City
1-Mr. E.J. Connelley - Chicago
2-Laboratory

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JAN 23 1935
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January 26, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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 22, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #806448

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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. #1252
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Special Agents William B. O'Mahoney and D. A. Bryce, who are at
Pittsburg, Kansas, conducting a surveillance of the Stanley residence in
an effort to secure information to locate Volney Davis, reported that a
new looking Buick Coupe, bearing Kansas 1934 license 3-4199, appeared
at the Stanley residence on January 14.

Through appropriate inquiries, it was determined that this is
a 1933 Buick Victoria Coupe, bearing motor #8859226, registered by R. A.
*Connolly, Apartment 106, Senate Apartments, Topeka, Kansas. The registra-
tion was had on January 22, 1934.

It was determined at Topeka, Kansas, that Connolly resided at
the apartment in question only a few days, having left that residence,
according to a forwarding order in the post office at Topeka, on January
24, 1934, directing that his mail be sent to General Delivery, Miami,
Oklahoma.

It is noted that the car was registered just two days before
this individual left Topeka in 1934. He is unknown at that place.

It was further determined that the party who rented the apartment
occupied by Connolly used the name J. S. Blakeley, and that the apartment was
rented January 16, 1934. As reference, Blakeley furnished the name of the
Jones-C'Neil Shoe Company, Topeka, Kansas.

The records of the [redacted] and show his address
Connolly as being employed by the Brown Shoe Company, and show his address

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as Salina, Kansas. Investigation at the Jones-O'Neil Shoe Company developed that no one named Connelly or Blakeley has been employed by that concern.

It is evident that the individual in possession of the Buick Victoria Coupe, bearing Kansas 1934 license 3-4199, has falsified regarding his place of employment and has used an alias name. In view of the contact made with relatives of Volney Davis, it is believed desirable to ascertain all possible information regarding this individual. Please make appropriate inquiries through the post office and other sources of information at Miami, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1215;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1216;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases (Deceased);
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232,
et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 25,
1935, two copies of the statements of Harold V.
Alderton and William Bryan Bolton are being for-
warded to you herewith.

Please be advised that the same informa-
tion is contained in the report of Special Agent
K. R. McIntire, dated Chicago, Illinois, 1/25/35,
which report is being forwarded to you today.

Very truly yours,

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

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1405,
New York, N. Y.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter please be advised that Special Agent in Charge Connelley telephonically informed this office that Subject Harry Sawyer is allegedly living with Louie Brooks, a notorious character, sometimes known as Big Louie. Big Louie is allegedly known in the Underworld in New York City and has on some occasions kept a residence in the City of Philadelphia, the exact location of which is unknown.

Sawyer is supposed to be traveling in a Chevrolet Coach Motor No. 2029084, bearing 1934 Minnesota license No. B-89155. Contacts have been made in the Underworld of Philadelphia, at the various probation offices, at the police department, the Postal Inspector's Department and the Automobile Division in the City of Philadelphia without finding any parties with any knowledge of either Brooks or Sawyer.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley has requested that this information be forwarded to your office with the request that you conduct the appropriate investigation in the New York territory to determine the possible whereabouts of Louie Brooks in order to determine whether Sawyer is at present or has been in the immediate past in company with Brooks.

Very truly yours,

JRC:APG
cc Division
cc St. Paul
cc New York
cc E. J. Connelley,
Chicago

R. G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge

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R. B. WHITE
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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WM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
907 FEDERAL BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BRKID REFERENCE CONVERSATION YOUR OFFICE AND KANSAS CITY YESTERDAY
RELATIVE ARTHUR BURDETTE STOP HAVE BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN ADDRESS THIS INDIVIDUAL
STOP INFORMATION HE POSSIBLY IN ERIE PENNSYLVANIA LAST SUMMER PITTSBURGH

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J J WATERS
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
680 NEW FEDERAL BUILDING
PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA

URGENT ARTHUR BURDETTE FORMERLY OF TULSA IS BROTHER WYONMA BURDETTE
WOMAN COMPANION HARRY CAMPBELL STOP BURDETTE SAID TO BE RADIO ANNOUNCER OR
SINGER AND ORCHESTRA LEADER REPORTED OPERATED BEER TAVERN ERIE PENNSYLVANIA
OR NEAR THERE LAST SUMMER NO ADDRESS KNOWN STOP CAMPBELL MAY CONTACT BURDETTE
ENDEAVOR LOCATE AND COVER IF NOT LOCATED THERE ASCERTAIN WHERE HE IS NOW
OFFICE COVERING

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BREKID JACK DECOURCY LOCAL ATTORNEY PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW ARTHUR
R BARKER TODAY AFTER HAVING OBTAINED COURT ORDER

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Cleveland, Ohio
January 22, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1238;
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim

Upon telephonic instructions of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson agent
P. M. Trapani proceeded to Wadsworth, Ohio to interview Dr. Horace M.
Hunsicker.

Dr. Hunsicker was very badly shaken up at the time of his interview, and
had much difficulty in remembering details. He stated that he was driving
from Philadelphia, Pa. towards Allentown, Pa. on U. S. Route 309 about
8 A. M. on January 21, 1935; that about two or three miles north of Sellers-
ville, Pa., he noticed a car parked in the side road on U. S. Route 303,
which car turned on U. S. Route 309 and followed Dr. Hunsicker. The doctor
was traveling about 40 miles an hour. After being followed for about two
miles along U. S. Route 309, the car which had been following him pulled
alongside of his car, blew the horn and asked the doctor to stop his car.
The doctor stopped and before he could realize what it was all about, the
shorter fellow of the two, apparently Campbell, got out of his car with a
machine gun in his hand, and walked to the doctor's car and sat in the
front seat, next to the doctor. He then ordered the doctor to get out of the
other car from which he alighted, and then crawled in the doctor's car
the doctor to look straight ahead and not to ever look at the car.
After driving for about five or ten minutes, they turned left at the next
cross roads (route number unknown) and drove about two or three miles,

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before the tall, slim fellow abandoned his car on a cross road in a country lane and got into the doctor's car, sitting alongside of him. The doctor was then ordered to turn back on U. S. Route 309, at which time the slim fellow, apparently Karpis took the wheel and turned left on U. S. Route 565, and then drove on all back country roads, and at about 9.10 or 9.30 PM Monday January 21, 1935, they came out on U. S. Route 224 and stopped at Guilford Center, Ohio and ordered the doctor to follow them into the Guilford Center Grange Hall which they entered through a broken window. They then gagged him with two handkerchiefs and tied him up with a heavy twine, a pair of pajamas and a black coat belt. All this equipment except the coat belt was taken out of the doctor's car. The doctor had also a black shiny kit in his car. At about 9.30 P. M. January 21, 1935 the doctor finally managed to release himself and walked over to the nearest farm house of Jerome Critz on U. S. Route 224 and called up the Wadsworth, Ohio police. The doctor advised that neither of the two men were hurt and that no medical aid was requested. He also stated that the abandoned car was a Victoria model, color blue or green; and as it was a misty morning he could not see very well. The car bore New Jersey license tags with the letter "A" and he could remember only three of the numbers 3-7-0. He was unable to furnish make of car or other descriptive data concerning the car. His car in which the two men fled was a 1934 black Plymouth coach with a green pin stripe around the body, and had large tires (not Jumbo tires) with spoke wheels and one spare tire in the rear without any cover. It bore 1935 Pennsylvania license tags No. 39179, and the registration card in doctor's possession showed motor number as P.E. 209213, body

number 2378079.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were shown to the doctor, but he stated that he did not get a good look of either man's face as they ordered him never to look straight at them and at the time he was being tied up, the tall slim fellow who stood before him wore his glasses which he returned to the doctor before they left him all tied up. However, upon seeing the full length, standing picture of Karpis, the doctor stated that his outline looked very much like that of the tall slim fellow.

The following descriptions was furnished by Dr. Horace H. Hunsicker:

	<u>TALL SLIM MAN</u>	<u>SHORTER FELLOW</u>
Age:	about 33	about 35
Height:	5'9"	5'5"
Weight:	about 135	about 125
Build:	slim and tall	slim and short
Complexion:	light	dark
Mustache:	Clean shaven	Clean shaven
Peculiarities:	speaks in short cutting works and changes voice	speaks with slight southern accent.

Both men wore felt hats, color and style not noticed. Neither one of them wore gloves and the tall slim fellow did not have any suit coat or overcoat, and took the doctor's coat which was single breasted of a dark grey color. The short fellow wore a dark overcoat and did not notice whether he had a suit coat under his over coat nor the color of his trousers.

The doctor was interviewed at the hotel in Wadsworth, Ohio and his address was given as: Allentown State Hospital, Allentown, Pa. with his residence at 1625 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. H. H. Welday, officer of the Wadsworth Police Department stated that he received the telephone call from Dr. Hunsicker at about 10 P. M. Monday.

and immediately went to Jerome Critz's farm house and brought Dr. Hunsicker back to Wadsworth where he was questioned and arrangements were made with the Sheriff at Medina, Ohio to send out the description of the car in which the two men fled, over the radio, and that said description was heard by him on the police department short wave radio set at about 12.30 AM January 23, 1935.

At 2.40 P. M. January 23rd Captain Frank W. Story of the Detective Bureau of the Cleveland Police Department showed the writer that the Ohio Highway Police had broadcasted a message that Karpis and Campbell had apparently visited Medina, O., just after "dumping" Dr. Hunsicker at Guilford Center and stole some clothes and had been observed there. Information was not available when Agent Trapani conducted the investigation at Wadsworth, Ohio, and Agent Hopton immediately proceeded to Medina, Ohio, where he ascertained from the Chief of Police that there had been only one man concerned in the aforementioned broadcast and not two; and Agent Hopton determined that he was not either Karpis or Campbell but a man 45 years of age.

On instructions of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson copies of this memorandum are being furnished directly by the writer to the Division and the field offices indicated below to avoid delay of submitting same to the Detroit Office for typing.

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2 - Chicago
1 - St. Paul
1 - Pittsburgh
1 - Philadelphia
2 - Detroit

D. E. HALL
Special Agent

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:RLM

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1935

Time-10:00P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Nathan tonight in Chicago and he stated the coroner rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide and the assistant coroner who brought in the verdict congratulated us on the action taken. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Newby left on the nine o'clock train.

I advised Mr. Nathan that your instructions were that there are to be no half way measures in guarding Number Five and that the whole office should be guarded; that we should get rid of as many people in our custody by filing on them if we have any basis for complaint as long as they don't know we are holding Number Five. Mr. Nathan stated that as far as he knows, we can get rid of Mrs. Gibson, Ruth Hite, who Mr. Nathan thinks is Willis Harris' mistress; that we have to keep the other woman; that we will also keep Monte and file on him. Mr. Nathan stated that we have to keep the other woman as long as we hold Number Five.

I advised Mr. Nathan that it was your desire that he consider the advisability of taking Number Five and his woman to the secret office. Mr. Nathan stated that we do not have accommodations there but he would see what could be done. I also stated that you wanted him to keep in mind the prospect of a writ being sprung; that we can remove him to some other office particularly where the police are friendly. I stated that you mentioned Philadelphia or Cincinnati but not Indianapolis or St. Paul. Mr. Nathan stated that the police are good in Oklahoma City but the accommodations there are not so good.

Mr. Nathan stated that these people are too tough and experienced to give us information and Number Five has given no indication of cracking. I asked Mr. Nathan if Mrs. Five knows anything and Mr. Nathan stated that she knows more than she has told us; that Mrs. Gibson doesn't know anything; Mrs. Gibson's lawyer called on Mr. Nathan today and he convinced the lawyer that she was in good hands; that Mr. Nathan consented to have her sister see her to show that everything is alright.

Mr. Nathan stated that there have been no further developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Conrad Gibson

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Post Office Box 512
Chicago Illinois



January 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation of January 23, 1935, reporting the result of an investigation made at Chicago to verify the purchase of 1934 Ford de luxe, two-door Sedan, motor No. 1191141 by Martin Sims, on October 17, 1934, please be advised that on receipt of original information from Special Agent J. E. Brennan of your Office, the following investigation was made:

Mr. F. E. Gregory, sales manager, B & W Auto Sales Company, 827 West 38th Street, was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan. Mr. Gregory inspected his records and advised that Ford de luxe, two-door Sedan, motor No. 1191141 was purchased by Martin Sims who gave the address, 3838 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, on the date of October 17, 1934. The total sales price of his car was \$650. Sims was allowed the sum of \$534 on the trade-in of a 1934 Chevrolet Coach and paid a net sales price in cash of \$116.

Mr. Gregory stated that the above-mentioned Chevrolet was purchased by him for Sims at the Garfield Chevrolet Company at 55th and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois, approximately two weeks before the above purchase of a Ford, two-door Sedan. Sims was dissatisfied with the Chevrolet and traded it in for the above-mentioned Ford de luxe Sedan. Prior to the purchase of the Chevrolet sometime during the latter part of August or the first part of September, Sims purchased another Ford two-door Sedan from Mr. Gregory for which he paid cash. He had this car for approximately two months before purchasing above-mentioned Chevrolet. At the time it was turned in Mr. Gregory stated the car apparently had been driven hard inasmuch as a lot of mileage had been put on it.

Gregory stated that he first met Sims part of August; that Sims at that time was with another man whose identity Gregory cannot recall, believing that his name been Allen. At the time the first Ford was sold to Gregory's recollection that it was not purchased in Sims' name or purchased in either his friend's name or some other person's name.

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Gregory stated that he had no information in regard to Sims' personal history, his friends, acquaintances or business, but stated that because of the frequent purchases of cars and the payment in cash for them he had the impression that Sims was some type of racketeer. Mr. Gregory checked his records but was unable to recollect the name under which Sims purchased the first Ford two-door Sedan from him nor could he recollect any further information in regard to Sims' friend.

Leo Eckhart, the Identification Bureau, Chicago Police Department, checked his records, but could find no criminal record under fingerprint classification provided by Agent Brennan nor was there any record found for Harry Martin or Martin Sims.

At the address 3638 Broadway, occupied by the Chateau Hotel which bears the reputation of being a hangout for prostitutes, gamblers and hoodlums. Kenneth Anderson, Assistant Manager, was interviewed by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and T. G. Melvin and he stated that he had been employed at this hotel for two years and a half and could not recollect any guests by the name of Harry Martin or Martin Sims. The registration records at the Chateau Hotel were checked for the month of October 1934, but these names did not appear thereon.

Inasmuch as the above-mentioned Ford, two-door Sedan, recovered at St. Paul was apparently purchased legitimately, no further investigation will be made by this Office unless contrary instructions are received.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Purvis,
Special Agent in Charge

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January 26, 1935.

Mr. J. H. Hanson,
Alcazar Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir: Is re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1718;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.
1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,
(Deceased); DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1238; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Referring to my telephone conversation with you on Janu-
ary 25, 1935, there are located at Cleveland, Ohio, Arthur Heber-
brandt and James Patton, who are known as "Art" and "Jimmy", and
who are indicated as definite contacts of the Karpis-Barker outfit,
as per the statements of William Bryan Bolton, these people being
located at what is known as The Harvard Club. Also, in this con-
nection, Bolton indicated that these parties had a contact at De-
troit, Michigan, who is referred to as "Cash". At Detroit it was
determined that this party is undoubtedly Cassius McDonald, located
at Trumbly and Lake Road, Detroit, where he has a rather nice home
and is reputed to be wealthy. He is known by the alias "Cash" and
it is indicated that at one time Post Office Inspector Frazer at
Detroit made some inquiry as to this party, Cassius McDonald, and
ascertained that a number of years ago he was supposed to have ar-
ranged a hideout at Detroit for two parties who were involved in a
mail truck robbery at Chicago, Illinois; that at one time several
years ago he was picked up in Havana, Cuba, where he was using an
assumed name and that inquiries were made of the Chief of Police
as to who and what he was. This party is undoubtedly an associate
of the Heberbrandt-Patton crowd at Cleveland and the Karpis-Barker
outfit, and these are undoubtedly the contacts referred to by Bol-
ton as the contacts of the Barker brothers and Karpis.

W. E. Hanson
Contact

Special Agent in Charge Larson at Toledo, advised that in
connection with the check of the telephone of Heberbrandt and Pat-
ton at Cleveland, Ohio, they checked the long distance telephone
calls from November 28, 1934. A telegram to Mrs. Heberbrandt on
December 22, 1934, indicated that he, Art, would arrive the next
day. It was also indicated in a telegram on January 7, 1935, to

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Arthur Heberbrandt, 6091¹/₂ Pickford Street, Los Angeles, California, reading "Received wire from Cash, Call him at once," signed "Arthur". There was also a telegram on January 9th from Cleveland, Ohio, to Cash McDonald, Frederica, Shackelford Hotel, Havana, Cuba, reading "Just returned from California. Am sorry kept you waiting. An early bird season too far gone. Will see you when you return", signed "Art". There was also a telegram on January 16th sent by Heberbrandt to Kate Feltsburg, Fleetwood Hotel, Miami, Florida, reading "The Vegas folly with Sleepy Joe", signed "Art". Also, in this connection, there was a telephone call made from Miami, Florida, Miami telephone No. 5-2918, to Heberbrandt the night of January 25th, the call apparently coming from Sam Hess, 54 Palm Island, Miami Beach, in which they talked about

In connection with the flowers which were telegraphed on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1934, from Oklawaha, Florida to Heberbrandt and Patton by Freddie Barker under the name of T. C. Blackburn, the florist at Cleveland indicated that when Heberbrandt received these flowers he called the florist and asked what card was in the box and how it was signed. When told it was signed T. C. Blackburn, he asked who T. C. Blackburn was. Apparently, Heberbrandt knew these parties under the names they were using at Cleveland rather than under the name of Blackburn, which caused his inquiry as indicated.

As previously indicated, Tennessee license plates, which were found in the original wrapper, for 1934, No. 309821, at the house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, were apparently first forwarded from Nashville, Tennessee to Joe Adams, corner Southwest Second Avenue and First Street, Miami, Florida, about November 18, 1934, and later forwarded to T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida. There was also found at Oklawaha a map of Oklawaha and the house of Carson Bradford, showing the location, together with a listing of the route that should be taken to reach Oklawaha from Miami.

There was also found in the house at Oklawaha the following quoted telegram:

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MIAMI FLO NOV 21 1934

T C BLACKBURN

CARSON BRADFORD HOME OKLAWAHA FLO

I HAVE BEEN SICK STOP PAPERS WILL START TODAY SORRY OF DELAY

STOP MAILING PLATES TODAY STOP THANKS FOR FISH DID ENJOY THEM
SO MUCH STOP REGARDS TO ALL

JOE ADAMS

OSIA NOV 22 1934

There was also found among the various effects of these people at Oklawaha, a card of Ches Sherry's, The Moorish Castle, corner 24th Street, off Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, with the pencil notation on same "Polly"; also a card of the Sengardner Brothers U-Drive-It Company, 14 Southwest First Street, Miami, Florida; also a card of E. S. Smith, Miami Optical Company, 40 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, on the back of which was the pencil notation "Mrs. E. E. Ryan, deposit on glasses, \$20.00, Miami Optical Co., Dr. Keller, Balance \$8.00; also a business card of Frank G. Burghart, Hotel and Apartment Furnishers, Inc., 47 Northwest Fifth Street, Miami, Florida, with the pencil notation "186 Southeast 12th Terrace".

These persons also purchased a Philco radio, model 66 B, serial No. F 74590, for \$29.90 from the Miami Radio Service Company, 104 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, which was later found at Oklawaha, and is now located at the Jacksonville office, this being purchased in the name of Mrs. E. E. Ryan.

As also previously telephoned to Agent E. P. Brown, on November 3, 1934, there was purchased from Bailey Milam, Inc., Miami, Florida, by P. C. Blackburn, one model 63-22 rifle, \$53.40, 1 box of cartridges, \$1.80, and 1 bottle of oil, 85¢. This duplicate purchase slip is enclosed herewith.

There was also found a small card upon which was typewritten "Mrs. John Willatt, 3044 Southwest 24th Street, Miami, Florida," as well as paid hotel bills to Mrs. G. E. Ryan from September 30, 1934 to October 30, 1934 at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, for rooms 1004 and 907; also the stub of a Pan American System ticket to Mary Ryan, Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, dated October 25, 1934, fare \$35.00. They also had a number of checks on the Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami, Florida, which may either belong to them or possibly to Carole Bradford.

There is also invoice No. 5874 for \$45.35, dated October 22, 1934, to P. C. Blackburn, El Comodoro Hotel, for repairs, etc., including

repairs to a radio in car, Illinois license No. 750-974, which is the license found on the Buick coupe recovered at Oklawaha, Florida. This invoice is enclosed herewith to you for possible use.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge,
(Special Assignment)

EJC:MO

cc-Division
St. Paul
Jacksonville
Detroit
Philadelphia

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January 26, 1935

Time - 2:27 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ⁶Barker-Karpis Gang

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that he had received an inquiry as to whether or not we have traced the origin of the guns recovered at the affair down in Florida. I told him that we had not been able to get to this as yet. The Colonel stated that one of the newspaper men understood me to say in a recent address which I made that some of the above guns were stolen from armories. I told him that I had stated that the guns taken from desperadoes and criminals came principally from National Guard Armories.

The Colonel also inquired if Fred Barker and his mother had any old wounds upon their bodies at the time they were killed. I told him that they were so badly shot at the time of their death that we did not check to see whether or not they had been previously wounded.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
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James J. Wilson made a statement that he took Doc Barker from Morgan's place to Ollie Berg's house after he had had his fingertips altered.

He is listed in the indictment to hold him to his statement.

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 26, 1935.

Mr. E.J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 812,
Chicago, Ill.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of
correspondence turned over to this office by the U.S. Attorney
at Philadelphia, Pa., which is self explanatory.

You will note that John Karpavicz, 2842 N.
Francisco Ave., Chicago, Ill., who represents himself as the
father of Alvin Karpis, is interested in what disposition is
to be made of the expected offspring of Dolores Delaney, and
has solicited the assistance of the law firm of Holmes, Locke
& Holmes, 30 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago.

I have taken no action in connection with
the request contained in the letter and the U.S. Attorney,
Philadelphia, realizing that the Division is better acquainted
with the facts in this case, has informed me he does not intend
to take any action thereto.

I will appreciate any suggestions you
have to offer in connection with the subject matter.

Very truly yours,

R.C. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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HOLMES, LOCKE & HOLMES
Attorneys and Counselors
30 North LaSalle Street,
CHICAGO

January 23, 1935.

U.S. District Attorney,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter I am forwarding at the
request of the writer.

I wish you would do everything possible to
get this letter to the girl called Louise ~~Graham~~ or
Dolores Delaney.

I wish also you would be kind enough to ad-
vise me as to what you are able to do in the matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Geo. B. Holmes

Federal agents have
her some where according
to the papers.

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HOLMES LOCKE & HOLMES
Attorneys and Counselors
30 North La Salle Street

CHICAGO

January 23, 1935.

U.S. District Attorney,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

This letter is forwarded by my attorney in his letter to you. I am the father of Alvin Karpis, and am much interested in the baby which Louise Graham or Lolores Delaney is about to give birth to. If this is the child of my son Alvin, it will be my grandchild.

My wife and I will be glad to take the baby and keep it permanently if its mother is not able or allowed to keep it, at any time. If the baby's mother is allowed her freedom, we will also be glad to take her in and care for her and the child also. We do not want this baby to be sent to any home or refuge; it is our grandchild and we want it at any time its mother is compelled to give it up.

Will you please see that this letter is given to the child's mother, so that she may know she always has a refuge with us? And please ask her to answer this letter to me, if she is allowed to do so, or if not, will you please have some one write me what she says about it.

John Karpavicz
2842 N. Francisco Ave.
Chicago, Ill. (Telephone Belmont 7899)

Yours truly,
/s/ John Karpavicz

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

January 19, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

During the week a number of developments have taken place in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, a close associate of George Zeigler alias Fred Goetz, was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Division, at Chicago, Illinois, January 8, 1935, when he was located in an apartment abandoned by Russell Gibson, and has furnished considerable information respecting the Bremer kidnaping case, as well as information relative to the present whereabouts of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Bolton stated that on January 7, 1934, he received \$50.00 and a telegram at Phoenix, Arizona, from George Zeigler, instructing him to proceed to Chicago, Illinois; that upon his arrival at Chicago, he was further instructed to take care of Irene Zeigler; that during the time Bremer was held victim, he had occasion to go to Bensenville, Illinois where he observed Bremer being taken from the hideout by George Zeigler, Arthur R. Barker, William Weaver and Harry Campbell; that Bremer was placed in the Chevrolet coupe belonging to George Zeigler, which coupe he had driven to the hideout pursuant to Zeigler's instructions. Bolton also stated that the hideout was arranged through Elmer Farmer, of Bensenville, Illinois, and was rented from Harold Allerton.

Edward H. Bremer

Bolton also stated that according to information received by him, Bremer was returned to Rochester, Minnesota by Arthur R. Barker, Weaver and Campbell; that Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis arranged for the ransom payment and released Victim Bremer. Bolton also stated that he was advised by Zeigler that Harry Sawyer had participated in the kidnaping by fingering Bremer. Three thousand dollars was given to Bolton by Zeigler for assisting at the time of the kidnaping.

The hideout, of course, has been located at Bensenville, Illinois, and has been identified by Victim Bremer himself.

Elmer Farmer and Harold Allerton have admitted their participation in connection with this case, for which each received \$1,000.00. Farmer stated that George Zeigler and Fred Barker first approached him shortly before Christmas, 1933, and were introduced by him to Harold Allerton; that arrangements were made to rent Allerton's apartment for a week or ten days; that coincident with the kidnaping

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of Edward G. Bremer he had occasion to visit the hideout for the purpose of carrying groceries there on an average of three times a week, and nearly every time observed Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and two men not yet identified by him. He also saw Zeigler and Fred Barker at the hideout, and on several occasions saw them enter the room occupied by Bremer. On one occasion he heard Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis explain to Zeigler and Fred Barker how it was necessary to hit Bremer over the head at the time he was kidnaped because he would not get out of his car as they had ordered him to do. One of Farmer's duties was to keep a watch out for any investigative activity in Bensenville, Illinois in connection with this case.

Allerton's statement corroborates the statement furnished by Farmer. In addition to those individuals named above as being present at the hideout during the time Bremer was held, Allerton partially identifies William Weaver as being present. He also identified Byron Bolton, who was known to him as Monte Carter. Allerton identifies the gas cans which were recovered at Portage, Wisconsin and from which a latent fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker has been developed, as similar to cans which he had filled with gasoline for subjects at the time Bremer was returned to Rochester, Minnesota.

The Federal Grand Jury will consider the new evidence recently developed by the Division, at a special session scheduled for Monday, January 21, 1935, at which time it is contemplated that the following individuals will be indicted:

Arthur R. Barker	Philip J. Delaney
Alvin Karpis	Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter
Volney Davis	Oliver A. Berg
Harry Campbell	Willie Harrison
William Weaver	Edna Murray
Harry Sawyer	Myrtle Eaton
Elmer Farmer	Jesse Doyle
Harold Allerton	"Whitie" (last name unknown)
Dr. Joseph P. Moran	John Doe
William E. Vidler	Richard Roe
John J. McLaughlin, Sr.	

On January 16, 1935, Fred Barker and his mother Kate Barker were located in a house on Lake Weir near Oklawaha, Florida, where they

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were killed, while resisting arrest, in a gun battle with Special Agents of the Division.

Arthur R. Barker, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton, having signed waivers of removal, have all been removed to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Form No. 1

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

REPORT MADE AT: LITTLE ROCK, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/25/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/18-19/35	REPORT MADE BY: E. E. CONROY
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:

J. Bates resided at Hot Springs, Arkansas, about two weeks and received his mail General Delivery; sent telegraphic request to have mail forwarded General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri. J. E. Bates, Hot Springs, Arkansas, opened mail of J. Bates, by mistake and informed the Little Rock office that J. Bates, apparently, was one of the Bremer kidnapers. Subsequent interview with J. E. Bates revealed that some of his primary information was, apparently, imaginary.

DETAILS:

Special Agent Guy Hottel while conducting other investigations at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was informed by Mr. T. W. Pittman, General Delivery Clerk at the Post Office, substantially as follows:

About January 1, 1935, a man by the name of J. Bates began receiving mail General Delivery, Hot Springs, Arkansas. About every day there was received a special delivery letter from 448 St. Peter St., St. Paul, Minnesota. About Friday, January 11, or Saturday, January 12, 1935, a letter addressed to J. Bates was delivered to J. E. Bates, operator of the Terminal Hotel, 227 1/2 Broadway, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. J. E. Bates opened the letter and when her husband returned to the hotel a short time later, she told him that she could not make anything out of the letter and suggested that he read it. He looked the letter over and

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found the following: The salutation was "Dear Ed.". The meaning of the letter appeared disguised and would not be intelligible to some person not acquainted with the matter referred to therein. Persons were referred to by initials such as "saw P", "saw J", and "saw V". Those initials were distinctly remembered. The letter was signed: "Joe", and appeared to be in feminine handwriting. The writer said that she was going to the Lakes; and in the letter there was reference to the Bremer kidnaping. It also contained a notation substantially as follows: "If you were to come in and give up, it would not gain you anything". The following day, there were received by J. E. Bates, four St. Paul newspapers, each dated Thursday, January 10, 1935, which were wrapped in one package and addressed to J. Bates. The Bremer kidnaping articles were marked. There were quite a few of these articles in the paper. After the letter and newspapers were received, J. E. Bates returned them to the Post Office on or about January 13, 1935, and discussed their contents with Post Office Clerk P. W. Pittman. They were marked opened by mistake and contained the name and address of J. E. Bates. The newspapers and letter then were, apparently, given by a Clerk at the General Delivery window to J. Bates who appears to have disappeared immediately thereafter. On October 16, 1935, P. O. Clerk received a letter addressed to the Postmaster, asking to have mail forwarded to 448 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This letter was signed J. E. Bates. On January 17, 1935, there was a telegram received addressed to the Postmaster requesting mail to be forwarded General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri. This telegram was signed J. Bates.

Mr. Pittman further explained that J. Bates never came to the General Delivery window unless it was clear; that he always looked around and would pass by the window in the event that any persons were near. He further advised that he had never seen him in company with anyone except on one occasion after receiving mail, he had met two women in the Post Office who left the Post Office with him.

Agent Hottel immediately after the receipt of the above information, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bates at the Terminal Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who verified the information set forth above. Particularly, did Mr. Bates make mention of the fact that there was reference to the Bremer kidnaping in the letter mentioned; and that the newspapers had the Bremer kidnaping articles marked. Mr. J. E. Bates further informed Agent Hottel that he had not reported the matter on previous occasions, because he felt that he might be able to get some reward for the capture of the individual in question and that he did not feel like informing the Hot Springs, Arkansas, police whom he did not believe would share a reward with him.

Agent Hottel immediately called the Little Rock office on long distance telephone at which time he indicated the information he had at hand. He was instructed to proceed to Little Rock immediately. After his arrival and complete information in his possession was at hand, a telephone call was made to the Kansas City office at which time a suggestion was given to the effect that it might be advisable to cov-

er the General Delivery window; but at the same time, the information was conveyed to Special Agent V. W. Peterson in the office of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who stated he would make arrangements with the St. Paul office in connection with the covering of the address 448 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and its occupants. Agent Peterson further advised that he would convey the information received to the Division when discussing other matters over long distance telephone.

Agent in Charge Conroy then proceeded with Agent Hottel to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where T. W. Pittman, the General Delivery Clerk, was interviewed. He again related substantially the same information that he had previously given to Agent Hottel. He further produced the letter dated January 16, 1935, signed J. E. Bates requesting mail to be forwarded to 448 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. He also produced the original telegram from Kansas City, Missouri, sent at 8:52 A.M. January 17, 1935, with the following symbol: "IR 45 12- Kansas City Mo". Mr. Pittman also looked through the papers in the Parcel Post Department and found a package of newspapers addressed to J. Bates, General Delivery, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He explained that a notice had been sent to St. Paul at 448 St. Peter Street, requesting extra postage for these papers to be returned. Mr. Pittman gave to agents the original letter and package of newspapers. None were handled or opened at that time in order that fingerprints might be preserved.

Mr. J. E. Bates of the Terminal Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was then called to the Post Office and interviewed. The statements given by him were substantially the same as those which had been previously related by him to T. W. Pittman, the General Delivery Clerk, and Special Agent Guy Hottel, with the exception that upon close questioning, J. E. Bates advised that the letter did not have any reference to the Bremer kidnaping case and, further, that the newspaper articles referring to the Bremer kidnaping case, were not marked. J. E. Bates denied that he had made previous statements to that effect. T. W. Pittman, the General Delivery Clerk, became indignant when he heard these denials.

Mrs. J. E. Bates was interviewed at the Terminal Hotel, 227 1/2 Broadway, Hot Springs, Arkansas. She related substantially the same information as had been given heretofore, with the exception that the letter contained no reference to the Bremer kidnaping and, further, that the newspaper articles referring to the Bremer kidnaping were not marked. She stated that the letter contained quotations substantially as follows: "Have been down to see 'V' and you know whether you have done anything or not"; "If you should come in and give yourself up, it would not make it any lighter." " 'V' says if you have done anything, 'F' will know about it". She further advised that the letter spoke as if some people had been at the apartment and had questioned the writer and that if they came back, she would not be there to be questioned. Mrs. Bates further informed that there was an indication that J. Bates was in bad health and

that the writer said that she wished that J. Bates could stay in Hot Springs and take a course of baths because he was in a weakened condition and needed them.

It appears that Mrs. J. E. Bates also had given to Agent Hottel misleading information when first interviewed, in view of the fact that she had said at that time that she hardly glanced at the letter and was not familiar with its contents. As it will be noted above, she apparently was able to almost quote the entire contents of a short four page letter.

Immediately after returning to Little Rock, Arkansas, from Hot Springs, a telephone call was made to the Kansas City office giving them the benefit of the additional information received which appeared to discredit in a large measure the information originally received. Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan advised, however, that Special Delivery within Missouri, and that that service could be maintained until further information from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, should be discontinued.

During the afternoon of January 19, 1935, a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan to the effect that J. Bates was located there and he, apparently, had no connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

EAT:CSH

January 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:25 A.M.

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

I called Mr. Alt at Jacksonville in connection with the three Agents who are still at Jacksonville, and requested that he get them started on their return to Chicago today. He stated this would be done.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:MFS

January 28, 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. 1215
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O.
1232, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

I am enclosing a copy of a receipt, dated January 26, 1935, at Jacksonville, Florida, which I gave to the United States Marshal, for the Southern District of Florida, at Jacksonville, when I received from him a Buick Coupe, Motor No. 2884746, bearing Illinois license tags for 1934, No. 750-974.

Immediately upon receipt of this automobile, as suggested by Mr. Nathan in his telephone conversation with me yesterday, and approved telephonically by Mr. Tamm of the Division, I instructed Special Agent J. P. Lacour to drive this car to Savannah, Georgia. This action was also approved by the Office of the United States Attorney here.

This car is presently stored in the Garage of the Chatham Motor Co., Inc., Savannah, Georgia. I have a receipt from this Company for this car.

The Division will remember that Special Agent J. C. White took possession of this car after it was located in a garage at Lake Weir, near Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, where Kate and Fred Barker were living before they were killed on that date.

Pursuant to Mr. Tamm's instructions arrangements are being made by me with the United States Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida, to have said automobile confiscated on Court order and turned over to this Division for use in the regular course of business. The 1935 Division will be advised as soon as the Court order is signed.

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To Director.

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Pursuant to Mr. Nathan's telephonic instructions, approved by Mr. Tamm, on January 28, 1935, I will forward to the St. Paul Office by insured express all of the money and jewelry recovered by Agents at Lake Weir, near Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc - E. J. Connelley, Cgo
St. Paul
Chicago

Jax #7-24

Jacksonville, Florida
January 26, 1935

On the above date, January 26, 1935, the under-
signed, R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge of the
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of
Justice, Jacksonville, Florida, Division office,
RECEIVED from Rowland E. Dyson, Deputy U. S.
Marshal, acting for Guy Reeve, U. S. Marshal
for the Southern District of Florida:

Buick coupe, motor number 2884746,
bearing Illinois license tags for
1934 number 750-974, speedometer
reading 23619, equipped with Philco
radio.

(Signed)

R. A. Alt
R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge

Witness:-
J. P. Sear
Special Agent

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U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 28, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
1218, Fugitive, etal
EDWARD G. BREMER-Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation
between Mr. Tamm and the writer on this date.

You are informed that 1935 Buick, two door
Coach, Motor #4949155, Serial #2783525, was recovered by the
Atlantic City Police Department from the possession of the Coast
Garage, South Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, where same had been
placed in storage by Karpis, on January 20th. On the same date
Special Agent Sharp, of this office, and Agent Fierstone, of the
New York Office, had a conference with Chief of Police James A.
McMenamin of Atlantic City, who informed that he would be willing
to turn the car over to the Division, and he turned over the
distributor rotor and all keys to the car.

On Wednesday, January 23rd, when Agent Sharp
attempted to take possession of the Buick Automobile, Chief
McMenamin refused to turn same over, basing his refusal on the
opinion of City Solicitor Sircusa to the effect that he had full
right to retain the car if he so desired on the assumption that
same was stolen property. Both Agents Fierstone and Sharp, upon
instructions, had previously informed the Chief that the Division
would take possession of the car as a matter of possible evidence
in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

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I talked by telephone with City Solicitor
Sircusa, and he stated that if I would write a letter to the Chief
of Police, he thought there would be no difficulty, and that the
Chief would turn the car over without further hesitancy. I followed
this procedure, and have heard nothing since from the Chief of
Police. Therefore, I obtained copies of a petition filed in the

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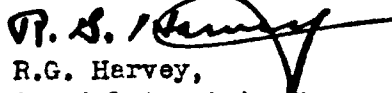
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, filed by the U.S. Attorney, Edward H. Green, Chicago, Ill., which petition requested permission of the Court to take possession of 1932 Model Ford V-8 Coupe, which was abandoned by Vernon C. Miller, together with the Court's order granting such petition.

These documents were forwarded to the U.S. Attorney at Trenton, N.J., and I subsequently talked with Assistant U.S. Attorney Petry, who informed that he had taken this matter up with Federal Judge Foreman, and that Judge Foreman stated that he would not grant such an order at this time without further evidence of the legality of the proceedings.

In view of Foreman's refusal to grant this order, I telephoned the St. Paul Office on this date and requested that they obtain a subpoena duces tecum, which will be served on the Chief of Police at Atlantic City, requesting that he produce this automobile in St. Paul, Minn., on a certain specified date.

I will advise you of further developments in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,


R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: St. Paul

RE: CJ

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

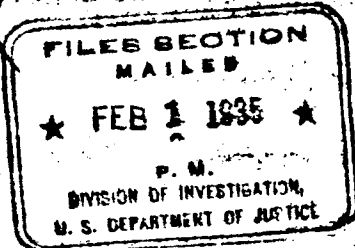
During the course of investigations looking to the apprehension of fugitives wanted by the Federal Government, these fugitives frequently abandon expensive automobiles obtained by them under fictitious names.

The Division has in a number of instances obtained title to these abandoned cars through an order entered in the United States District Court transferring title to the Division to hold against all claimants except the true owner. The automobiles are then used in connection with official investigations conducted by the Division.

There have been two instances recently where United States District Judges have refused to enter such an order, explaining that it has not been shown that the Government has statutory authority to take possession of these cars under the circumstances. In view of the refusal on the part of United States District Judges to enter orders transferring title to these abandoned cars to the Division, I shall appreciate an opinion from you dealing with the subject and, in the event it is found that the Government has authority to take possession of these cars, I suggest that appropriate instructions be issued to all United States Attorneys relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From Chief Clerk's Office Room 5232

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To: Director
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 Supply Division
 Division of Accounts
 Miss Sheaffer
 Mr _____

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W. R. Glavin.

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W. R. Gavin.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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January 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:50 A.M.

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

I called Mr. Ladd advising that three Agents from Chicago who are still in Jacksonville had been instructed to leave for their headquarters today, and they will probably be in Chicago some time tomorrow.

Mr. Ladd advised that McIntire returned to Chicago yesterday, and that Mr. Connelley had advised he believed he could probably release Melvin and Walsh today or tomorrow in order that they can return to St. Paul. I requested that this be done.

I advised that Nichols was on his way back to Chicago from San Francisco, and that Deere will return the end of the week to New York.

I advised Ladd that I still desired the statements from McRae and Woltz. Ladd advised he had forwarded the statements of Metcalfe and McRae, in another matter, and I advised that we still wanted the statements of McRae and Woltz about going out to lunch together while conducting a surveillance. I requested that a statement be also secured from Winstead. He advised that these matters will be immediately taken care of.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Admiral Karpis

I talked to Mr. Fay this evening regarding his failure to send the Agents to Atlantic City this morning as per your instructions. Mr. Fay stated that it was all his fault; that about a half an hour after he got in bed he received a call on the teletype; that he immediately issued instructions as to how to send out teletype messages and radio broadcasts. Agent Turrou called him and advised that the car was spotted in Atlantic City and that within a few minutes, you called with the same information and instructed him to send some men down there at once. He immediately called Agent Fierstone and instructed him to call in about six or eight men and get them started; that in the meantime Turrou called him back again and advised that he had just received another flash from the police headquarters that there had been a gun battle in Atlantic City; that three men got away in a car and were headed toward Philadelphia or New York. Mr. Fay stated that this information changed the situation and he instructed Turrou to have the Agents report to Fierstone and then cover the bridges, the tunnels, and the ferries into New York City; that what he failed to do was call you back and advise you that he had amended your instructions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
January 26, 1935

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Brener case

10:00 A.M.

Mr. Vetterli called advising that yesterday he received a wire instructing that Buchanan proceed to Chicago; that Buchanan has been staying out there in a place next door to Willie Harrison's folks; that on the 24th he received a letter from the Division stating that it was desired that the surveillance be continued until such time as the identity of the Agent appears to become known to the Harrison family. Mr. Vetterli asked for information as to whether Buchanan should proceed to Chicago as instructed, or continue the surveillance, advising that it would be impossible to put someone else in Buchanan's place out there.

I advised I would call him or send a wire a little later in the day relative to this.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Edwards.....
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Miss Gandy.....

I called Mr. Ladd and stated that the papers here were quoting the Chicago Office in the finding of the hide-out at Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Ladd stated that he has not given out any information only that that hide-out was found several days ago. I asked Mr. Ladd if he told the newspapers where the hide-out was and he stated that he did not but that they already knew that and had pictures of it in the papers this morning.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
Re: Bremer Case

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

EAT:TAM

I called Mr. Nathan and inquired as to the status of the indictments at St. Paul this morning, and asked if they were still a secret. He stated that they were; that he had just returned from the United States Attorney's office and that the United States Attorney was very much opposed to having them anything but secret, stating that it is the rule out there that indictments of unapprehended persons should be kept secret. In connection with the harboring charge, the United States Attorney stated that this is incidental. Mr. Nathan told the United States Attorney that the principal reason why the indictments should be known was to make known to the public that the subjects should not be harbored. Mr. Nathan stated that if desired the publicity officer of the Department could make known the indictments in question. I advised I would take the matter up with the Director and ascertain if you desired to take it up with the Department. The United States Attorney advised he would rather allow the matter to "leak out" rather than to "give it out".

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On May 4, 1934, there was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota an indictment charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William P. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, "Slim", "Izzy", Frankie Wright, John Doe and Richard Roe with conspiracy to violate the Federal Kidnaping Statute dated June 22, 1932, in that on January 17, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped by them and released on February 7, 1934 after payment of \$200,000 ransom money. On November 2, 1934 a nolle prosequi was entered as to John J. McLaughlin, Jr.

On Monday, January 21, 1935 a special session of the Federal Grand Jury had been called at St. Paul, Minnesota with a view to considering the return of a superseding indictment in this case. Based upon evidence gathered since the return of the original indictment, the following individuals will be indicted:

ARTHUR R. BARKER - one of the actual kidnapers whose latent fingerprint, obtained from gasoline cans abandoned near Portage, Wisconsin on February 7, 1934, has been identified in the Technical Laboratory of the Division. Witnesses interviewed have also identified Barker as being present at the hideout during the time Bremer was held.

ALVIN KARPIS - one of the kidnapers who was identified as the purchaser of three flash lights similar to those used in connection with the ransom payoff. Karpis has also been identified as being present at the hideout during the time Bremer was held, and is reported to have participated in the actual taking of Bremer.

VOLNEY DAVIS has been reported as one of those who participated in the ransom payoff.

HARRY CAMPBELL has also been identified as one of those present at the hideout during the time Bremer was held, and is reported to have been present at the taking of Bremer. Campbell accompanied Bremer on his return trip at the time of his release.

WILLIAM WEAVER likewise has been identified as being present at the hideout, and is reported to have returned in the car with Bremer at the time of his release.

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HARVEY SAWYER is reported from various sources as being the "finger" man, or the one who indicated to the kidnapers that Bremer was in a position to pay a large ransom. Included among the informants is his wife, GLADYS SAWYER, who was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio on September 5, 1934, along with WYNONA BURDETTE and PAULA HARMON. Sawyer at this time had also been residing in Cleveland, Ohio with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

ELMER FARMER, resident of Bensenville, Illinois, through whom Fred Goetz (deceased) and Fred Barker (deceased) arranged for the rental of the hideout and who received \$1,000 for his participation.

HAROLD ALDERTON is the individual who rented his apartment in Bensenville, Illinois to the kidnapers to be used in hiding out Bremer.

John Doe and Richard Roe are the individuals who acted as guards at the hideout during the time Bremer was held captive.

Note: All of the foregoing will be named in an indictment charging the substantive kidnaping of Bremer, and will be included with the following in the conspiracy indictment.

DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN in whose apartment at 4849 Irving Park Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois the ransom money was distributed to the individuals who exchanged it for other money. Dr. Moran received a percentage of the ransom money.

WILLIAM P. VIDLER was arrested in Chicago, Illinois. There was found in his possession \$2,625 of the Bremer ransom money.

JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. was arrested in Chicago, Illinois on April 27, 1934, and admitted obtaining and exchanging Bremer ransom money.

PHILIP J. DELANEY was also arrested in Chicago, Illinois as one of the changers of the Bremer ransom money.

BYRON BOLTON alias MONTE CARTER, was an associate of Fred Goetz (deceased) and assisted in arranging for the hideout, also assisting the kidnapers in other ways. He received \$3,000 as his share of the ransom money.

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OLIVER A. BERG alias "Izzy" acted as a convoy for the Bremer ransom money, guarding it at the time it was being exchanged and associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

WILLIE HARRISON assisted during the time Bremer was being held captive by arranging places of residence for the women associates of the Barker-Karpis gang.

EDNA MURRAY is a paramour of Volney Davis. She is reported to have been present at the hideout and to have assisted the members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the time Bremer was being held captive.

MYRTLE EATON is a paramour of William Weaver. She is alleged to have participated in the conferences held in her apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of planning the kidnaping of Bremer.

JESSE DOYLE is an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, whose paramour, Doris O'Conner, is a sister of Edna Murray, mentioned above. Doyle is reported to have also participated in this kidnaping.

"WHITIE", last name unknown, will be included in the indictment. The part he played in the kidnaping is not known at the present time.

FRED GOETZ was killed on March 14, 1934 at Chicago, Illinois in a gangland killing, which remains unsolved. He is reported to have planned the Bremer kidnaping, but because of his death, he will not be included in the indictment to be considered at St. Paul. Likewise, FRED BARKER, who was killed at Oklawaha, Florida January 16, 1935 will not be included in the indictment, although he played a prominent part in the kidnaping and has been identified as one of those present at the hideout during the time Bremer was held. His mother, KATE BARKER, who was also killed at Oklawaha, Florida on January 16, 1935, will not be included in the indictment, but who, had she lived, would have been included. The evidence shows that she rented a safe deposit box at the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Box Company of Chicago, Illinois on July 26, 1933, under the name of Mrs. F. E. Gordon. This box was entered under a search warrant on September 11, 1934 and in it was found \$5,506 in currency which was not identified as Bremer ransom money. The records of the bank show that the box was rented five days after the \$100,000 was paid to the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota. The box was entered three days after the release of victim Edward G. Bremer.

Memo for the Director

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RUSSELL GIBSON, who was mortally wounded while resisting arrest in Chicago, Illinois January 8, 1935, played a similar part as that of Oliver Berg, who is named above in that he acted as a convoy or guard for the Bremer ransom money.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

R. E. Newby

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

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

January 25, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois.

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.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Byron Bolton, a defendant in the above entitled matter,
at present confined in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, has stated
that he desires to renew his claim for adjusted compensation, he
having incurred disability while serving in the United States Navy
during the World War.

He stated that he had talked with Special Agent Brown at
Chicago concerning this and that Agent Brown had told him that he
would examine into the status of his claim and provide him with
necessary papers for renewal, change of address, etc. It is under-
stood that the Veterans' Administration file regarding this matter
is at the Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital, Hines, Illinois.

It is requested that claim papers referred to above be
forwarded to this office for delivery to Bolton.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 25, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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aliases, I. O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Will you kindly furnish this office with copies of
statements obtained from Harold Alderton and Byron Bolton. It
appears that but one copy of each of these statements was received
here and these have been turned over to the United States Attorney
for his use.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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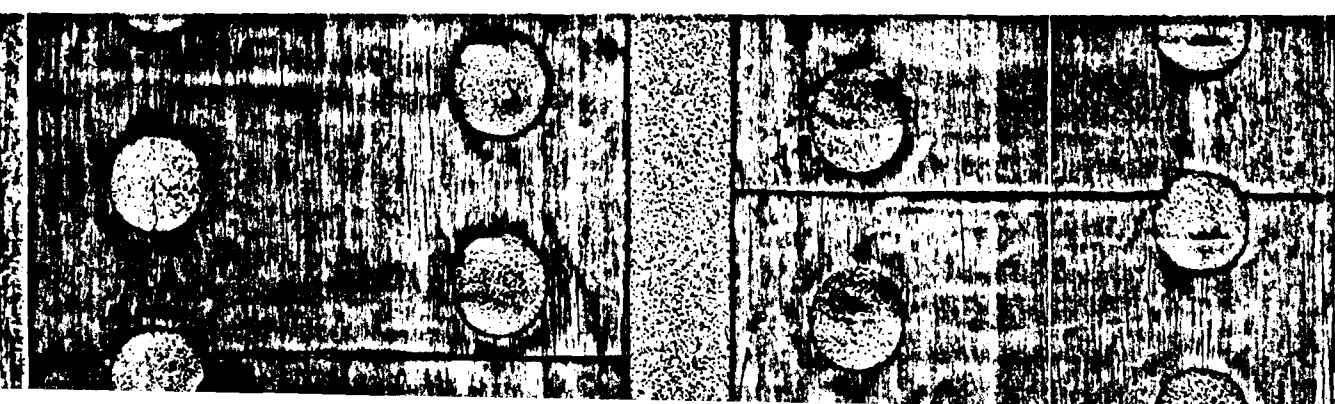
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

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January 28, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

I am transmitting herewith two enlarged photographs
of Subject Alvin Karpis, with aliases, for your use in
identifying this subject before the jury in connection with
the trial in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge
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P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR H. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases (Deceased);
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232,
et al. - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
Chicago file 7-82

Dear Sir:

On January 8, 1935, the Chicago office by wire requested the Kansas City office to ascertain the name and address of the owner and description of automobile bearing 1934 Missouri license plates No. 360660.

On the same date a similar request was made of the Cincinnati office to ascertain the name and address of the owner and a description of an automobile bearing 1934 Ohio license plates No. 655891.

On the same date a similar request was made of the San Antonio office to ascertain the name and address of the owner and a description of an automobile bearing 1934 Texas license plates No. 286329.

On the same date the Omaha office was requested to ascertain the name and address of the owner and description of an automobile bearing 1934 Iowa license plates No. 57-16680.

This letter will acknowledge receipt of the telegrams on this matter from the offices receiving copies of this letter.

It will be unnecessary to undertake any further investigation in regard to the above mentioned matter.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati
St. Louis
San Antonio
Omaha

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

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Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

January 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Special Agent Rider of your office on January 25, 1935, relative to the information furnished this office by Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey of the Philadelphia office regarding a man and a woman who arrived in Pittsburgh, Pa., in a Dodge coupe bearing New Jersey license B55335 and registered at the William Penn Hotel under the name of Sidney Blum and sister, 95 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, and who purchased two tickets on the C. W. A. airline for Los Angeles, California, and whom it was thought may have some connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Special Agents L. W. Arms and E. E. Lawrence of this office made discreet inquiry at 95 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, which is the address of a hemstitching store operated by Mrs. Sidney Blum. Agents Arms and Lawrence learned that Mrs. Sidney Blum is at present in Los Angeles, California, and that she recently sent word to her husband requesting him to proceed to Los Angeles immediately as his mother who resides at that place was not expected to live. It was further learned that Mr. Sidney Blum accompanied by his sister left Newark, New Jersey, recently, stating that they planned to drive to Pittsburgh, Pa., and from that point they planned to take a plane to Los Angeles as they desired to arrive in Los Angeles as soon as possible. Mr. Sidney Blum apparently has a good reputation as a business man in Newark, New Jersey. He is not a man of means although he has been in business for some time.

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Jersey, were checked on license No. D33333, and reflect that this registration was issued to Sidney Elun, 95 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, for a Dodge coupe, motor No. 20321.

Very truly yours,

F. E. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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January 28, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 21, 1935 transmitting Claim Check #501 of the Dakia Garage in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

You are advised that no latent fingerprints could be developed on the Claim Check.

The original specimen is being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul

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January 28, 1935

Mr. E. 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 latent finger impressions previously developed in this case have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

- Mildred Lonquest, our #873418.
- Russell Gibson, our #57685.
- Clara Gibson, our #873417.
- Ruth Heidt, our #873419.
- Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, our #841188.
- Arthur R. Barker, our #289428.
- Regina Kordock, our #873590.
- Marjorie Harrison, our #873591.
- Patricia Lonquest, our #873420.
- Barbara Lonquest, our #873589.

Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice
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January 26, 1935.

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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
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Mr. Tracy
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 1:50 PM

Re Bremer case

Mr. Hanson telephoned and advised that they were continuing the questioning of Joe Adams, who had evidently been lying in his previous statements, but who had now declared that he was ready to tell the truth, regardless of the consequences to him. He gave Mr. Hanson a \$1,000.00 bill shortly after this and stated that it was a part of some money which had been put in an envelope by Karpis for Delores Delaney and left by Karpis with him, Adams, for her. Part of the money left there by Karpis was to go also to Duke Randall. Mr. Hanson stated that they were taking it easy in questioning this individual and he thought that by taking this means they would get the whole story from him, Adams having admitted that he knew who Karpis was.

Mr. Hanson stated that he had talked with the U.S. Attorney with reference to filing a complaint against Adams and Randall and the U.S. Attorney had advised him that in his opinion it would be better to wait until the Grand Jury convened on February 4th, and to have by that time as much evidence as could be gathered, in as much as these individuals had a great deal of money behind them and could raise bond in a comparatively few minutes.

Mr. Hanson further advised that he had learned from Mr. Connelley and later through Adams that two individuals named Francis McDonald and Willy Harrison had also been the contacts of the Karpis gang in Miami and that the hotels in Miami and Savannah, Georgia are being covered with a view of having these individuals taken into custody.

I instructed Mr. Hanson to be certain that Adams was questioned further along these lines and to get the whole story from him, if possible.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Mr. Hanson advised me 7-6-26

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT BY:
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TITLE (CHANGED) ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burns, J.J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, Alvin Karpavics, R.E. Earl Lyman Burns, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E.L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Handley, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J.H. Harvey, "James", A.S. Hunter, Dock Barber, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F.E. Gordon, "Joe", H.J. Harvey, Ray Gordon, "Shorty", I.O. 1219; FRED BARKER, aliases: F.G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R.E. Davis, J.E. Blackburn, T.C. Blackburn, A.S. Hunter, J. Earl Matterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Matterson, F.C. Blackburn, F.B. Lang, "Shorty"; HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T.C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson; VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E.V. Davis, J.R. Lockwood, S.F. Lockwood, C.E. Moore, Jimmie, "Curley" Moore, Everett Davis, "Curley" Hansen, "Curley" Hanson, J.E. Hansen; WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P.O. Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R.A. Nelson, T.J. Nelson, P.J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W.C. Weaver, J.A. Orhood, Charles E. Lucas, Charles E. Polling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P.O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W.C. Weaver, P.O. Scott, Bill Thornton, Felix Donald; HARRY SAWYER, aliases: Frank James, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry Forche, Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandovich, Jay Harry; FRED C. GOETZ, aliases: George Zeigler, Fred Getz, "Shotgun" Zeigler, "The Dutchman", James George Zeigler, George B. Siebert, A.W. Johnson, W.A. Johnson, George B. Johnson, Floyd C. Zeigler, Van Ash, George F. Seibert (Deceased); WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, aliases: Bryon Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Owen B. Carter, Monte Carter, "Andy", Andrew Allen, Byron Bolton; JAMES J. WILSON, Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E.J. Powell; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, I.O. 1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, aliases: Rusty Gibson, Slim Gray, R. Gray Evans, Roy Gray, Roy Gray Evans, Slim Evans, Andrew Allen, J. A. Reed, I. O. 1215, (Deceased); WILLIAM J. HARRISON, aliases: Willie Harrison, J.B. Bolton, W.J. Ryan, Elmer Howe; OLIVER A. BERG, aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennet; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams; PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Delaney; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J.J. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin, Mr. Smith; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., aliases: Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin; ELMER FARMER; HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, aliases: Harold Allerton, Allerton, Alderton; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
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SYNOPSIS: Signed statements secured from Mildred Clark, alias Kuhlman, Ruth Heidt and Clara Gibson, showing their connections with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Information secured from William Bryan Bolton, alias Monty Carter, as to location of members of Karpis-Barker gang in Florida. Also as to location of Bremer hideout and intimate details as to the kidnaping and holding of victim Bremer. Hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois raided by Chicago Division Agents on 1/16/35. Signed statements secured from occupants. Elmer Farmer arrested in Bensenville 1/16/35 by Chicago Division Agents. Makes signed statement admitting his knowledge of the kidnaping; that he purchased groceries for the gang and acted as a "lookout" for the gang. Farmer advised as to Allderton's participation in holding Bremer. Harold Allderton arrested by Division Agents at Kokomo, Indiana on 1/17/35 and brought to Chicago, Ill. Signed statement secured from Allderton admitting that his house in Bensenville was used as the Bremer hideout. On 1/21/35 Mildred Clark, alias Kuhlman and Ruth Heidt were released from Chicago Division office. Clara Gibson released to Chicago Police Department on 1/22/35. Bolton, Farmer and Allderton signed waivers of removal proceedings and on 1/20/35 were removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. Disposition sheets for Allderton and Farmer attached.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 11, 1935.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed to carry the additional alias of J. A. Reed for Russell Gibson, and also to show that he is now deceased. The title is also changed to show the correct name of Bolton as being William Bryan Bolton, with the additional alias of Monte Carter, "Andy" and Andrew Allen. The title is changed also to show the additional aliases of Elmer Howe for William J. Harrison, and to include the names Harold V. Allderton, aliases: Harold Allerton, Ellerton, Alderton, and Elmer Farmer.

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This report is composed of memoranda submitted by the various Agents of the Chicago office working on this case.

The reference report discloses the apprehension of Mildred Clark, alias Kuhlman. The following signed statement was secured from Mildred Clark:

Chicago, Illinois
January 12, 1935

I, Mildred Clark, make this voluntary statement of my own free will to Special Agents F. G. Melvin and T. M. McDade, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without threats or promises of any kind, knowing that it may be used against me in a court of law.

I was born on December 26, 1908 in Miller City, Ohio, and moved to Leipsic, Ohio when very young. My parents are John and Margaret Kuhlman and I have four sisters and two brothers. By occupation I am a telephone operator. I was married in November, 1928, to Norman J. Clark at the Holy Family Rectory, New Cleveland, Ohio. My husband and I resided in Toledo, Ohio until 1930, when we maintained separate residences. In 1932 we were divorced in Toledo, Ohio, in a suit brought by my husband.

In the summer of 1934 I was residing with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Cherry Street and Collingwood Avenue, Toledo. I was not working at this time. The last place of employment was with the City Dry Cleaning Company, Woodruff Street, Toledo, as a telephone switchboard operator. Sometime in July, 1934 while visiting the Casino Club operated by Ted and Bert Angus I met a man called "Shorty". From conversation with Madeline Angus and Rene Holst, I learned that he was Arthur Barker. Other people I met at this time were Jimmie, Slim, Elmer or Willie, Rabbit and her husband, Cotton, Paula, Winona, and George. I did not know the last names of any of these persons but from photographs shown to me I have identified these

individuals as being Jimmie Wilson, Russell Gibson, Willie Harrison, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Paula Harmon, Winona Burdett and Harry Campbell. Madeline Angus also pointed out a man whom she said was Ray Karpis and whom I recognize from photographs as being Alvin Karpis.

I was told by Madeline Angus and Rene Holst that Arthur Barker had served a term in prison for a murder; that it was a "bam rap" and that he was wanted again on the same charge. Barker's name was mentioned in connection with the Bremer kidnaping and I believed that he was being sought by the authorities for that and other charges. I thought that the other people were crooked and were wanted by authorities, but I never knew why they were being sought.

One night towards the end of August, 1934, Jimmie Wilson, Willie Harrison, Arthur Barker, Rene Holst and I drove out to a house in the suburbs and spent the night there. This house was located about 2 1/2 miles from the Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, a suburb of Toledo. It was a white frame house, two stories in height with a basement. It had a living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast nook downstairs, and three bedrooms and bath upstairs. It had a front porch, the floor of which appeared to be cement. There was a driveway on the side of the house and a garage in the rear. We entered the house from a side door which led into the kitchen, after going up three or four steps. There was a vacant lot next to the driveway and a house adjoining that was also white and two stories high. I can't recall any house on the other side. I gathered from some talk that this house was occupied by Harry Campbell, whom I knew as George, and Winona Burdett.

I believe the house is located on Summit Street as it was a continuation of that Street into the county road, and was several blocks beyond a turn of the road to the right and is located on the left hand side of the street. I spent but one night in this house when Arthur Barker, whom I called "Shorty", and I occupied one room, Rene and Jimmie another room and Willie slept alone. The following morning we had breakfast at the Casino Club and "Shorty" took me home.

I continued to see "Shorty" at the Casino Club on and off. Sometimes he would call me up for a date and we would go out to the club. Sometime in September, 1934, he asked me if I would like to take a trip with him for a few days. I said I would like to go and as I didn't care just where, he suggested Chicago. A few days after that he called for me at my home and we drove to Chicago in a maroon, four door sedan, which was either a Plymouth or Chevrolet. On arriving in Chicago we drove up to some hotel on the south side of the city, the name of which I cannot recall. He had asked me if I had any hotel I wanted to stay at and I said no. The hotel was an old building; our room was on the fourth floor and it was a large but old-fashioned. The elevators faced the entrance of the hotel and the desk was on the left side. A church or similar building was across the street. "Shorty" registered, but I do not know the name he used.

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During the drive from Toledo, I saw "Shorty's" wallet on the seat and the name card in it read, "J. B. Bolton" although I knew at this time that he was Arthur "Doc" Barker.

We spent the night together in the hotel. The next morning "Shorty" left the hotel and I went to the beauty parlor, then returned to listen to the radio. I was leaving the hotel to go to a movie when I met "Shorty" and Slim. We drove to 2242 Lincoln Parkway where I met Patricia Lonquest. We had dinner and later returned to the hotel where Slim and Pat registered for the night. The following day "Shorty" and I drove to Toledo.

I saw "Shorty" a few times in the next six weeks although I did not see him at one time for two or three weeks. At this time George Sergeant, Hillcrest Hotel, began to bother me with his attentions. He objected to my going out with other men and at one time struck me and threatened me. I told this to "Shorty" and he said that if I wanted to get away for a while he would take me on a trip.

About the 8th or 9th of November, Slim and "Shorty" came to my apartment and we went to the Lorraine Hotel where I met Patricia Lonquest again. I spent the night with "Shorty" in the hotel and Slim and Pat stayed there together. The following morning we started for Chicago in a dark blue or black four door Ford V-8 sedan with Illinois license tags.

During the afternoon when we were outside of Gary, Indiana, we passed someone whom I believed to be a highway patrolman. "Shorty" said "I was going too fast to stop so I went around him". He then stepped on the gas and when I moved to look around they told me not to. Slim then took a machine gun from one of the bags and loaded it with a drum. Slim said, "Here, take this, kid, and put it between your knees". I put it on the floor in front of me. We were driving very fast and after going five or six miles they stopped to change the license plates. Later they changed back to the old plates, and when we entered Chicago Slim took the gun and put it back in the bags.

He stopped at 2242 Lincoln Parkway where I got a bag and Slim drove me to a hotel on Clark Street near Lincoln Parkway. It may have been the Clayton Hotel and I registered alone under my own name, Mildred Clark.

I stayed at this hotel for three days and met Willie Harrison again. On the third day Willie and "Shorty" came to the hotel and we drove to 3920 Pine Grove Avenue where Willie rented an apartment under the name of J. E. Bolton. I lived there until about December 10, 1934, except for a few days when I stayed at the Commonwealth Hotel. At 3920 Pine Grove Avenue I saw Willie, "Shorty", Slim, and a man called Whitey, and Andy (Byron Bolton). Whitey was about five feet, nine inches, 28 years old, 160 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. He wore a dark suit; all of these men stayed there at some time or other except Whitey. The men would often go away for one or several days, usually there was one of them there. I cannot identify Whitey from any of the photographs shown to me.

About December 10, 1934, the boys suggested that I stay at some hotel and Slim and Shorty drove me to the Morrison Hotel where I registered under the name of Mrs. A. R. Esser. About this time "Shorty" gave me a five hundred dollar bill to buy a fur coat which I purchased at Marshall Field & Company. Patricia Lonquest was registered at the hotel with me. We stayed there about four days. I saw Slim and Shorty once during this time when they took me for a short drive.

While at the Morrison I stopped over at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue one day and while looking for an apron in the closet I noticed several large guns standing there.

On December 14, Willie came and we drove to 432 Surf Street where I rented an apartment under the name of A. R. Esser. I was living there three or four days when "Shorty" came with his bags.

"Shorty" came and went on many days, sometimes staying away for one or more days. On the day before Christmas he left about 7 a.m. and did not return until 10 a.m. Christmas day. He was very tired then and said the driving was very bad, although he did not say where he had been. He said that he fell asleep in the car and woke up to find Slim driving at seventy miles an hour and it was very slippery.

On December 26 he left with Slim and did not return until January 3, 1935. At this time he brought with him two bags of pecan nuts and some fish which they had caught. They did not say where they had been, but I thought they had been south somewhere. The nuts were in net bags which they took and I do not recall any markings on them although there were small tags attached.

While at 432 Surf Street I saw a machine gun under the bed and another time saw pistols on the bureau and in one of the bureau drawers. I never asked "Shorty" any questions about these guns.

Once on a return trip "Shorty" handed me a newspaper clipping. I saw that it mentioned Barker and Karpis and I threw it aside. I said I was sorry and he said, "Why?" I told him because I knew his name was Barker. He asked me who told me that and I said Madeline and Rene. To this he said nothing.

Rene and Madeline had commented on the scars on his face and wondered if his face had been changed. I never asked him about this though I saw the scars.

I have never met Fred Barker nor Kate Barker, his mother, and at no time did "Shorty" ever mention where they or other members of the gang were living.

I have read this statement of five (5) pages and believe it to be true and have signed each page of it voluntarily.

(Signed) Mildred Clark

Witnesses:

T. M. McDade and T. G. Melvin,
Special Agents,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Chicago, Illinois.

In connection with the apprehension of Ruth Heidt, the following signed statement was secured from her by Special Agent K. R. McIntire:

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois
January 11, 1935

I, Ruth Heidt, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

I am now 30 years of age, born June 23, 1904 in Hammond, Indiana. My father's name was John Wall. My mother, Zetta Wall, divorced John Wall and married Jacob Heidt when I was about 8 or 9 years of age. My mother was recently divorced from Heidt and I believe she is now living in Hammond, Indiana.

I attended the Hammond Public Schools as far as the 8th Grade. I have had no further education.

I first married Archibald E. McKerlie on November 11 in 1921. I lived with him about 2 years and 8 months, when we were divorced. I then married Bernard Matthesen in 1927 or 1928 in Chicago. I used the name McKerlie. I lived with him for about 2 years. Then I separated from him and on December 16, 1932 I married William Harrison in Chicago. I used the name Ruth Heidt, he using the name Harrison. I left him on or about June of 1935 and am now divorced from him.

Immediately upon my marriage to Harrison, we went to visit his people in St. Louis. I don't recall their name or address. We remained with them for a couple of weeks and then drove to Miami, Florida, where William Harrison had employment at the Dog Race Tracks which were operated by a man called O'Hara, who owns Sportmen's Park in Chicago. Harrison was ticket salesman at the tracks.

I met William Harrison about 3 months before I married him. I met him through Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks. Mrs. Brooks' name is Dolly. I went to school with her. Dolly was a night club entertainer and she and her husband then lived in Hammond. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks bought a cabaret in Hammond, Indiana, then Harrison bought a part interest in this cabaret. I went to work there as a hostess and that is how I met William Harrison. The cabaret was called "The Cottage". I don't know where Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are now, but think I can locate them. This cabaret remained open for about 3 months and then closed. During this time Harrison had a saloon located next to the corner of Wentworth and State Streets in Hammond. He closed this place about the time I married him.

Harrison was friendly with Bob Smith who operated the Chevrolet Agency in Hammond; he also played golf with a man named McKoley (phonetic spelling) of Gary, Indiana; he was also friendly with a local judge in Hammond. Harrison often played golf on the Indian Hills Course in Highland, Indiana, the Wicker Park Course and Burnham Woods Course. Harrison also knew "Pop" Snyder, the owner of the Savoy Hotel in Hammond. All of Harrison's relatives live in St. Louis, Missouri. He has three brothers in St. Louis, Bert, Elmer and Walter Harrison, whose addresses I don't know.

On our trip to Miami, Florida, we remained there from about January 1, 1933 to about May 15, 1933. In Miami we lived on 19th Place exact address not recalled. In Miami, Harrison frequented Curley's Saloon and played golf at the Miami Biltmore Golf course. We drove to Miami in a Chevrolet coach which Harrison had purchased from Bob Smith of Hammond. We were visited by no one in Miami and I recognize none of the photographs which Mr. McIntire has shown me.

When Harrison and I returned to Hammond from Miami, I remained with him for about three weeks. I then left him and went to live with my aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Clara Dickerhoff on a farm between Michigan City and LaPorte, Indiana. Then I went to live with a girl friend of mine at South Haven, Michigan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harrington and they operate a summer resort there. Harrison doesn't know these people. The girl's name is Esther Harrington. I left Harrison in the spring of 1933 and didn't return to Hammond until the spring of 1934. Then I lived with my mother until about October 1, 1934.

On about October 1, 1934, a girl friend of mine, Bernice Crowe, got me a job as hostess at the 554 Club on 554 Center Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was a hostess there. The manager of this club is Harry Conrad.

Shortly after I returned home in the spring of 1934, Harrison called at my home at 6000 West 5th Avenue, Gary, where my parents operated a Filling Station. He was driving a Ford coupe with Ohio license plates. On Harrison's first or second visit to our filling station he brought with him a man by the name of Ted who was from Toledo, Ohio. I believe this was Ted Angus. On one occasion Harrison mentioned having a good time at the Casino Club in Toledo, but he didn't mention any names. On another occasion when Harrison visited me he had Slim Gray, alias Russell Gibson with him. He didn't introduce me to Slim but he called him Slim, and this is the man with whom I was living at the time of his death.

The day after I took work at the 554 Club, Harrison visited me at Gary. This was the time Slim was with him. I told him I had taken this work, and he said he would send some of his friends out to the 554 Club. He didn't say he would send Slim.

4 Soon after I took work at the 554 Club Slim, Clara and Andrew Allen, whom I am now told is Byron Bolton, alias Monte Carter, visited the club. Slim asked me to join their party. They visited the club several times, after which Clara asked me if I was satisfied with my work, and if I was getting enough money. I told her I wasn't satisfied with the money, so she and Slim asked me to come over and live with them.

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At this time (November, 1934) Clara and Slim and Bolton were living at the Surf Lane Apartments, 436 Surf Street, Chicago. I lived with them from about the first of November, 1934 until January 8, 1935. The only other party I ever saw at this apartment was William Harrison. He had come to see Slim. He seemed to take for granted that I was living there.

Five or six days after Thanksgiving Clara and I moved to the Shelldrake Hotel. We remained there for four days. We were visited here by Slim and by no one else. Clara had told me that they didn't like it at the Surf Lane Apartments and that she was looking for another apartment and since the rent was up we moved to the Shelldrake. Clara told me she rented an apartment at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue so we moved over there. Slim and Clara were registered here under the name of Reed. I lived here with Clara, Slim and Andrew, alias Bolton, alias Carter, until the night of January 8, 1935. The only visitor we had while I was present in that apartment was William Harrison. He was there twice on one day and wanted me to go back to him. I saw no persons whose photographs have been shown me.

On January 8, 1935 I had a chow dog at the apartment at 3912 Pine Grove. This dog was given to me by William Harrison on or about September 1934. He told me he had bought the dog from a Kennel.

I have been asked about a party called "Whitey". I recall his name having been mentioned by either Harrison or Slim, and the only party I know by that name is a man who runs a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois.

I saw no guns at the apartments occupied by Slim and Clara, except a small automatic in a dresser drawer.

The foregoing statement consisting of 11 hand written pages has been fully read to me and it is the truth to my best knowledge.

(Signed) Ruth Heidt.

Witnesses:

G. C. Woltz and K. R. McIntire,
Special Agents,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

After Clara Gibson was brought to the Chicago Division office, the following signed statement was secured from her by Special Agent K. R. McIntire:

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois
January 15, 1935

I, CLARA GIBSON, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats of violence or promises of reward of any kind.

My maiden name is Clara Estelle Fisher. I have used the nickname "Sue". I was born in Kansas City, Missouri, April 6, 1900. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earl Fisher, 502 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. I have four brothers, Joe, Frank, Griffith and Jack. I have one sister, Mrs. George Guymon, living in Chicago. I grew up with the Italian element in Kansas City on the northeast side. I became acquainted with Russell Gibson in Kansas City, Missouri, when I was about 15 years of age. At this time Russell was driving a taxi cab for John Lazia, known as the Red Riding Hood Cab Stand. I knew John Lazia intimately myself. Lazia was about four years my senior. He also lived on the north side of Kansas City. Russell was intimately associated with Lazia until Russell and I left Kansas City. One of their frequent meeting places was the North Side Democratic Club, of which Lazia was the "Boss" having formed that club. This club was composed of the best and the worst elements in Kansas City.

Whenever Russell Gibson got in trouble Johnny Lazia would always front for him, and Lazia referred me to Ed Curtin for legal advice. Curtin was the prosecutor there for twelve years, but is now dead.

I married Russell Gibson on February 24, 1923 at Independence, Missouri. At one time Russell was arrested in Kansas City, charged with participation in a bank robbery. He was released on this charge. At another time he was arrested and convicted, charged with assault with a dangerous and deadly weapon. He was sentenced to serve two years in Jefferson City on this charge. Russell served one year of this sentence and was released.

Upon his release from Jefferson City, he started "running" liquor between Kansas City and Oklahoma City. Four or five months after his release from Jefferson City, Russell became involved in the robbery of a bank messenger in Oklahoma City. On this matter he told me that if he were ever caught and had lots of money he could beat the rap, but that he would get plenty of time if he didn't have money. Russell also told me that he had three policemen in Kansas City, Missouri, who would "front" for him, and testify that he, Russell Gibson, was in Kansas City, Missouri, on the date of the bank messenger robbery in Oklahoma City. While Russell was being held on this charge in the Oklahoma County Jail, Gomer Smith, a big criminal attorney came to see Russell, who wanted \$10,000.00 for defending Russell. Russell was visited by John Lazia while in jail and Sheriff Stanley Rogers arranged a meeting between the two. At this time Lazia told Rogers that there were several persons in Kansas City who would testify that Russell was up there at the time of the robbery in Oklahoma City to which Rogers replied, "Well, I haven't anything but a tin can jail, and if I were innocent I wouldn't stay in it." Russell told me he never used a cent to buy his way out, but that he was playing dice on the upper tier with some negroes, when he cut a hole through a wall and escaped.

Had Russell lived he would have been 35 years of age January 14, 1935. His mother's name is Nancy Gibson, his father being Grant Gibson. Mother and father now divorced. His mother lives in Los Angeles. Russell has four sisters, Goldie, Ruby, Orpha, and Grace. His brother is Orville Gibson, an attorney now in Los Angeles.

Goldie Gibson is married and I don't know her name or address. Ruby Gibson works in a department store in Los Angeles. Orpha is now Mrs. G. W. Walls, living in Aurora, Illinois. Mr. Walls is a painter for a railroad company in Aurora.

Russell escaped from Oklahoma City in about August, 1929. I had been living in Chicago about four or five months before his escape. Then Russell came to Chicago. We first lived at the Florence Apartments on Winthrop, then we moved to 6808 Wayne, called the Waynewood Apartments, then in an apartment on Lunt and Paulina, then to 5710 Winthrop. While at this apartment Russell was arrested for robbery and was held in the Cook County jail for about a month. During the past two years we have lived at the following addresses under the following names: In May, 1932, we moved to 3638 Pine Grove Avenue and lived under the name of Roy Gray. We lived here for 18 months. In November of 1933 we moved to 626 Waveland and lived there until April of 1934.

Russell knew a gambler called "Heimie" who had been in the penitentiary at Joliet and through him learned to know Ollie Berg. I also knew Ollie under the name of Izzy. Russell was afflicted with a social disease and was recommended to Dr. Joseph Moran by Ollie Berg. About a year ago I was in Moran's office on Irving Park Boulevard with Russell, at which time I saw "Boss" McLaughlin. Moran told me this man was McLaughlin and that he was dying of diabetes. Moran told me that McLaughlin didn't have a penny and that medical service was given free. I saw McLaughlin only once. At Moran's office I met a young man called Jimmie whom Moran said he was going to put through school.

Ollie Berg never told me what he was wanted for, but said that if he were ever arrested again it would mean the rest of his life. I knew Ollie when I was living at 3638 Pine Grove and at 626 Waveland, and saw him later in Toledo, Ohio.

During April, 1934 while we, Russell and I, were living at 626 Waveland, Russell told me that I should leave the apartment and not return to it until he told me to return. Someone had told Dr. Moran that officers were checking all his, Moran's 'phone calls. Russell said he was going to leave too. He said to me, "I would let you stay here and talk to those men (meaning officers) if we were all right." Russell's mother was living with us at the time. He sent her back to Kansas City, saying, "They might find out who I am". Russell and I had agreed to meet through an Italian girl named "Vi". I don't recall her address. She is not a contact for any gang.

I then moved to a room around the corner from my Waveland address, Addison and Pine Grove, where I remained about two weeks. I then moved to the Florence Apartment Hotel, 5406 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and lived here for about two weeks. Russell rejoined me here. He asked me how I'd like to take a trip and mentioned New York. He said he had been in Toledo, Ohio, and that there were several big gambling houses opening up there and he might be able "to get out in" there. He also said that since the World's Fair was opening up he might be recognized by policemen from Kansas City. We gave up our apartment here and drove in our 1934 Ford V8 coupe to Toledo. When Russell returned to take me to Toledo, I told him that things were getting hot and that officers had been to the garage. About one month later Russell went to the garage, and Mr. Miller, proprietor, told him that the officers had taken the Buick and had given a receipt.

I stated earlier that Russell and I always arranged to meet one another through a girl friend named "Vi". This is wrong. We met through Ollie Berg.

Our first night in Toledo was spent in a hotel where Doc Moran and Jimmie were staying. Russell suggested that we could get a cottage out on "The Point" or an apartment. I preferred an apartment. Russell learned from a friend of his where we should look for an apartment. I didn't see or meet this friend. He got an apartment at the Collingwood Apartments. Russell had me rent this apartment while he waited outside. He gave me no instructions as to the location and kind of an apartment I should rent. When Russell would come home late he would say he had been out to "The Point".

I remained in Toledo two or three weeks. While there I saw Dr. Moran, Jimmie and Ollie. I never saw "Shorty", otherwise known to me as Joe Morley. Ollie Berg came there after we did and returned to Chicago shortly. He and Russell were gambling partners. Ollie stayed at the Commodore Perry Hotel, the best in Toledo. Jimmie told me he had relatives in Toledo. While in Toledo, Russell and I were out to two places - one was a Chinese joint and the other a barmy place which had not yet been finished. I don't recall hearing of the Casino Club, or of a Ted Angus. We also went out to a roadhouse making a specialty of serving fish. At the above mentioned barmy place, Russell, Dr. Moran, Ollie and Jimmie and I saw a woman on one occasion who the boys called "Mert". She was known to all the men in our party. I have been shown a photo of Myrtle Eaton and this woman "Mert" resembles the Eaton woman strongly. Mert was drunk and didn't appear to be with any particular group of people. Dr. Moran told me this woman had to have a quart of liquor each day. Russell never advised me of the identity of this woman.

About a week after we reached Toledo, Russell made a four or five day trip to Hannibal, Missouri. He said he had an appointment with some men from Kansas City. He didn't tell me who he met or the purpose of the trip. He did not lose his car on this trip.

After remaining in Toledo for about three weeks I had a quarrel with Russell and came back to Chicago on the train alone. While in Toledo Russell made money shooting clay pigeons. I don't recall the name of this place. In Toledo, Doc Moran told me he had some work to do, but never mentioned the nature of the work.

Upon returning to Chicago I took a room at the Hayes Hotel on the south side, remaining there for about four days. I moved to a room on the 6400 block on Kimbark. At each of these places I used the name of either Clara or Sue Rogers. In Toledo I registered in the name of Mrs. J. Rogers. I contacted Russell about one week after I moved to the Kimbark Street room. Russell had just gotten into Chicago and was registered at the Harrison Hotel in the name of James Rogers. I stayed there with him for about a week and then we moved to Briar Place, the apartment being called Briar Way. We registered in the name of James Rogers. We lived here for four or five weeks.

Ollie Berg visited us at this apartment. While at this apartment Russell made a trip. He didn't say where he was going or who he would meet, but said he would be gone for about a week. Ollie Berg might know Russell's purpose in making this trip. A couple of days after Russell's departure he returned, said he had been to Hannibal, Missouri, and that he was lucky to be back. He said someone "had put the finger on him there". I asked him how he knew and he said that two officers came into a saloon where he was sitting, and asked whose car that was out in front (meaning Russell's Ford coupe). Russell then walked out the back door and came home on a train. Russell said we ought to move to a new apartment because he had left some shirts in his car, and he might be traced through the laundry marks. We then moved to the Aldine Apartments on Aldine Street. I rented the apartment under the name of James Roberts. We remained here about a month. We then moved to the Diversy Plaza or Diversy Parkway Apartments on Diversy between Halsted and the elevated lines. We lived here under the name of James Roberts for three or four weeks. During the time we lived here Russell's photograph appeared in a Detective magazine. This was in connection with the robbery of the bank messenger in Oklahoma City, and Russell's photo appeared opposite that of Cowboy Hays. Seeing this Russell wanted to move and asked me to be sure to get into an apartment not having a switchboard and hotel service. He was afraid someone at the desk would recognize him from his photograph. So I rented an apartment at the Surf Lane Apartments, 432 Surf Street, Chicago. We lived here in the name of James Roberts. We moved into this apartment about the first of September, 1934.

Previous to this time I had heard Ollie Berg and Russell speak of a fellow named Shorty, whom Russell told me was Joe Morley. Russell moved our things to the Surf Apartments in a car, a Ford Sedan, 1934 model, which he said he had borrowed from Joe, meaning Joe Morley. It was my understanding that Joe was either living with Ollie Berg or next door to Berg. Shortly after we moved to Surf Street, Joe Morley visited us. He visited us numerous times. He and Russell would sit up very late talking. I never heard their conversation. I was told to keep out of everything. Slim told me not to have "nose trouble". Joe Morley was very quiet and never talked to me. Just before we moved to the Surf Apartments, Ollie Berg telephoned and asked for Russell. Russell wasn't home so Ollie told me to tell Russell to stay home when he came in, that some parties had come in from out of town and wanted to see Russell. Russell told me that Jimmie and Joe had come to town. Ollie came over the next day and was mad because they had dumped Jimmie off on him.

About a month after we moved to the Surf Lane Apartments, Russell brought a man to live with us named Andy, or Andrew Allen. Andy is the man who was arrested with me at my apartment at 3912 Pine Grove on January 8, 1935. Andy was to stay with us until his

wife came. Andy had been living at the Guyon, of Guyon Hotel, on the west side. Andy stayed with us for about a month before his wife and two children arrived. They then took an apartment in the Surf Lane. Mrs. Allen was known to us as "Vi". Mr. Allen called her Vira. Before Mrs. Allen arrived, Russell, Andy and Joe Morley had several meetings in my apartment. All during the time we were at the Surf Lane, Andy, Russell and Joe Morley would make numerous trips out of town. Occasionally William Harrison came to the Surf Lane with Joe Morley. On all of these trips Russell and Andy took their suit cases with them. There was one black bag in our apartment that Russell told me never to touch. He always took this bag with him and Andy on trips. It was an extremely heavy bag. I never looked inside this bag, but I am confident it contained guns.

Joe Morley was always with Russell and Andy on these trips, and they usually left from my apartment. The only car I ever saw them use was Joe Morley's Ford sedan, until Andy bought his Ford coach. Around Thanksgiving Russell and Andy were making a trip and said they would be gone for about two weeks. They returned in two days and didn't say where they had been or why they returned so soon. On one trip Russell stayed in a hotel next door to a police station. On the trip Andy and Russell made at Thanksgiving time, Mrs. Allen, Ruth Heidt and I had dinner at my apartment.

While at the Surf Lane we were visited several times by a fellow called "Whitie" but name not known. He was known to Andy and Russell, but Russell told me that "Whitie" was a stranger to almost all of them. Sometimes he came alone. "Whitie" was there at times when Joe Morley was at my apartment. "Whitie" seemed to be as well known to Joe Morley as to Russell and Andy. Russell told me that "Whitie" was broke and that Andy and Joe were loaning him money. "Whitie" was at my apartment with William Harrison and Harrison seemed to know "Whitie" as well as the others knew him. In all, I saw "Whitie" about six times. He is described as follows:

Age: 25 or 26 - looks young
Height: About 5'10"
Weight: 170-180
Build: Slender - has a very slender waistline.
Hair: Light blonde - wavy and lots of hair, hair is almost identical with that of Edward Wilhite seen in St. Louis, Mo. P.D. photo No. 17734.
Eyes: Blue
Teeth: Even
Personality: Pleasant, smiling type
Speech: Has slight foreign accent
Nationality: Told me he was a Lithuanian
Marital Status: Russell said Whitie is married and has two children
Criminal Record: None known
Residence: Not known.

I don't know where "Whitie" lived in Chicago, but one day he told me he was going to move because there were a couple of suicides in his building. "Whitie" never made any trips with the boys, to my knowledge. I have been shown photographs of Edward Wilhite, but this man is not identical with "Whitie". Several trips were made out of town by Russell and Andy while Andy's wife lived at the Surf Lane.

Russell had always slept with a small gun under his pillow, but when we were living at the Surf Lane, and when Russell was being visited by Harrison, Joe Morley and "Whitie" he always slept with a large rifle or shot gun beside his bed.

About December 1, 1934 Russell said he and Joe Morley and Andy were going to leave town and that he had another apartment for us; that William Harrison would move us. Our rent was up on December 15, 1934 at the Surf Lane, so we moved to the Shelldrake Hotel for about four days. We were to move to an apartment on 3912 Pine Grove. Harrison said he had been living there for some time. Some woman had been living in the apartment on Pine Grove because Harrison moved her dresses out when we moved in. In this apartment I noticed some new wiring and an extra plug on the wall and I asked Harrison if that was some of his work. He said that Joe Morley had done this work. From the conduct of Harrison and Joe Morley I drew the conclusion that they were living together.

It was about December 20, 1934 that we moved to 3912 Pine Grove. While we were living on Surf Street, Harrison told me that Joe Morley had fallen in love and was going to get married. Later, Russell told me that Joe had gone to Crown Point, Indiana and had gotten married. I've never seen Joe's wife, but understood she was from the East. I asked Harrison if it was sudden, and he said Morley had been going with the girl for some time.

At 3912 Pine Grove I found an Illinois automobile license certificate in Russell's clothes, issued in the name of Bolton. Russell told me that this paper was for Shorty's car. Andy Allen lived with us at 3912 Pine Grove. Occasionally he would be gone over night. When we moved to 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Russell and Joe Morley made a trip, being one four or five days, possibly less. He didn't tell me where he had been.

A few days before Christmas Russell asked me one night to prepare Andy's breakfast by 7:00 A.M. on the following morning, that Andy and Harrison were going to take a trip. He didn't say where Andy was going. Ruth Heidt heard Andy tell Russell that he, Andy, would be back by January 4, 1935. Harrison was at my apartment the night before this trip and said he was going with Andy and said he was going to work wherever he was going.

About three days later Russell said that he and Joe Morley were going south and that I should pack enough things to last him about three weeks. When Andy left he said he was going to see his family over the holidays. Russell returned two or three days after New Year's and said he had seen Andy in Georgia. Russell brought back some deer meat and some fish. He said he had fished one day. He also brought back some nuts. Russell said he and Joe Morley had run into Andy and Harrison, coming home, while the latter were buying nuts. Russell said they had had car trouble on the way home; that they had no money, except a large bill which Morley had, and had they tried to cash this bill they might have gotten into trouble.

After the boys returned, Andy continued to live with us. Harrison and Joe Morley also visited us three or four times. On the night of the raid on January 8, 1935, Joe Morley had dinner with us. Morley remained with us about two hours. At about 8:00 P.M. Russell took Morley to his home, and was gone for about an hour. Then Russell came home and we packed a box and he and I took the box over to the new apartment. Then we returned home and about an hour later the raid took place. The only parties in the apartment at the time of the raid were Ruth Heidt, Andy Allen, Russell and I.

In July or August, 1934 while we were living on Diversay, I first noted in the paper or in a detective magazine that Russell was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. I asked him what part he had in it. He denied any part in it, but I told him where there is smoke there must be fire, and he said, "if they were to arrest me tomorrow, they would take me to St. Paul and the most I could get would be five years."

At the time of the raid on January 8, 1935, we were arranging to move to an apartment on 520 Surf Street. Ruth Heidt had been living with us. Russell and I were going to take a trip and since Andy didn't want to stay alone with Ruth Heidt, we got this apartment for Andy and gave Ruth \$50.00 to live on while we were gone. Andy gave me this money to give to Ruth. I got this apartment through an advertisement.

Russell and I were going to go to Kansas City, Missouri, to see how the case in Oklahoma City was progressing against Cowboy Hays. Russell wanted to learn how much evidence they had against him. Russell

I first met Ruth Heidt at the 554 Club in Chicago. She was a hostess there. I later learned from Harrison that she was formerly his wife. I learned that she was not doing very well financially and Russell and Andy asked me to take her in for a while until she could find another job. She lived with me at the Surf Street and Pine Grove addresses. Russell and Andy and I visited the 554 Club three or four times, but I never saw any persons whose photographs have been shown me.

I don't know where Harrison is at present, but on January 8, 1935 I heard Russell ask Joe Morley if Harrison got away all right, and Morley said he did. Apparently Harrison has gone out of town.

At the time of John Laxia's death I asked Russell who killed him and the reason, and he said it was probably one of the younger ones of Italians who was jealous of Laxia's power. Russell said that whoever became "Boss" after Laxia's death would probably be the one who was responsible for his death.

During the time we were in Toledo either Jimmie or Russell told me that Dr. Moran was playing around with a colored cabaret entertainer. Dr. Moran said he was going to get married and go out to his sister in Colorado.

Among the persons known to Russell in Kansas City were:

Guy Given

Cass Welsh

Tom Pendergrass

John Laxia

Booth Baukman

James Aylward (attorney)

E. C. Reppert

Gold Tooth Maxie

Solly Weissman

Joe Bondi

Ed Curtin (now dead)

I have known William Harrison under the name of Elmer Howe. When he returned from the south after New Year's Harrison told me he had been offered a job on a gambling table at \$25.00 a day. I asked him if it was in Georgia, and he said, "No - in Cuba". He said he might take this job. Harrison has the appearance of being an overgrown joking boy. He nicknamed Joe Morley, "Gabby" since he said so little.

When Andrew Allen's wife registered at the Burr Lane apartments she registered in the name of Mrs. Andrew Benson.

Mr. McIntire has read the foregoing statement to me consisting of 27 handwritten pages, and it contains the truth.

(Signed) Clara Gibson

Witnesses:

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Copies of the signed statements of Mildred Clark, Ruth Heidt and Clara Gibson were forwarded to the Division and to the St. Paul office on January 17, 1935.

The following information was secured by Special Agent R. D. Brown from William Bryan Bolton, alias Monty Carter:

It is observed that copies of this memorandum were forwarded to the Division and to the St. Paul office on January 17, 1935.

In interviewing Monty Carter on January 11, 1935, the following information was obtained from him by Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. L. Madala. The information is brief and set in detail at this time due to the fact that Monty is mentally fatigued due to lack of sleep and anxiety.

He first advised that the principal reason for his giving the following information was to prevent the possible killing of more Special Agents. He, therefore, furnished the following information with reference to the present location of the remaining members of this gang. He advised that "Doc" Barker and Slim Gray left Chicago, Illinois on the night of December 25th; that he did not know where they were going, but that they drove Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Illinois license plates No. 1-255-521.

He advised that he, Monty, and Willie Harrison left Chicago, Illinois in Ford V-8 Victoria, bearing Illinois license plates No. 1-289-927, on 12/19/34, for Miami, Florida, arriving there on about 12/22/34, where he spent Christmas with his wife and children at the Dorn Hotel, where they are now living. He advised he picked his wife and children up at St. Petersburg, Florida, where they were residing at that time, and took them to Miami. He stated Willie Harrison stayed at the El Comodoro Hotel, which he believes is managed by Joe Adams, who, according to Monty, is the gang's Florida contact; that he gathered this information through conversation with Willie Harrison, who is well known to Adams. He advised that when he left Chicago, Illinois with Willie Harrison he informed Doc Barker of his intentions of going to Florida to visit his family and Doc Barker suggested that he take Willie Harrison with him in order to watch him, as it is his opinion that members of the gang do not trust him implicitly as they do Harrison. He advised that he saw no members of the gang while at Miami, Florida.

He stated that he and Willie Harrison left Miami, Florida, to return to Chicago, Illinois on 1/2/35; that the first day they drove from Miami, up Highway No. 41 to Lake City, Florida, where they spent the first night; that the distance was considerably more than

400 miles; that they started the next day about 10:00 o'clock in the morning and drove until approximately 2:00 o'clock that afternoon on Highway No. 41 to a point approximately 30 to 50 miles south of Macon, Georgia, where they stopped at a pecan ranch, having more than 4,000 acres of pecan trees; that this pecan ranch was near Lloyd's Pecan Ranch, which is also near Macon, Georgia. He was unable to give any further information as to the exact location of this pecan ranch, but stated it could be easily located by inquiry at or near Macon, Georgia. He advised that while at this pecan ranch at about 8:00 P.M. on the second day after their departure, Slim Gray and Doc Barker drove up to their car; that he and Willie were surprised to see them, but it is possible that Willie Harrison had made contact with Joe Adams of the El Comodore Hotel, in Miami, who had possibly arranged this meeting without his, Monty's, knowledge. He stated that the car being driven by Slim and Doc was not dusty or dirty; that they advised they had "left" place of departure not known, at 8:00 o'clock that morning. When questioned as to the place of Doc and Slim's departure, Monty Carter made the following comments relative to its location:

He stated that during his return trip both cars kept comparatively close together and that he overheard conversations between Willie Harrison, Doc Barker and Slim, during which they talked about "the lake", which they described as a large fresh water inland lake, somewhere near Jacksonville, Florida, as they mentioned going into Jacksonville; that the conversation indicated that this lake was considerably remote from any town; that it was in that section of Florida where good deer hunting can be found as they stated they killed three deer and that they brought back to Chicago with them a considerable portion of deer carcass; that they also brought back fresh water fish which they had caught. He stated that they appeared very much interested in an old alligator in this lake known throughout that community as "Big Joe"; that the boys had attempted to catch this alligator and had placed a small pig in a barrel for bait, but that "Big Joe" got the bait and did not get caught. He further advised that the boys had a motor boat on this lake; that they lived in either one or two houses on the lake. He advised that he gathered that the lake was not far distant from Highway 41. As to the identity of the members of the gang now at this lake, Monty advised that from the conversations he had with the boys, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker are at this lake. He stated he also overheard a conversation to the effect that Freddie Barker has a small Buick coupe with him and that the car is not hot; that the license plates were obtained in Tennessee. He advised that it is his opinion that this lake can be located by driving from six to eight hours south of Highway 41 from Macon, Georgia, and making inquiries in that vicinity concerning a lake in which there is an alligator famous to persons in that community known as "Big Joe". He further advised that he recalls that Slim and Doc had picked some coconuts near the lake, which they had brought back with them, and

further that Slim made the comment that it was wonderful country for hunting and fishing, and that he would like to live there.

He further advised that Willie Harrison told him that during the late summer of 1934 he was in Havana, Cuba, where he saw Ray Karpis and Dolores; that persons known to him only as Art and Jimmie, who operate a large gambling establishment just outside the city of Cleveland, Ohio, have a gambling possession in Havana, and that Willie spent some time at this place. He stated that it is his belief that when members of the gang were "jumped up" at Cleveland, Ohio by Federal officers, they immediately went to Havana, Cuba, where they were given protection through contacts of Art and Jimmie. He stated that he does not know definitely whether or not other members of the gang other than Willie and Karpis were at Havana, but expects that they were.

With reference to Willie Harrison he stated that Willie frequently makes trips to Detroit, Michigan, where he sees a man by the name of Cash, who is a prominent man and whom he, Monty, believes changed a portion of the ransom money; that Willie also contacts persons in Toledo, Ohio, known to him only as Art and Shimmy; that the gang's contacts in San Francisco is "Soap", other name unknown. He further advised that he has recently heard Doc and Slim make the remark that they wonder where "Sealion", who is Harry Sawyer, is now located, and that Willie spoke up and stated that "Sealion" is now probably working for Frank Foster, the gang's New York City contact; that he has heard the boys state that Gladys Sawyer is now with Harry.

With reference to Volney Davis, Monty advised that it is his understanding that Volney had some trouble with other members of the gang and has not been with them since the early summer of 1934. He further stated he has heard no mention made of Volney Davis and has no idea as to his whereabouts. However, he advised that Volney Davis is a wanderer and drives continually from one city to another, wrecking many automobiles.

Monty Carter then furnished the following skeleton information concerning the Bremer kidnaping:

He advised that on January 7, 1934, he received a telegram and \$50.00 from Fred Goetz, whom he had known for several years, instructing him to come to Chicago at once; that upon his arrival in Chicago, Goetz asked him to take care of his wife for a few days and help her move when this action became necessary. He advised that Goetz failed to mention the nature of the "job" he was going on and that it was his understanding that Goetz asked him to come to Chicago in order that he, Goetz, might fulfill his promise to set up Monty in a tavern business in Chicago. He advised that he lived at Goetz' home and that after being there for about a week he drove with Goetz to Bensenville, Illinois, where they went to a house where the gang was holding a kidnaped man. He advised that this was the first that

he had learned concerning the kidnaping. He advised that he saw at this house Ray Karpis, a man known to him as "Leland Willis" (Bill Weaver) and Doc Barker. He advised that he later learned that this house is a rebuilt barn; that same is unpainted and has a two car garage in the front, which garage is a part of the house and constitutes a part of the first floor of the structure; that the garage is on the North side of the house, which is a two story affair; that there is an apartment on the garage second story where a man and his wife resided, who are still living there and whom he believes have two children. He stated that in the rear of the house, first floor, lived a man by the name of Ellerton, who was unmarried and lived alone in the three rooms of that section of the house. He stated that in order to enter the house it was necessary to step up two or three steps; that Ellerton is a friend of Elmer Farmer of Bensenville and that Fred Goetz had Elmer Farmer arrange for the hideout. He stated that the house is the second house from the corner just off York Street on a street, the name of which he cannot recall, but that there is a filling station on this street near this house and this street is a street which passes the roundhouse. He advised that the above description would undoubtedly lead Agents directly to the place, as there is no other house similar to it in Bensenville. He advised that when entering the house, the portion occupied by Ellerton, it is necessary to enter from the side and to pass through a kitchen before entering a small living room, and that a bedroom is located to the left of the living room when entering the door, where victim Bremer was held. He advised that he did not see Bremer while in this room of the hideout as the doors were closed on each occasion of his two visits. He stated that he understands that Ellerton is no longer residing in this house, but still lives in Bensenville and can easily be located. He described him as being about 40 years of age, slender build, sandy hair, blue eyes and of Scotch descent. He stated that Ellerton has a spaniel dog which he recalls the boys called "Pancho". It will be recalled that victim Bremer often heard the name "Pancho" mentioned.

He stated that on the occasion of his second visit to the hideout, which was on or about February 7th, he was requested by Fred Goetz to drive his, Goetz', car, a 1935 model Chevrolet coupe, to the hideout up in Bensenville; that upon arriving there he found Fred Goetz, Doc Barker, Bill Weaver and Harry Campbell; that he saw Fred Goetz and Bill Weaver take victim Bremer, who had goggles on his eyes, from the hideout to the Chevrolet coupe, after which they drove away. He advised he understands that they drove to a point a few miles away where they entered the Buick sedan belonging to one of the Barkers, which was used in the kidnaping. He further stated that members of the gang parked their automobiles in the garage located within the house above mentioned. He stated he never saw Elmer Farmer at the hideout.

Monty advised that Fred Goetz and other members of the gang told him that Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and Bill Weaver returned victim Bremer to Rochester, Minnesota from Bensenville, Illinois; that the ransom notes were all prepared by Fred Goetz; that the payoff and release were arranged by Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis. He advised that Fred Goetz told him that the finger man in the case was Harry Sawyer.

Monty stated that he played no other part whatsoever in the kidnaping; that he stayed in Fred Goetz' house, took care of his wife, moved Mrs. Goetz soon after the kidnaping into another apartment, and on the day after Bremer's release was given \$5,000 by Goetz, after which he returned to Phoenix, Arizona, where his family was residing.

Monty further stated that he understands that Dolores Delaney is to have a baby this month; that he does not know what arrangements have been made for her hospitalization. He also stated that he recalls members of the gang stating that Alvin Karpis was driving a Pontiac coupe.

Carter advised that upon having some rest he might be able to recall further details which would possibly give a better location of the gang's present hideout and that he will go into more detail concerning the kidnaping.

With regard to the raid conducted on the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois on January 16, 1935, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. C. Suran:

January 17, 1935

At 5 a.m. on January 16, 1935, the following Special Agents conducted a raid on the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois: Mr. Ladd, Suran, McIntire, Abbaticchio, Barber, Hirsh, Zimmer, Mullan, Williams, Juskow, Chaffetz, Peterson and Franke.

In the hideout on the first floor there were located Mr. and Mrs. Cord and their two infant children. An examination of the north bedroom located on the west side of the first floor of the building disclosed that it was no doubt the one in which Victim Bremer was held as the wallpaper which is now on the wall was identical with the sample in possession of the Chicago Division Office.

On the second floor of the building in which the hideout was located, were Mr. and Mrs. Mascal, while on the first floor in the front bedroom was located Mr. Edward Bauke, the owner of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Mascal and Edward Bauke were brought to the Chicago Division Office for questioning.

Agents Juskow, Hirsh and Williams were left in that part of the building occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cord. Mr. and Mrs. Cord stated that they had been residing in that part of the building in which they were located for approximately four months and it was not deemed necessary or advisable to bring these individuals to the Chicago Division Office for questioning.

At approximately 5:20 a.m., the Special Agents on this raid with the exception of those left with Mr. and Mrs. Cord conducted a raid on the home of Elmer Farmer at which place Elmer Farmer was taken into custody. Other persons at the home of Farmer at this time were Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer, the two setp-children of James Farmer and a boarder. These latter named individuals were not taken into custody. Elmer Farmer was brought to the Chicago Division Office for questioning.

Special Agents Juskow, Hirsh and Williams were instructed by Mr. Ladd to remain at the hideout until further instructions.

R. C. Suran, Special Agent

In connection with the raid above-mentioned, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh:

Chicago, Illinois,
January 23, 1935.

On the early morning of January 16, 1935 Agents attached to the Chicago office raided the premises at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, alleged to be the hideout in which Edward George Bremer was held. The owner of the premises, Herman Baucke, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid Mbschel, were taken to the Chicago office and questioned. Special Agents E. H. Williams, L. L. Juskow and B. M. Hirsh remained at 180 South May Street and subsequently questioned Wilburn Cord and his wife, Marie, who are at present occupants of the downstairs portion of the house. This portion is the section in which victim Bremer was held.

Wilburn Cord is 57 years of age and comes originally from Lexington, Kentucky. He enlisted at Lexington in 1916, being sent from that place to El Paso and later overseas. He returned to this country in January of 1919 and was discharged on January 25th of that year. He returned to Lexington where he again took up his trade as a barber. In the Fall of 1923 he went to Detroit, at which time he worked for two months as a laborer in the factory of the Briggs Body Company. He then took work as a barber in some two or three barber shops in Detroit. Early in 1924 he went to Indiana, at which place he worked as a barber, then proceeding to Seattle, Washington. He shipped as a stoker aboard several ships between Seattle and the Orient, on one occasion as stoker on board the President Madison. He later returned to Indianapolis, Indiana, to which place his family had moved from Lexington, Kentucky. He returned to Detroit to work as a barber until 1929, when he came to Chicago to work as a barber. He later went to work with Mr. W. T. Page as a barber in Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, from which place he proceeded to Elmhurst, Illinois, continuing to work for

Mr. Page. About April of 1934 he opened his own barber shop in Bensenville, Illinois, moving his family in August of 1934 to Bensenville, since which time he has resided at 180 South May Street in the same quarters as is located the room in which victim Bremer was held. Mr. Cord advised that his wife comes from LaPorte, Indiana. They have two children, a boy age two years, three months, and a girl age three and one-half months. Mr. Cord stated further that his mother, Bernice Cord, resides at 446 West Washington Street, West Chicago, Illinois; further that he has a sister, who is assistant superintendent of the Race Sanitarium and Institution for Tuberculosis patients, which is located at Winfield, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid Moschel, son-in-law and daughter, respectively, of Herman Baucke, owner of the hideout house. Mr. and Mrs. Moschel reside on the second floor of this house and resided there at the time victim Bremer was held on the first floor. Mr. and Mrs. Moschel furnished information concerning the furniture and arrangement thereof, as found on the first floor following the removal of the family, who occupied the premises at the time Bremer was held. Agent was advised that with few exceptions the furniture, which is presently in the house, was in the house at the time Bremer was held therein. The following information was furnished with reference to the contents of each of the rooms in the hideout house, as found by Mr. and Mrs. Moschel upon the removal of the Alldertons:

The house is rectangular in shape, the long side of the house extending north and south. Facing east at the southern extremity of the house is the kitchen; north of that is the living room, and north of that is a bedroom; still further north is the garage of Mr. Baucke, and at the northern extremity of the house is the bedroom occupied by Mr. Baucke. The garage and bedroom of Mr. Baucke are entirely separate from the other rooms located on the first floor of the house. On the other side of the hideout house, facing west in the southern extremity of the house, is a pantry; to the north of the pantry are two bedrooms and north of those rooms is the bathroom and a closet. The entrances to the two small bedrooms are into the living room and the entrance to the bathroom leads into the third bedroom, which is on the east side of the house.

There was a linoleum covering on the pantry floor. A wash basin, drain board, shelves and ice box were also in that room. In the kitchen was a large coal stove, three chairs, table, and a chair

alcove. The kitchen floor was also covered with linoleum. In the living room was a coal stove, a daybed, marble top table, sewing machine and cabinet, writing desk, three rockers, Morris chair, table, iron smoking stand, small junior lamp, and a coal scuttle. The floor of this room was covered by a large rug. There was also a table lamp and midget radio on the marble top table. There was a light fixture in the center part of the ceiling. Leading off of the living room to the bedroom north of the pantry was located a bed, chair, and a dresser. Also leading off of the living room and in the room in which victim was held was contained a bed, grass rug, dresser, table, mirror and chair. A small light hangs from the ceiling in this room, and is located just inside of the doorway and just beyond the range of the door which opens inward. Leading off of the living room to the north, is located a third bedroom in which was contained a large rug, dresser, Victrola cabinet, rocker, mahogany music cabinet, telephone and bed. The bathroom floor was covered with linoleum. There was a small dressing table located therein, and also a small medicine cabinet, which was built into the wall. There was a hanging light fixture in this room. On two sides of the closet are wooden shelves. A light fixture also hangs from the ceiling. A small sketch of the arrangement of the furniture in the house has been drawn by Agent and is being attached hereto.

The above articles are presently in the hideout house, except as indicated by Mr. and Mrs. Moschel below:

Mr. and Mrs. Moschel advised that a bed had been removed from the room in which Mr. Bremer was held. The spring of this bed is presently being used by the Moschels. The frame of the bed has been stored in Mr. Baucke's garage, which is on the first floor of the premises. A small wooden table, which apparently is the table described by Mr. Bremer, as having been in the room in which he was held, has been removed from the house, but is presently stored in the small basement of the Moschels. This table as described by the victim, is approximately 36 inches long, about 20 inches wide, and is covered by a piece of oil cloth somewhat scarred and stained. A sewing machine and cabinet, a radio set, both of which articles belonged to the Alldertons, have been removed from the premises. The sewing machine is presently located in the bedroom occupied by Mr. Baucke, which bedroom is located on the first floor of the house, but in a section entirely separate from the premises occupied by the Alldertons. A rocking chair and junior bridge lamp, formerly in the Allderton premises, have been removed and are

presently located in Mr. Baucke's bedroom. A grass rug was removed from the room in which victim was kept, and is presently located in the coal bin of the Cord family, which bin is located just outside of the house. A small dressing table was moved by the Moschels from the bathroom and presently is located in the pantry of the house. A twin bed, formerly located in Mr. Baucke's bedroom, has, since the departure of the Alldertons, been placed in one of the bedrooms of the hideout house. The Moschels further advised that a baby's bed, high chair and the dishes used by the Cord family are the property of Mr. Cord and that these pieces of furniture have been added to those already in the premises. A few of the pans, which were in the house during the time the premises were occupied by the Alldertons, are still there. The dishes, however, have been removed and most of them have been broken. Mrs. Moschel, however, does have one or two sups and saucers and a cereal bowl which they took from the house upon the departure of the Alldertons.

Agent was advised that with the exception of the two small bedrooms located in the middle and on the west side of the hideout house, new wall paper had been placed in all of the rooms. Agent was also advised that all the woodwork in the hideout room had been revarnished by Mr. Baucke; that the hideout room had not been repapered inasmuch as there was a leak in the roof and it was expected that the roof would be repaired before the room was repapered.

In connection with Mr. Bremer's information concerning the interior of the house in which he was held, examination by Agent reflects the following. Additional information was also furnished in respect thereto by Mr. and Mrs. Moschel and Mr. Baucke.

The electric light in the bathroom is turned on by a wall fixture, which is located in the bathroom on the north wall of the room, just inside the door. Mr. Bremer expressed the opinion at one time that the fixture was inside the room, whereas on another occasion he stated it was outside of the bathroom.

Mr. Bremer advised that he did not believe that there was a door between the entrance from the living room into the room adjacent to the toilet. There is a door between the living room and this room, however. This door opens inward and to the right as this room is entered from the living room.

Mr. Bremer also stated that there was a toilet on the floor above him, for he could hear the flushing thereof. In this connection it should be stated that the apartment occupied by the Moschels on the second floor of the house extends only to the wall which divides the

No. 5 bedroom and the toilet from the living room and bedroom in which the victim was held. This wall runs east and west across the house. The bathroom on the second floor is just above the bathroom located on the first floor of the house. The flushing of the toilet on the second floor can be heard occasionally by the occupants of the first floor.

As stated by Mr. Bremer, the door of the bathroom of the hideout house opens into the bathroom, the toilet being to the left of the door. Upon entering, the door swings to the left and toward the toilet. Further, as stated, the lever for flushing the toilet is slightly to the right at the upper part of the water box and consists only of a metal screw, the enamel having been broken off.

As stated by Mr. Bremer there is in the hideout house an electric vacuum cleaner. Agent was advised by Mr. Baucke that this vacuum cleaner is his property and further that the cleaner was used regularly by the Alderton family. An examination of the vacuum cleaner reveals that it is a "Regina" type cleaner and is presently in the downstairs premises.

As related by Mr. Bremer, the floor of the third bedroom, which is to the north and adjacent to the living room in the house, and through which Mr. Bremer had to pass on his way to the bathroom, is approximately one and one-half to two inches higher than the floor of the living room.

Further as stated by Mr. Bremer, there are two windows in the living room adjacent to each other, which windows face out of the east side of the house. There is a kitchen to the south of the living room in which is contained a large coal burning cook stove. The floor of the room in which Mr. Bremer was held is wooden as stated by Mr. Bremer, the section between the door and the window having a tendency to squeak when walked on. In the room in which Bremer was held is an electric light fixture which hangs from the ceiling on a drop cord. This cord extends downward to about a height of six feet from the floor and a chain socket switch hangs several inches below the light fixture. As indicated by Mr. Bremer, this chain could readily have been touched by his head while he was walking from the bedroom into the living room. There is an ordinary size house window just opposite the door of the hideout room and facing west, which would be to the immediate right of Mr. Bremer from his position sitting on the side of the bed. The wooden sides of the window frame have several large nail holes therein. The small oil cloth covered table, referred to by Mr. Bremer, is the approximate size as described by Mr. Bremer, and answers the description, but has been used since last year and does not contain the words, "Miss Blondell" thereon.

Mr. Bremer stated that he heard a radio in the house during the last two nights of his confinement. Agent was advised that the Aildertons owned a radio, which was located on the marble top table next to the window in the living room; that this radio has been removed by the Aildertons, however.

In the southwest corner of the room in which Mr. Bremer was held was found a break in the wall paper, as described by Mr. Bremer. The wall paper contained in the room answers exactly the description of the wall paper as furnished by Mr. Bremer. In the southwest corner of the room a crack in the paper starts from about the height of seven feet, runs down vertically and parallel to the corner of the wall about one inch from the corner, and continues downward to within three feet of the floor where it merges into the corner again, and from this point to the floor there are continual jagged breaks in the wall paper.

Agent was advised by Mr. Baucke that he has a dog called "Jack" which is half collie and half chow; further that another dog which is owned by his sister, and is smaller than Jack, and which answers to the name "Buster" continually plays in the vicinity of the house; that both Jack and Buster, without fail, will bark at any strange person who appears in the vicinity of the house; further that these dogs always play on the lawn and in the alley next to the house. Mr. Baucke also stated that both dogs, but usually the larger dog, Jack, habitually howl when the roundhouse whistle or train whistles blow in the late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Moschel stated that during the time victim was held in the Ailderton rooms, she daily took care of her niece, Juanita Lee, who was then some six months of age, and that the baby was in the house throughout the day. Agent was also advised that Mrs. Moschel's niece, Carol Barnes, five years of age, and Junior Nutt, about six years of age, were often present in her apartment during which time they both constantly played in all of the rooms of the upstairs apartment. As stated by Mr. Bremer, he regularly heard the playing of children in the upstairs rooms.

Mr. Bremer also stated that he heard regularly, a group of children playing around the house, and that the greatest noises seemed to come on Saturdays and Sundays. In this connection Agent was advised that the Smithers family have some three children between the ages of five to eight; that a little boy named Mickey Crager, and others reside in nearby houses and that they continually play on the

lawn located on one side of the hideout house and in the alley which runs along the other side of the house. These could be the children whom Mr. Bremer claims to have heard playing and hollering outside of the house. In connection with the statement made by Mr. Bremer that he could hear numerous children several times during the day as if they were on their way to and from a school, which appeared to be nearby, it is stated that the Bensenville grade school is located to the northeast of the hideout house, less than one-half block away and on East Green Street. The noises of the children on their way to and from school and while playing in the school yard during recesses can be heard very plainly in the hideout house.

With reference to the sounds which Mr. Bremer heard daily coming from a highway close by the house, the sounds of which appeared to be the stepping and shifting of gears of trucks or busses, and which gave him the impression that they were stopping and shifting gears for a railroad crossing, in this connection a through highway, running north and south parallel to the hideout house, is located about one-half block west of the house and does support considerable highway automobile traffic. However, the street which runs east and west, just north of the hideout house and which crosses this through highway, which is East Green Street, carries considerable traffic of coal trucks, milk trucks and other service trucks; that these trucks, upon approaching the through highway, make a stop at this corner; that the sounds made by such automobiles apparently are those referred to by Mr. Bremer. The corner where these trucks stop is located approximately one-half block from the hideout house.

With reference to the trains which Mr. Bremer heard, it was ascertained that double tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad run east and west through Bensenville, approximately two blocks north of the hideout house. The Bensenville station is located on these tracks, some four blocks west of the hideout house. About six blocks east of the hideout house on East Green Street is located the roundhouse, repair shops and yards of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad. It may also be stated that a branch of this railroad turns north, just east of Bensenville, some two miles away; that many fast through trains follow that route and that the distant train whistles of these trains could have been the ones referred to by Mr. Bremer, who heard the whistles of trains, some of which appeared to be very close by and some of which seemed to be farther away.

It is also stated that Mr. Bremer advised that he heard something that appeared to be an electric train and that the sound was similar to a Diesel engine. Mr. and Mrs. Moschel advised Agent that last year at this time there was such an engine on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad and that this train was an electric train, generated its own power, and made a noise as described by Mr. Bremer, similar to a blasting roar. This train no longer runs on this route, according to the Moschels.

In connection with the information furnished by Mr. Bremer relating to the sound of whistles, siren and church bells, Agent was advised by the Moschels that the roundhouse whistle of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad blows at 7 A.M. in the morning, at 12 noon, 12:20 P.M. and at 5 P.M. The noise of this whistle appears to Agent to be somewhat akin to the sound of a large fog horn. The siren which Mr. Bremer heard is a fire siren located atop a small tower in the yard of the City Hall. This siren blows once daily at 12 noon and during the time Agent was in Bensenville it blew simultaneously with the roundhouse whistle on two occasions, while it preceded by three or four seconds the roundhouse whistle on other days. The siren is located approximately one and one-half to two blocks to the northwest of the hideout house. The factory whistle is located approximately six blocks to the east of the hideout house.

According to Mr. Bremer's statement he heard the church bells of two churches. Agent was advised that of the two churches in question, one is located approximately one block directly north of the hideout house, the other being located approximately one and one-half blocks west of the hideout house. According to information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Moschel, the bells of the church to the north of the house ring at 5 P.M. on Saturdays, at 9 A.M., 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. on Sundays. The bells of the other church also ring at 5 P.M. on Saturdays and also twice on Sunday morning.

Agent was also advised that aeroplanes occasionally pass over Bensenville, but that there is no route which takes commercial planes over the city regularly.

As stated by Mr. Bremer, the bells of the two churches are located approximately the same distance from the hideout house as is the siren, while the roundhouse whistle is somewhat farther away.

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In connection with Mr. Bremer's statement that there was an electric heater in the room in which he was held, an examination of the room indicates that there is no electric connection in the room, other than the overhanging light fixture. Agent was advised by Mr. Baucke that when the Aldertons moved from the house he, Baucke, removed from the light fixture in the hideout room a double socket, which apparently had been put in by the Alderton family, the socket not having been in the house prior to that time. Mr. Baucke had a double socket in his own room, but he was not certain that that socket was the one which he had removed from the hideout room.

With reference to the statement made by victim that he could hear the kidnapers' car approach the hideout, but could not hear it leave, it may be stated that the alley which runs along the west side of the hideout house extends from East Green Street through to the next street and that it is possible that the kidnapers approached the hideout house from Green Street and left the vicinity by continuing along the alley, not passing the hideout house on their way away from the place.

As stated previously, the house occupied by the Alderton family, in which Mr. Bremer was held consists of seven rooms.

Mr. Bremer stated that it was his belief that there was a coal bin located on the floor on which he was kept. In this connection it is stated that the floor on which Mr. Bremer was kept is on the ground level; that there are two coal bins located just south of the hideout house but very close by. One of these bins is no more than thirty feet south of the window in the room in which Mr. Bremer was held. It was Mr. Bremer's belief also that this coal was shoveled into a coal scuttle by means of a long handled shovel, and that the ashes from the coal stove located in the house were cleaned out by means of a small hand shovel. Mr. Moschel and Mr. Baucke both advised Agent that during the period referred to they regularly shoveled coal from their coal bin into coal scuttles with a long handled shovel, and that they were very noisy in doing that job. It was their belief that the noise of this shoveling could very readily be heard in the hideout room. The noise of shoveling can be heard in the hideout room.

At the time Mr. Bremer visited the hideout for purposes of identifying the place, he stated that during the time he was held there, it appeared that the persons who held him were having quite a bit of trouble with the grate in the coal stove located in the living room;

that he definitely recalled that they appeared not able to get the ashes into the bottom of the stove; further that numerous gasses filled the room from the stove, which indicated that the smoke was not passing out of the stove very well. Mr. Baucke advised Agent that upon the departure of the Alldertons, he found that the grate in the stove had been installed improperly; that it was impossible to shake the grate and remove ashes therein. Mr. Baucke further advised that the stove pipe had not been cleaned for some three years; that the soot had stuffed up an elbow outlet to the stove and that because of this much gas from the stove had been released in the house. Mr. Baucke stated that he cleaned out the stove and replaced the grate after the Allderton family had moved.

Mr. Bremer also advised that at the time he was being held that there was a small iron ash tray in his room. Mr. Baucke recalled the metal stand, but was unable to recall what disposal he had made of it.

It may be stated that the stove which is located in the living room is a "Sunshine" stove.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. HIRSH

Special Agent,

After the above-mentioned raid was conducted on the hideout house the following persons were brought to the Chicago Division Office and were questioned by Agents: Mrs. Edward Reid Moschel, Edward Reid Moschel and Herman C. Baucke. The following signed statements were secured from the above-mentioned parties:

Chicago, Illinois
January 16th, 1935

I, Mrs. Edward Reid Moschel, age 28, of 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, make the following voluntary statement to J. H. Mathis and R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., who I know to be Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice:

I have been married for six years and I live at the above address with my husband and my father, Herman Baucke, who owns the house. Since October of 1930, we three occupied the second floor of the

dwelling and my father rents out the lower floor. In either March or April of 1929 the lower floor was rented to a Mrs. Minnie Allderton, who is about fifty-four years of age and her son, Harold, the rental being \$30.00 a month.

My husband, who formerly worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, has known Harold Allderton for approximately twelve years, the latter having worked as a switchman in the railroad yards at Bensenville. In either May or June of 1934 the Alldertons moved from our house to some place in central or southern Indiana and left owing my father about seventeen months back rent.

Since I have lived with my father, neither of the Alldertons were regularly employed. However, it is the general opinion of the neighbors and of myself that these individuals were selling beer and liquor. They apparently operated at all hours, having a number of visitors, nearly all men; mostly those who worked for the above-named railroad. I have also heard that Harold gambled at various places in Bensenville and made some money that way. I also know that the Alldertons raised cocker spaniels and sold them as a further means of livelihood. My father allowed these people to remain in the house without paying rent for so long a time for the reason that Mrs. Allderton many times mentioned the fact that she owned some property, which I believe was land, somewhere in Indiana, which property she was about to sell and intended to pay my father the back rent out of the proceeds thereof.

Although these people left our house last summer without telling me where they were going, Mrs. Allderton told my father that they were going to a summer resort somewhere in Indiana, where Harold was to take charge of the boats and the fishing. We have not heard from them since they left, although Harold has been in Bensenville on several occasions, the last to my knowledge having been in the early fall of 1934, at which time he talked with Mrs. Emil Gorlow, who lives two doors from me on May Street, telling her that he intended to return to Bensenville to live probably in November of 1934.

Harold Allderton has a brother Leon, about thirty-two years of age and married, who has a position with the telephone company, I believe, as wire chief, in Kokomo, Indiana. At the time the Alldertons moved from our house, Leon and his wife came to Bensenville and moved their effects from my house in his car; and Harold's car, which he had owned from approximately the fall of 1933, was a black Hupmobile Sedan, 5- Passenger, either a 1930 or 1931 model.

For a period of approximately three weeks beginning about the middle of January, 1934, there were apparently a number of people staying in the Alldertons' portion of our house. During this period I never saw anyone enter or leave the house except Harold Allderton. During this period I judged that there were several other people staying there as I heard the toilet flush a great number of times and also heard the water running in the bathroom and the kitchen quite often. Also, the shades in all of the windows in this portion of the house were drawn at all times during this period. During the time that these people were at the house, Mrs. Allderton was not there, she having gone away approximately two weeks before and having returned for one day only about three days prior to the time that they arrived. Harold Allderton told my husband and myself several days before these people apparently arrived that he had just taken his mother to the depot, she having departed for Indiana. I think that she went either to visit her other son, Leon, or to the home of her sister, whose first name is Nora and whose husband was called Chet. I believe that these people live in either Kokomo or Marion, Indiana.

The first circumstance that caused me to believe that there were persons visiting Harold occurred on what I believe a Wednesday evening, when my husband knocked at the Alldertons' entrance to the house to request something of Harold. At this time Harold, instead of inviting my husband into the house as was his custom, requested that he wait a minute, then closed the door between the kitchen and living room and left my husband standing outside while he went into the house and got him whatever was requested, probably a bottle of beer. My husband told me about this and we concluded that Harold must have company.

It was, I believe, on the next day, which I think was Thursday, that I noticed that the blinds to all of the Alldertons' windows were drawn. During the entire three weeks, during which these blinds remained drawn, I heard no voices downstairs, but once in a while heard footsteps. My impression at that time was that there were a number of people downstairs but that they were purposely being quiet. One night I heard a man cough in the bedroom, which is below that of myself and husband. During this three-week period I noticed no strange car near our house.

The fact that people are cooking downstairs is never noticeable to us. However, these people could not have cooked on the gas stove as the gas was shut off during this period, but might have cooked on electric

plates, of which there was one, which was furnished the Alldertons with the apartment. I believe that this occurred for the reason that after these people left the inspector for the electric light company called to check the wiring and electric meter, stating that the bill was unusually large, presumably for the month of January, it running around \$18.00.

As I have stated, the only person that I ever saw leaving the Alldertons' entrance during this period, was Harold, he leaving the house each day as was his custom at this time at around 1:00 P.M., usually driving off in his car. I rarely saw him return, so conclude that he returned during the evenings. However, one day I saw him come in with a bag which apparently contained groceries and also a newspaper. Harold never acted in a suspicious manner during these trips.

At one time during the three weeks, as I was passing the one entrance to the Alldertons' portion of the house, I saw the fingers of what appeared to be a man's hand pulling back the blind on a living room window. Someone apparently had looked out to see who was passing.

At the end of one day, at the conclusion of this period, I heard a number of drawers banging downstairs around 5:00 or 6:00 P.M., it then being dark. I then heard a car drive up to the Alldertons' entrance and looking out of my kitchen window observed that it was a large, dark-colored Sedan then without lights. It was headed toward the back of our house. I then saw a man, who had apparently come out of our house, walk around the front of the car with a suitcase in his hand and place the suitcase in the left rear door of the car. I can describe this man only as being of medium height, about 5'9", wearing a dark, soft hat, an overcoat, and being of rather stocky build, weighing probably at least 170 pounds. After observing this I stopped looking out the window but heard the voices of at least two men talking, apparently beside the car, after which I heard the car drive away. This car drove away sometime between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M.

Between fifteen minutes and half an hour later, I heard a car come back to the same entrance and remembered that if it were the same car it would have had time to have gone to Elmhurst and back. I merely glanced out of the window at the car to see whether or not it was my husband returning and my impression is that this was the same car which I have just described. At this time I heard no voices, nor did I hear

anyone enter the car, nor did I see the car drive away again. However, about half hour after this my husband came home and I do not know whether the car was still standing there when he arrived. I told my husband that I guessed the company had left. It was probably the following day that I next saw Harold Allderton, who acted as usual. I did not ask him any questions relative to the persons who had apparently been visiting him.

I estimate that it was not until about two or three weeks later that Mrs. Allderton again came back to our house. It was on the day following the departure of this car as above-mentioned, that I saw in the papers Edward G. Bremer had been released by the kidnapers and I discussed with my husband the possibility that Allderton's visitors might have been holding him at our house, but we decided to say nothing about it, as we believed it would be best for our safety if we minded our own business. During the time these people were at the house I had not at any time heard their telephone ring, although I believe that they had one which was connected.

The Special Agents have shown me a number of photographs of various individuals and have requested that I might point out any that I have seen before, whether a visitor of Harold Allderton or not. However, I can only say that I believe that I have seen the man known as Harry Sawyer and William Harrison. I do not know where I have seen them, nor do I recall that they ever visited Harold Allderton. I can also say that the faces of Fred and Arthur R. Barker are familiar to me, but I believe that I have seen their pictures possibly in the newspapers rather than the men themselves.

I can describe Harold Allderton as follows:

- Age: 35-37
- Height: 5'7 1/2"
- Weight: 135 lbs.
- Build: Slim
- Hairs: Black, slightly curly - (I believe worn combed straight back)
- Eyes: Hazel
- Complexion: Sallow
- Mustache or Beard: Small black mustache - otherwise smooth shaven, but beard heavy
- Teeth: Fair

Peculiarities: Slightly stoop-shouldered & walks slowly - usually accompanied by cocker spaniel called "Dot", not on leash
Nationality: American - (I believe of Irish descent)
Occupation: Former railroad switchman
Marital Status: Divorced, I understand, and has two little girls, around 10 or 12 years old. Children probably with ex-wife somewhere in Indiana. Latter now married again
Relatives: - Mother: Mrs. Minnie Allderton
 Brother: Leon Allderton, Kokomo, Indiana
 Father: Address unknown

Mrs. Allderton has told me that Harold served in the Army during the War and went overseas; also that he had been confined either the winters of 1931 and 1932 or 1932 and 1933 at the Great Lakes Veterans' Hospital, where he was treated for an ulcerated stomach.

Harold's most intimate acquaintance in Bensenville is, I believe, Elmer Farmer, at whose tavern Harold often visited. I do not know the names of any other good friends of Harold in Bensenville, but know that he was well known to the majority of the railroad men there.

I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of four and one-half typewritten pages and now state that the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) Mrs. Edward Reid Moschel

Witnessed by:

R. J. ARRATICCHIO, JR., Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Chicago

J. H. MATHIS, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Chicago

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Chicago, Illinois,
January 16, 1935.

I, EDWARD REIN MOSCHEL, without any threats or promises having been made to me, voluntarily make the following statement to V. W. Peterson, whom I understand to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,

I, together with my wife, Harriet Baucke Moschel, and her father, Herman Baucke, reside at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. My father-in-law, Herman Baucke, owns this place. I have lived on the second floor at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, with my wife for a period of over four years, having moved there about Labor Day in 1930.

When I moved to 180 South May Street at the time indicated the lower part of the house situated at that address was occupied by Harold Alderton and his mother, Minnie Alderton. Harold Alderton was formerly married but is separated from his wife, and he lived at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, together with his mother, until approximately May, 1934. Prior to moving to 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, Harold Alderton was employed as a switchman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in Bensenville. To my knowledge he did not work during the time that he resided at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois.

I remember having read numerous newspaper accounts during January of 1934 to the effect that one Edward George Bremer had been kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota. At the time that Bremer was being held by his kidnapers I noticed that there was a visitor in the Alderton home. At that time Minnie Alderton, the mother of Harold Alderton, was absent from home. I knew that someone was visiting in the Alderton home, however, because I could hear that the toilet in the Alderton home on the first floor at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, was being flushed a greater number of times than usual. I also noticed that even though Harold Alderton was absent from his home, there was always someone present in the house. Under ordinary circumstances, when Harold Alderton was home the window shades would be pulled up. However, during the time that the papers were carrying the account that Bremer was still being held by his kidnapers, I noticed that the shades to the windows of the Alderton home were always pulled down. I also noticed that almost immediately after Bremer had been released according to newspaper accounts, that the suspicious circumstances surrounding

the actions of the occupants of the Alderton home ceased.

The identity of the visitor or visitors at the Alderton home at the time indicated was not known to me, and I did not see any of the people who may have been staying with the Alderton family at the time.

Within possibly two days or so after I noticed that the visitor or visitors at the Alderton home had departed, Harold Alderton left the place, ostensibly to visit the place where his mother was staying in Indiana, the name of the town not being known to me. About two weeks later Harold Alderton and his mother, Minnie Alderton, returned to their home at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois.

During the time that Harold Alderton lived at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, I noticed that a number of tough-looking characters visited him at his home. The only close associate of Harold Alderton known to me is one Elmer Farmer, who also resides in Bensenville, Illinois.

During the time that Harold Alderton lived at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, he raised cockerel spaniel dogs. He kept one female called "Dot" all the time, and usually had five or six pups around the place. Each of the pups also had a name but these are not known to me.

Since December 19, 1933 I have been employed by the Illinois Emergency Relief, and I am still employed by that commission. From December, 1933 until April 1, 1934 I left home each morning about 7:00 or 7:15 A.M., and returned home each night about 6:00 P.M.

I was formerly married to Ruby Moschel, who now resides at 409 North High, Galena, Illinois. My two children, Jeanne Moschel, age 16, and Donald Moschel, age 15, live with Ruby Moschel at the given address. I have no children by my present wife.

Harold Alderton has two children, a girl about 11 or 12 years of age, and a girl, age 9 years. To the best of my recollection neither of the Alderton children nor my own children visited at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, during the months of December, 1933 to February, 1934.

However, Carol Barnes, age 6, who is the daughter of my wife's sister, Mrs. Helen Barnes, calls at my home practically every day. This child undoubtedly called at my home almost every day during the months of December, 1933 to February, 1934, and two other children who live in the neighborhood and who are about the same age usually accompany Carol Barnes to my home.

I made the above statement of my own free will, after which I have read same, and to the best of my knowledge it is true.

(Signed) EDWARD REID MOSCHEL

WITNESSES:

V. W. PETERSON,
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M. CHAFFETZ,
Special Agent,
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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, Illinois
January 16, 1935

I, HERMAN C. BAUCKE, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents R. W. Franke and M. Chaffetz, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without threats or promises having been held out to me, and knowing that anything I say herein may be held against me.

My name is Herman C. Baucke, 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. I have owned the property at this address for the past 16 years. I inherited the lot from my dad, and I first built a barn

on it and then turned the barn into a house. At the present time I have a mortgage of about \$2300.00 on this home, and I also owe for back taxes and assessments. I have insurance on this home for \$2500.00. Since my wife died 7 years ago, I have been living in the room which is on the north end of the house. For about the past 4 years, my daughter Harriet, and her husband Ed. (Reed) Mochel have been living upstairs. Harold Alderton and his mother Minnie Alderton occupied the 5 rooms downstairs for about the past 5 years or so. Some time during May, 1934, I ordered them to move out because they were 17 months behind in their rent, which was supposed to be \$30.00 a month. I rented this home to them furnished.

Alderton was a switchman for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Co. at Bensenville, Illinois, before he moved into my home, and as long as he lived at my address he was troubled with heart trouble, and I think he used to do a lot of gambling. When he and his mother left my place they stated they were going to Indiana at some bathing beach that an old fellow had there. The name of the town I am unable to recall. Mrs. Alderton stated to me that she owned land in Indiana, and was attempting to sell it, and she would then pay me my back rent; that Alderton is supposed to have returned to Bensenville during July or thereabouts, 1934, as this is what I heard from some of the boys around town, as Alderton is well known in Bensenville. I understand that Alderton was married but has been divorced, and had two children, one child being born shortly after he came out of the War. Harold Alderton has a brother, Leon Alderton, who works for some telephone company in Indiana, and he has two girls, one about 8 years, and the other about 10, and his children have on several occasions visited at the home of Harold.

Sometime during December, 1933 or January, 1934, Harold's mother was gone for about 3 or 4 weeks, and then came back home, and then went away again. It seems to me she did not stay home long the second time, and if I remember, she stated she was going either to Detroit or to Indiana to sell her property. During this time while she was gone, I noticed that all the shades in the house were pulled down for sometime. I was not suspicious of anything because I knew that Harold was home alone, and because of the fact that he used to stay out quite a bit. I thought he might be sleeping during the daytime. I do not remember him having any visitors there during that period of time, nor do I recall of any automobiles

coming there. While Harold's mother was gone, the light bill ran up to about \$18.00 or so, as the electric light man from the Public Service Company told me this when he was there the second time. This was about the time when the shades were pulled down, and that Mrs. Alderton was gone.

A couple of months before the Aldertons moved out, I was advised by Mrs. Alderton that about 2 o'clock one morning some one rapped at her door, and she did not admit them, but, however, later on she learned that it was some member of the Dillinger gang.

I have been shown photographs, and I am unable to make any identifications.

A railroad man by the name of "Frenchie", who is a switchman for the same railroad company at Bensenville, is a good friend of Alderton, and might know of his whereabouts.

When the country went wet, Herman Languth, who lived on Rose Street about one block from my house, handled the agency for Birks beer, and he took in Harold Alderton as an Agent, and purchased Alderton a Hupmobile 8 coach, black color. I understand this car was registered in the name of Alderton, and I believe that he still has this car. This car he used to park out in the yard, and never kept it in the garage.

Mr. Cord, a barber, is now living downstairs at 180 May Street, and has been for the past 5 months. I have owned a part chow and collie dog for the past 5 years, and Harold Alderton also raised cockerel spaniels while he lived at this address. I believe that Aldertons purchased their groceries from either the National or A. & P. stores in Bensenville. About a month after Alderton moved out, I papered the living room, the north bedroom, and the southwest bedroom, but I did not paper the small bedroom, which is south of the bathroom. This new wall paper I purchased from Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago, but as to the wall paper in this small bedroom I cannot recall where same was purchased, nor when this room was last papered.

I would describe Harold Alderton as being about 37 or 40 years, about 5'5" tall, weighing 145 to 150 lb., slender build,

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dark hair, light complexion, has small mustache. His nationality is unknown to me. Has thin face. Did not wear glasses.

His mother, Mrs. Minnie Alderton, is in her fifties, is about 5' tall, weighs about 140 lb., is of medium build; don't recall color of hair; light complexion; was always dressed nice. I understand she was married to some man in North Dakota, who is Harold's father, but that she divorced him, and then re-married; that she has two sons, Harold Alderton and Leon Alderton.

I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of 24 pages, and hereby state that it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) HERMAN C. BAUCKE

WITNESSES:

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

M. Chaffetz, Special Agent
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill.

Immediately subsequent to the raid conducted at the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, the home of Elmer Farmer was raided by Agents of the Chicago Division Office, and Elmer Farmer was taken into custody and brought to the Chicago Division Office, where the following signed statement was secured from him by Special Agent K. R. McIntire:

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois
January 16, 1935

I, ELMER FARMER, do make this free and voluntary statement to K. R. McIntire, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, without any threats or promises of any kind, in the knowledge that the same may be used against me.

My full name is Elmer Charles Farmer, born Prairie du Chien, Wis., on March 10, 1893. I will be 42 yrs. of age on March 10, 1935. My parents are both deceased. At about 8 yrs. of age my family moved to Chicago where I grew up. I attended school at Cyprus and 12th Street, Chicago, a Catholic school, and then attended Hays school at Leavitt and Fulton Streets. I attended school as far as the 8th grade, and no further.

In 1915 or 1916 I started buying and selling "hot" cars. In 1918 I was convicted on this matter and sentenced to serve two years in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill. I should say that I was sentenced to serve from one to twenty years and actually served two years.

I have one brother, James Farmer, living with me at 194 Addison St., Bensonville, Ill. I have one sister, Mrs. Gifford (Blanche) Brabant, 275 Nevada St., Elmhurst, Ill.

My brother James is now operating a Tavern called Elmer's Tavern at 126 E. Green St., Bensonville, Ill. I am associated with him. I also have some slot machines operating at various taverns. I operated a few "speak-easies" during Prohibition days.

I have known George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, for the past six or seven years. I met Zeigler through a "rum runner" named Harold Conliff through whom I sought liquor in Prohibition days. Zeigler was a syndicate man.

About 2 1/2 years ago in the summertime, Goetz brought Monte Carter to my tavern. In speaking of playing golf I told Zeigler that I was a member of the Mohawk Country Club, located on Irving Park Boulevard and Church Road in Du Page County. They both wanted to play golf there, so I arranged for their membership. This was my first meeting with Monte Carter. This is the only club I ever got Zeigler or Carter into.

Monte Carter and I knew each other largely through the slot machine business. He had slot machines in Appleton, Wis. He usually went to Phoenix, Arizona, in the winter time for his health.

I have known Harold Allerton (whose name might be spelled Alderton) for about 10 years. He was a switchman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. at the Terminal in Bensonville, Ill. He is a World

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War veteran, having been afflicted with gas during the war. He receives compensation from the Government. He was treated at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, I believe. His home town is Marion, Indiana. He has a brother who works for a telephone company in Indiana. Allerton left Bensonville, Illinois in the early summer months of 1934 and went to Marion, Ind. Allerton had lived with his mother in Bensonville, Ill., in a house, the address of which is not known to me, but which house I can identify as a house in which Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota was held a kidnap victim.

Shortly before Christmas of 1933, George Zeigler and another man, whom I now identify from photographs as being Fred Barker, came to my saloon known as "Elmer's Tavern". They were riding in a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe owned by George Zeigler. Fred Barker was introduced to me as "Freddy". Zeigler said he would like to get a place out there (meaning Bensonville) where he could keep some men for a week or ten days. I said I didn't have a place. Then Goetz said "How about Allerton--is he still living over there?" I said, "Yes". Then Goetz said, "Well, maybe we can get a place up there for the men to stay." (It is understood that Goetz and Zeigler are one and the same man.) As I recall I went up to Allerton's and got him and brought him down to my saloon to talk with Zeigler. Zeigler made it plain to me that he had some "hot" people he wanted to hide out for a few days. When Zeigler and Fred Barker made their arrangements with Allerton, they gave Allerton the same explanation. Zeigler told Allerton that they would be in any time soon.

I saw Zeigler, Fred Barker and a party from whose photograph I recognize as Alvin Karpis, alias Ray, around Bensonville and around Allerton's house several times before Bremer was kidnaped. I was in Allerton's house with either Ray Karpis or Fred Barker before Bremer was held in Allerton's house. On these visits I was permitted to go anywhere in the house. In the part of the house in which Allerton lived there were five rooms, one large front bedroom, on the north, two small bedrooms on the west, one living room on the east and one kitchen on the south. I did not notice any guns in this house until sometime after the middle of January 1934. Between the first time that I met Fred Barker and Zeigler in my saloon when they asked about a house and the middle of January 1934, I saw Zeigler, Fred Barker and Ray Karpis, on frequent occasions, either at my saloon or at the Allerton home.

About the middle of January 1934 Harold Allerton came to my saloon and told me that the boys at Allerton's house wanted me to buy them some groceries. I think Allerton had a list of the groceries I was to buy. As well as I recall, Allerton was alone when he brought this message to me. Allerton said to me, "The boys came in last night. They brought a fellow in with them--his head is hurt, but they have fixed him up all right". Then Allerton and I bought the groceries in Elmhurst at the A & P store and took them to Allerton's house. I didn't go inside the house. They got me to buy the groceries, because Allerton didn't have an automobile in which to carry them. At the time we bought the groceries, Allerton told me to bring up a case of beer and some whiskey. After dark that night I took a case of beer and some liquor to Allerton's house. I saw no automobiles. I went inside the house and saw a man from whose photograph I identify as Harry Campbell, Doc Barker and Ray Karpis and Allerton. There were two others here whom I cannot identify. The first four men mentioned were in the kitchen, and as I came in, the latter two men walked into the living room and closed the door. I had previously met Doc Barker in my saloon with Zeigler. He was introduced to me as "Doc". On this particular night when I brought the beer to the boys I remained there only a short time. I heard nothing of any consequence discussed. The living room door was closed to me and I sensed that I was not to go in there.

On the following night, or perhaps two nights later, Fred Barker and Zeigler came to my saloon, and they asked me if everything was all right. I understood their inquiry to mean whether the law had been around. I told them everything was all right. Then they asked me to take them up to Allerton's house. They were driving the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of Zeigler. The only explanation I can give as to why they wanted me to drive my car up ahead of them to Allerton's house that night, was to find out if I was on the square with them. Both Zeigler and Fred Barker were dressed in business man's clothes. We went into Allerton's house. I remained in the kitchen with Allerton and Harry Campbell, while Zeigler and Fred Barker went into the living room and closed the door. They remained in there about 20 or 30 minutes. By this time I had noted in the newspapers that Bremer had been kidnaped in St. Paul, and I was reasonably sure that Bremer was being held in Allerton's house. After Fred Barker and Zeigler had been in the living room for 20 or 30 minutes they came out, walked outside. I followed them and then they said they would see me in a couple of days, so I went on home.

A couple of nights later Zeigler and Fred Barker again came to my saloon and had me take them to Allerton's home. The same thing happened as above noted. I saw the same group of persons there as noted a couple of evenings prior to this.

By this time I knew in my own mind that it was Bremer who was being held in the other room at Allerton's house. I had noted news items on this case in the papers and observed in the papers from time to time that ransom notes were being sent to the Bremer family.

About a week after Bremer was brought to Allerton's home I was there and saw Harry Campbell and Allerton in the kitchen. Ray Karpis came into the kitchen from the living room and as he opened the door I observed two unidentified men sitting in the living room. I also noted four or five machine guns lying on a day bed in the living room.

I visited Allerton's house three or four times a week during the time Bremer was held there, and practically every time I was there I saw Doc Barker, Ray Karpis and Harry Campbell. Most of the time I also saw the two unidentified men I have mentioned above. I saw Fred Barker and Zeigler come in frequently. They always gave the appearance of having business to transact in the living room. Fred Barker and Zeigler were always dressed in business men's clothing while the others were dressed in high boots, riding breeches, rough suede jackets and heavy shirts.

I often purchased groceries for the parties at Allerton's house. I bought groceries at all the stores in Bensonville and also in Elmhurst. Allerton also purchased groceries. I purchased groceries at the request of Allerton and Zeigler.

Two or three times while I was visiting the Allerton house I observed Zeigler and Fred Barker go into the room occupied by Bremer, and when they came out I noted that they had handkerchieves tied about their necks, which they promptly untied upon coming to the kitchen.

The next day after Bremer was brought to Allerton's house, Allerton told me that the gang was holding Bremer of St. Paul. He told me they were holding Bremer for ransom, but didn't say how much ransom would be demanded.

The only car I ever saw any members of this gang use during the time Bremer was held in Allerton's house, was the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of Zeigler.

Allerton told me that he had rented the garage of "Biddy" Bishop for such cars as members of this gang might have. Bishop's garage is located only a short distance down the alley from Allerton's house. Bishop is a former barber in Bensonville. He is a World War

veteran and a few months ago he suffered a stroke and was taken to the Edward Hines Hospital. He is now in some other Government hospital. He is a former switchman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. located at Bensonville, Illinois.

Several times during Bremer's captivity Ray Karpis told me they were going to take him (meaning Bremer) back any day.

It is my recollection that Bremer was held in Allerton's house for about three weeks.

On one occasion I heard Harry Campbell and Ray Karpis explaining to Zeigler and Fred Barker that when they took him (meaning Bremer) they had to hit him over the head because he wouldn't get out of his car as they ordered him to do. They said that his head was split open but that he would be all right. This conversation took place in the kitchen of Allerton's home.

Two or three times a week Zeigler and Fred Barker would come to me and ask me if everything was all right, meaning whether or not anyone suspected what was going on with regard to Bremer. I always told them that everything was all right.

On the day that Bremer was released George Zeigler came to my saloon at about 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock in the morning and said, "Well, they're gone". He made it clear to me that he meant that the gang and Bremer who had been up at Allerton's place, had gone.

After the gang and Bremer departed from Bensonville, George Zeigler gave me a \$1,000 bill, (one thousand dollar bill) with which to buy slot machines. I had an idea that he gave me this money in payment of my services to him and his friends during the time Bremer was being held.

The above statement consisting of 18 handwritten pages has been read to me by K. R. McIntire in its entirety and it contains the truth.

(signed) Elmer Farmer

Witness:

K. R. McIntire) Special Agents, Division of Investigation,
Val C. Zimmer) U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois."

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Information having been secured from interviews with the above-mentioned parties to the effect that Harold Allderton might be located in either Marion or Kokomo, Indiana, the following investigation was conducted at said points relative to his location:

January 19, 1935.

On instructions of Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agents Ryan, Welles, Heilker, Metcalfe, Boardman, Kenney and Murphy left Chicago at 6:20 p.m., January 15, 1935, with Arthur "Doc" Barker and proceeded to Detroit, Michigan, where he was left at the Detroit office in care of Special Agent in Charge Larson.

On telephone instructions from Mr. Ladd to Special Agent W. C. Ryan on the morning of January 16, 1935, the above named agents proceeded to Marion, Indiana, with a view of locating Harold Allderton, who was reported to be residing there with his mother.

Upon arriving at Marion, Indiana, at 7:35 p.m. Postmaster Arthur J. Green was contacted and check made of post office records available at that hour to ascertain if Harold Allderton was receiving mail through that office and his present address. The records available at that time did not disclose that Harold Allderton was receiving mail through the Marion, Indiana, Post Office. Inquiries were made of several post office employees by Postmaster Green through the medium of a telephone the evening of January 16, 1935, but no information was obtained regarding the address of Harold Allderton. Postmaster Green also communicated with George Marshall, Postmaster at the United States Veterans Hospital at Marion, Indiana, who informed Mr. Green that he had no recollection of having cashed any compensation checks for Harold Allderton and does not recall that party ever receiving any mail at the Veterans Hospital Post Office. However, he stated he would make further inquiry the morning of January 17, 1935, and would endeavor to secure the address of Harold Allderton.

On the morning of January 17, 1935, George Marshall, Postmaster of the U. S. Veterans Hospital Post Office, informed agents that he had made inquiry of a Mrs. Iiams, who operates a small lunch stand near the entrance of the Veterans Hospital, and who is a former mother-in-law of Harold Allderton. He said she

stated that her daughter, Edith, was formerly the wife of Harold Allderton and they had one child by that union; that about a week ago last Friday she was informed by her granddaughter that while passing the residence of Chester Shaw, 903 E. 38th Street, the granddaughter had been called into the house by Mrs. Allderton, mother of Harold Allderton, who questioned her as to whether she was receiving any money from the Veterans Bureau. Postmaster George Marshall stated that Mrs. Iiams informed him that Harold Allderton and his mother were then living at Chester Shaw's.

Postmaster Arthur J. Green made further inquiries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion regarding the whereabouts of Harold Allderton but was not successful in obtaining any information concerning him. He stated that Harold Allderton's former wife, whose maiden name was Edith Iiams, was last known to have been working for the General Utility Household Company and if she was contacted she might supply the present address of her former husband, if known to her, although she has had considerable trouble with Harold Allderton and on a number of occasions has had him arrested for non-support of their daughter.

Agents Metcalfe, Boardman and Kenney were instructed to return to Chicago by Mr. Ladd and left Marion the evening of January 16, 1935.

Agents Welles, Ryan, Heilker and Murphy proceeded to the home of Chester Shaw, 903 E. 38th Street, Marion, Indiana, and while Agents Heilker and Murphy covered the house from the outside, Agents Ryan and Welles contacted Chester Shaw. Mrs. Allderton was found to be residing in this house. Chester Shaw stated that Harold Allderton was not at his home and that he had not seen him since sometime during the summer.

Minnie Jane Allderton, mother of Harold Allderton, was interviewed and she advised that she had not seen her son, Harold, since the Thursday following Thanksgiving; that at that time he was occupying a cottage belonging to Hiram White at Monticello, Indiana; that she was sure that he had left this place some time ago and that she had no idea where he is located at the present time. She denied emphatically that Harold had contacted her at any time since the last of November, 1934. She stated that she had been contem-

plating trying to locate him and that she thought he might possibly be in either the Edw. Hines Hospital at Maywood, Illinois, or at the Great Lakes Hospital, both of which are Veterans Hospitals, and that if he was not at either of these places she thought that he might be in Detroit, Michigan, visiting his uncle, Lewis O'Banion, 118 Buena Vista Avenue, or at the home of his cousin, Thelma McCullough, 112 Jefferson Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan, which is a suburb of Detroit.

Information had been received from Mr. Ladd previously by telephone that Harold Allderton had a brother located at Kokomo, Indiana, who was an employee of the telephone company there. When Mrs. Allderton was questioned by agents as to whether she had any other sons she stated at first that Harold was her only son but agents subsequently ascertained that there was a brother, Leon Allderton, located at Kokomo, Indiana; Mrs. Allderton said that she must have misunderstood agents when she was questioned in this regard. She furnished the address of her son, Leon, as being 1829 South Washington Street, Kokomo, Indiana. Mrs. Allderton also stated that she has been estranged from her husband for a number of years and that his name is John Allderton and that he resides in Huron, South Dakota. This information was also found to be false in a later interview had by agents with Mrs. Iiams. Mrs. Allderton was asked concerning the residence of her son, Harold, at Bensenville, Illinois, and she advised that he resided there constantly for five or six years prior to May, 1934. She voluntarily stated that she and her son, Harold, left Bensenville on November 19, 1933, and took a trip to Detroit, and from there to Marion, Indiana, and back to Detroit, and did not return to Bensenville until about March 1, 1934. She stated that the house in which her son most recently resided in Bensenville was located on the corner of May and Green Streets and had been rented by her son from Herman Bulkie (phonetic spelling); that her son had no furniture and when they moved from Bensenville they took only the bedding and a few dishes. She described her son as being 37 years of age, born February 9, 1897, at Marion, Indiana. His weight is 152 pounds, his hair dark, turning grey, eyes, blue-grey, and that he had no mustache and had not had one for some several years. This description concerning the mustache later proved to be false and was an apparent attempt on Mrs. Allderton's part to mislead agents. Throughout the entire interview with Mrs. Allderton she constantly urged Agents to make a thorough check of the house and indicated from her manner that she was anxious to have agents leave the place.

After a conference between Agents it was decided that the better procedure would be for two agents to remain at the home of Chester Shaw while the other agents would check the various leads in Marion and Kokomo to ascertain if Harold Allderton was still in the vicinity. This was with a view to block any attempt by Mrs. Allderton or Chester Shaw to communicate with Harold Allderton.

Agents J. R. Welles and Heilker remained at the house while Agents Murphy and Ryan conducted the following investigation.

Mrs. Daisy Iiams, 1507 E. 38th Street, who operates a lunch room at that address, and who is the mother of Harold Allderton's former wife, was interviewed concerning her knowledge of the present address of Harold Allderton. She had previously been interviewed by George Marshall regarding Harold Allderton. She was questioned specifically as to the information she had furnished relative to the daughter of Harold Allderton having seen her father at the home of Chester Shaw the week previous. She stated that the daughter had not said that she had seen her father but that Mrs. Allderton had called her into the Shaw home and questioned her concerning checks which she was supposed to receive from the Veterans Administration and that during the conversation Mrs. Allderton indicated that Harold Allderton was somewhere about the house and that the daughter had stated she thought she had seen her father in a green automobile carrying Illinois license plates shortly after leaving the Shaw residence. Mrs. Iiams stated she had no idea as to where Harold Allderton might be living at the time and stated that Mrs. Allderton was not a person who could be trusted to give truthful information. She stated that John Allderton, the father of Harold, resides at Redfield, South Dakota, which was not consistent with the information furnished by Mrs. Allderton. She also furnished the information that Leon Allderton, a brother of Harold, is located at Kokomo, Indiana, and is employed by the telephone company there. She further advised that there is a possibility that Harold Allderton might be staying at the home of Belle Patterson, an aunt who resides in Marion, Indiana, or that information concerning him might be obtained from Bill Barry, who was formerly the husband of Mrs. Allderton and who is supposed to be at present residing at Lake Wana on the outskirts of Marion. She stated that Harold's former wife, Edith, who is her daughter, has married again and is now Mrs. Edith Telle and resides at 1406 E. 38th Street, and that she is employed at the General Utilities Household Company in Marion. She said her daughter had no recent

picture of Harold Ailderton except his graduation picture from high school. Mrs. Iiams further stated that she would readily furnish any information that she had concerning Harold Ailderton as she had no use for him.

Agents Ryan and Murphy then ascertained through the Postmaster that Belle Patterson, the aunt of Harold Ailderton, resides at 1834 South Branson Street, Marion, Indiana; that her full name is Lucy Belle Patterson and she resides at the above address with her son, Otis. The carrier who delivers mail at this address was questioned by agents and he advised that he had not noticed any strange person or strange car at the Patterson residence during recent months. With reference to Belle Patterson, Mr. Green, the Postmaster, advised that she was a very unreliable person and did not bear a very favorable reputation in town. Agents then proceeded to the home of Belle Patterson where it was decided that Mrs. Patterson would be contacted under pretext but upon calling at the Patterson residence Agent Murphy determined that there was no one at home. Several subsequent trips were made to this address but she was not found to be at home.

No information concerning Bill Barry, former husband of Mrs. Ailderton, could be obtained at the Marion, Indiana, Post Office and agents therefore proceeded to Kokomo, Indiana, to locate and interview Leon Ailderton, brother of Harold Ailderton.

At Kokomo it was ascertained that there is no such address as 1829 South Washington Street, which was given as the address for Leon Ailderton by his mother. Inquiry by Special Agent Murphy at 1827 South Washington Street disclosed that Leon Ailderton had moved from that address some months ago to 1215 E. Jefferson Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

Agents then proceeded to 1215 E. Jefferson Street where inquiry was made of the wife of Leon Ailderton for her husband, and she advised that her husband and his brother, Harold, had gone to Monticello, Indiana, earlier in the day to remove some coats belonging to them from Lake Schafer and put them up for the winter, and dinner. Inquiry was made by Special Agent Ryan if they would be home between six and seven p.m. and she replied that she expected them at that time. Statement was made then to Mrs. Ailderton that agents would call her residence by phone and ascertain if her husband was home by seven p.m. and would then call and see him. Mrs. Ailderton made no inquiry whatsoever as to the identity of her husband or as to the purpose of the call. This was approximately

4:30 p.m., January 17, 1935. However, upon agents calling Mrs. Leon Allerton's residence at 7 p.m. they parked the car they were using on the opposite side of the street from the door to her residence and awaited the return of Leon and Harold Allerton. At approximately 5:30 p.m. Leon and Harold Allerton drove into the driveway in an automobile and Agents Ryan and Murphy then called upon them, stating that they desired to talk to Harold Allerton downtown and requested that he accompany them. Leon Allerton desired to accompany agents but he was informed that it would not be necessary. Harold Allerton informed Agent Murphy that Mrs. Leon Allerton had just informed them that she had received a telephone message from Mrs. Minnie Allerton, their mother, at Marion, Indiana, stating that two men were coming to Kokomo to locate him, Harold, and they might be at the hotel. The telephone call by Mrs. Allerton was made possible due to the fact that Agents Welles and Heilker had departed from the residence of Chester Shaw about six p.m. which was the time that Chester Shaw left his residence to go to work. Agents Ryan and Murphy identified themselves to both Harold and Leon Allerton at the time they were at the Allerton residence in Kokomo, Indiana. At 6:45 p.m. Agents Ryan and Murphy, accompanied by Harold Allerton, left Kokomo, Indiana, and proceeded to Marion, Indiana, where Agents Heilker and Welles were picked up and then proceeded on to Chicago, arriving about 12:30 a.m., January 18, 1935.

During the trip to Chicago from Kokomo, Indiana, Special Agent Ryan conversed with Harold Allerton, speaking mostly on general subjects, but did not inform him of the reason he was being taken into custody. Harold Allerton denied that he knew the reason he was being picked up and during the conversation with him about his residence in Bensenville, Illinois, he stated that he had resided there continuously for approximately seven or eight years up to May of 1934; that he did not leave Bensenville for any protracted periods until the early part of 1934; that he left Bensenville on February 8, 1934, and took a trip to Kokomo, Indiana, where he visited his brother and mother, and returned to Bensenville about March 1, 1934, with his mother. He advised that his mother lived with him most of the time at Bensenville but that she left there shortly before Christmas, 1933, and did not return to Bensenville until March, 1934, when he brought her back with him. He also stated that he was in Marion, Indiana, a week ago last Friday, at which time he accompanied his mother from his brother's home in Kokomo to the home of Chester Shaw in Marion, Indiana.

J. V. Murphy and W. C. Ryan,
SPECIAL AGENTS

Harold F. Alderton having been taken into custody and taken to Chicago, Illinois, the following signed statement was taken from him:

1800 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
January 18, 1933

"I, HAROLD F. ALLDERTON, am making this free and voluntary statement to E. W. Franke and W. R. Lorry, who are known to me to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and I know that anything I am saying may be used against me.

My name is Harold F. Alderton and have been living with my brother, Leon Alderton, at 1215 E. Jefferson, Kokomo, Indiana. I was born in Marion, Indiana, on February 9, 1897 and I finished the 8th grade there and also went to high school for two and one-half years at Redfield, South Dakota, where my dad, John Alderton, still resides. After finishing school there I went to Logansport, Indiana, and went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company there in the shops as a car repairman and I was in there for about three months or so and then right after that, which would be in September, 1916, they put me on the road as a brakeman and I worked there for about one year. I then quit this job and went to Great Falls, Montana with Herb Bregan and we went near Browning, Montana, where we worked on a government dam for about one month or so. About September 16, 1917, I went to work for the Great Northern Railway Company at Great Falls, Montana as a brakeman and I worked at this until I enlisted in the Army which was about March 25, 1918 at Great Falls, Montana and I served with the 60th Engineers for about one year overseas and about July 17, 1919 I was honorably discharged at Chillicothe, Ohio. About August 29, 1919 I got married at Marion, Indiana to Edith Hams who formerly had been married to a man named Yarbor and she had by this marriage a boy named Galen who was then about two years. I have two children by this marriage, Margaret who was born in 1920 and Gaynell who was born in 1922. My wife got a divorce from me in about 1928 or 1929 and she now has the two children. Right after getting married my wife and I went to Redfield, South Dakota, and I worked for the Northwestern Railway Company as a car repairman from September, 1919 to the following spring when they sent me to Aberdeen, South Dakota, as a car inspector and I quit there in May, 1920. Then I went to work at Aberdeen for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company as a switchman until about July, 1920, when I quit. In March, 1920, my wife left me at Redfield, South Dakota, because she didn't like it out there and she went back to Marion, Indiana. Sometime in July, 1920, I then went to Chicago, Illinois, and went to work as a brakeman for the Northwestern Railway

Company until about August 31, 1920. Then I quit this job and until about Christmas, 1920, I worked as extras in different small restaurants in Chicago. Then I went to Marion, Indiana, where I went to work as a guard for about six months at the Soldiers Home. This was until about June or so of 1921. While I had this job I lived with my wife again in Marion, Indiana. I had to quit this job as I got sick and in October, 1921 I went to the Veterans' Hospital at Dayton, Ohio, where I had an operation for gall bladder and appendicitis and I was at this hospital as a patient until February 1922. Then I went back to Marion, Indiana, and lived with my mother, Minnie Berry, until the spring of 1923. I also was employed as a machinist by the Marion Machine Company from about Spring, 1923 until June, 1923, and then I went to Chicago and lived with my cousin, Louis O'Banion, somewhere in the 5900 block on Clarendon, until September, 1923.

In September, 1923, I got a job as a switchman with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company and they sent me to Bensenville, Illinois, where I worked and while working there I lived at the Raymond Hotel which was owned and operated by Elmer Farmer. I lived there until about April or May, 1926, when my mother came to Bensenville, Illinois and we got a nine acre farm on Third Avenue there and we lived there for about one year. My step-father, William Berry, stayed out there for a short while with us and then he went back to Marion, Indiana, and he has lived with me since. About September, 1927, we then moved on Irving Park Boulevard in Bensenville, Illinois and we lived there until about spring of 1929 when we moved to 180 May Street, in Bensenville, Indiana. In 1928 I stopped working for the railway company because of stomach trouble but my name is still on their list. This house we moved into is located on the Southwest corner of May and Green Streets in Bensenville, Illinois. This was a double house owned by a Herman Balke (phonetic) and I don't know how to spell his name at all. He lived in the front part of the house which was a two story place, this is the North side, and my mother and I lived in the South and under the one story place. Our place had five rooms which consisted of a kitchen and dining room combined which is located at the Southeast end of the house; a pantry on the Southwest corner; a living room on the East side; a bedroom on the Northeast side which was occupied by my mother; a toilet and bathroom on the Northwest side; then there is a bedroom on the West side of the house just South of the bathroom; then there also is another bedroom South of this bedroom and it also is on the West side; this is the room in which I slept; there was no basement to this house and it had electric and gas in it and we used a single coal stove which was set up in the living room right between the two bedroom

doors and we burned hard coal in this stove. The landlord had just one room North of ours and in between he has a garage which he used to keep his car. There was a telephone in our house also, phone number 165, and when my mother went away in December, 1933, she had the service discontinued and we never had a phone after that. My mother and I lived here until May, 1934, when we left as we were behind in our rent and were unable to pay as we were paying \$30.00 a month for this furnished place.

While I lived at Irving Park Place I was in the bootlegging business and I used to purchase my alcohol and then resell it and I used to buy some of it from a man named Maggie at Melrose Park, Illinois. I just made enough to live on and at that time I owned an old Model T truck. Most of my alcohol business was done while at the Irving Park Place. While living at 180 May Street I used to make home brew and sold it and I also used to sell alcohol by the drink. The landlord knew I was doing this. During 1933 and 1934 I didn't pay him much rent. Since 1932 I would work for Elmer Farmer, now and then, as a bartender in his tavern which was down across from the Round House in Bensenville, Illinois. My wife never lived with me at all in Bensenville, Illinois.

The first time I met Elmer Farmer was in 1923 as I roomed at his hotel in Bensenville, Illinois. He owned and operated the Raymond Hotel.

Allen Corkhill roomed with my mother and I at 180 May Street between 1929 and 1930 for about one year and he occupied the bedroom just South of the bathroom.

Around Christmas time in 1933 my mother left Bensenville, Illinois to visit my brother, Leon Alderton, at 1215 East Jefferson, Kokomo, Indiana, and she went down on the train or bus. She was planning on coming back after Christmas but went to Detroit, Michigan, with my cousin, Louis O'Banion. Sometime between February 1st and 3rd, 1934, I drove to Kokomo, Indiana, in my 1928 Hupmobile coach, black color, which I had purchased on October 6, 1933, from Thomas J. Hay, Inc., 2229 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for \$142.80 which cash was given to me by a Herman Langitt as I was in business with him selling Birk's beer around Bensenville, Illinois. He died sometime around in the spring of 1934. I still own this car and it is in my brother's garage at Kokomo, Indiana. My brother Leon had put in a phone call to Farmer's place asking that I come down and take mother back home and also to fish so when I got at his home my brother and I fished for over a week or so and in the meantime my car battery had frozen

so about the last of February, 1934, my mother and I drove back in the Hupmobile car to Bensenville, Illinois. I borrowed \$2.95 from my brother to buy a new battery.

During 1933 and 1934 I was still in the bootlegging business but I wasn't making enough to pay for the rent and make hardly enough for eats and clothing.

In the spring of 1932 I started to receive a compensation check of about \$20.00 a month and some time in July, 1933, it was cut down to about \$15.00 a month and then some time around in spring of 1934 it went back to about \$20.00 and I still am receiving this amount monthly. My father, John Allderton, who lives in Redfield, South Dakota, gave me about \$100.00 during 1930 and 1931, but hasn't given me any money since. My brother Leon has never given me any money. I have no other source of income except that during this past summer of 1934 I run a boat landing place at Monticello, Indiana, on Lake Schaeffer, where I just made enough to live on.

During 1925 I saw a fellow whom I later learned was George Goetz, and who used to hang around The Raymond Hotel playing poker. Although we did not meet each other at that time we got to recognize each other, and I saw him several times between then and 1933 never having any conversation with him. In October 1933 I met George Goetz at Jack's Roadhouse on Irving Park Boulevard, Bensenville, Illinois. He chatted with me and bought me a drink. I next saw him about a day or two after New Year's of 1934, in Elmer's Tavern, Farmer's place. Goetz asked me where I was living and with whom. I told him and also that my mother was away. He then asked me if I had room to board a couple of fellows. I told him I couldn't board them but I had room for them but that my mother might be coming back at any time from Detroit. George said that they could board themselves but that they would take the rooms and he also told me that they would not stay there very long. George told me that he would bring the two fellows out and would pay me what it was worth. He didn't set any definite time when he'd bring them out or any definite sum for their rooms. He didn't say what they wanted the rooms for or who they were and I didn't ask him. A couple days after he had spoken to me, George came over to the bar at Farmer's and told me he had the fellows, asking if the place was warm. I immediately went home and fixed the fires and George introduced me to the two men; calling one "Doc" and I forget the other. However, Doc called the other fellow "Slim". I have been shown a picture of Doc Barker and I am satisfied that it was the

same fellow known as "Doc". Although I have viewed many photographs I am unable to pick any out which resemble "Slim". These two men brought a traveling bag and an ordinary black suit case with them. I also think they had a large dark sedan or coach as I partially saw the car when it was parked in the alley near the house. George also had asked me to secure a garage inasmuch as the boys wanted one for their car. I rented a garage from Betty Bishop who lives down the alley from me about two houses and I gave him \$5.00 for one month's rent and this money had been given to me by George. This "Slim" is around 35 to 37 years old; about 5' 9 or 10" tall; about 130 lbs. or so; brown hair combed straight back; medium complexion; was an American; slender build.

I took both Doc and Slim to the bedroom South of the bathroom and Doc chose that as his room while I then took Slim over to the North bedroom which formerly had been my mother's and he took that one, and they did not comment upon the rooms at all. I do not recall the exact date that Doc and Slim came to my home, but I think it was around the first part of January, 1934. I imagine they stayed at my home for about eight or nine days, although I do not know exactly on what date they left. I was not at home when they left and they did not tell me of their leaving at all and I did not receive any money from them nor from George in payment of the room rent. I never saw George or Slim again except that about one week later I saw Doc driving a small coupe, something similar to a Plymouth, driving South on York Road between Bensenville and Elmhurst, Illinois, and he was driving alone and I was driving North in my Buick car and I waved at him and he also moved his hand upward.

While they were at my house I was not around very much of the time as I was either out or asleep. However, on three different occasions Doc asked me to go out and buy some groceries and whiskey. The next day after their arrival Doc gave me a ten dollar bill and told me to buy a dozen oranges, dozen bananas, head lettuce, can of peas, can of corn and some meat. I just don't recall how much the bill was, but I recall that on one of these trips I spent about three dollars for groceries. On the first time I also bought some cheese, sausage and bread. Doc also wanted some Chicago papers so I drove over to Elmhurst and bought them an American and Examiner so I bought the groceries at Elmhurst too at a grocery store named something like Mickelbaum or something like that. I am quite sure that I also went back here later on the purchased more groceries for Doc and I remember that on this occasion I bought one chicken and head lettuce and other things like on the first trip and I know that this bill came to over three dollars. The other time I think I just bought a few items in Bensenville, Illinois. After Doc and Slim were there for

about three or four days Doc asked if I could get some good bonded whiskey around there and I told him I would have to go to the Walgreen Drug Store at Elmhurst so he gave me a five dollar bill and I drove to Elmhurst and I bought a pint bottle of liquor at \$3.25 and Doc also asked to buy some newspapers and I bought a Chicago American and News. On the following day also Doc asked me if I would get another bottle of that liquor and he gave me \$3.25 and I went back and got another bottle of the same liquor for them.

I wish to say that Elmer Farmer never was up to my home while Doc and Slim were there.

The next day after Doc and Slim were there George with another fellow to whom I was not introduced and I left the house before they did so I do not know how long they were there. I never saw this other fellow anymore until a day or two when he returned with George and that is the last I saw of him.

Outside of George, this friend of his, Doc and Slim there were no other men at my house at all.

I have been shown photographs numbered 1 to 4 inclusive and number 1 represents the interior of a bathroom; numbers 2 and 3 the interior of a bedroom and number 4 the interior of a living room. No. 1 represents the bathroom which is at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, and I can make this identification from the capped pipe coming out of floor, the worn oil cloth around the bowl and the curtained shelf on the left side. I can not positively state that Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were rooms in the house that I occupied although they resemble the rooms at 180 May Street.

I have been shown a photograph whom I am told is of Monte Carter and it somewhat resembles a man whom I saw in Elmer's Tavern during January, 1934, and whom Farmer called Monte. I never was introduced to Monte nor did I ever talk to him. I have also been shown a picture of a man whom I am told is George Goetz and I recognize this as the George who made the arrangements with me for the rooming of Doc and Slim. I have been shown pictures which I am told include Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and others, and do not remember having seen any of the Subjects of these pictures at any time.

I remember reading a great deal in the newspapers at this time about the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, but I do not recall

whether I read this at the time Doc and Slim were staying there, or before they came or after they left.

I think George Goetz drove a Chevrolet Coupe during the period at which Doc and Slim stayed at my house.

I have read this statement typewritten on four pages and part of a fifth and it is the truth and all the truth. It is my voluntary statement and I have neither been threatened in any way, nor offered any promises of any kind.

Witnessed:

R. W. Franke

Special Agents of
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
Chicago,
Illinois.

W. P. Lorry

"I wish to add to this statement that I have never seen any guns of any kind in my house at the time Doc and Slim were there. To the best of my knowledge the shades were not pulled down in any of the windows during the day time while Doc and Slim were there. When Doc and Slim and Goetz and his friend would talk together they would shut the door leading to the kitchen which prevented me from hearing their conversation. Around the end of the period during which Doc and Slim stayed at my house I suspected that they were hiding out from the law for some reason but I did not know why.

I have read this added statement also and it is my voluntary truthful statement."

Prior to securing the second signed statement from Allderton, the following information is submitted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan:

Prior to obtaining of the written statement from Harold Allderton by Special Agents R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan, Allderton contended that he had told the complete truth in the prior statement he had given to Special Agents Lorry and Franke. Elmer Farmer was brought into the room and identified Allderton as being the individual referred to in his, Farmer's, signed statement. Subsequently on the same day Farmer was again brought into the room and this time Farmer stated to Allderton that he had made a complete signed statement and that he would advise Allderton to do likewise. When Farmer faced Allderton this second time, Allderton became highly excited and accused Farmer of having told the Karpis mob of the location of his brother in Kokomo, Indiana, which Farmer denied. After Farmer left

the room Allderton stated that the Karpis mob while holding Bremer at his, Allderton's, home, kept referring to the good reputation of his, Allderton's, brother, and his brother's family, and indicated that some harm might come to them in the event Allderton opened his mouth.

Subsequent to the first signed statement made by Harold Allderton, he was interviewed by Special Agents W. C. Ryan and R. G. Suran, and the following signed statement was secured from him:

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
January 18, 1935.

"I, HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, make the following voluntary statement to R. G. Suran and W. C. Ryan, whom are known to me to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

During the month of January and the first part of February, 1934, I was living at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, which house is situated on the rear of the lot. The forepart of the house is a two-story structure, which part is designated as the North side. The rear or South portion of the house is a one-story structure and consists of five rooms, exclusive of a pantry, toilet and closet. This house belongs to Herman C. Baucke, who occupies the lower floor of the forepart of the house. Baucke's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moscal, live in the second story of the forepart of the house.

My mother, Mrs. Minnie Berry, resided with me at the above named address and we rented this place furnished, with the dishes and bedclothes, which were our own. The dishes and bedclothes are now in the possession of my mother, who is presently residing at 903 East 38th Street, Marion, Indiana.

During the year 1925, I was residing at the Raymond Hotel in Bensenville, Illinois, where I met an individual, known to me as George, but whom I have since learned to be identical with one Fred Goetz. Elmer Farmer was operating the Raymond Hotel at this time. Shortly before Christmas of 1933 I was at "Elmer's Tavern" in Bensenville, Illinois, when I was approached by Elmer Farmer and Fred Goetz. Fred Goetz asked me if I could use a little money, stating that he would like to "plant" a couple of boys at my place for a few days. My mother was visiting my brother, Leon Allderton, at Kokomo, Indiana at the time Goetz made this proposition to me. I agreed to put these fellows up at my place for Goetz, thinking that they were, no doubt, a

couple of boys hiding from the law. My mother was expecting me to come to Kokomo, Indiana, for Christmas and she intended to return to Bensenville with me after Christmas, but after Goetz had made me this proposition, I telephoned her and told her that I would not be able to get down there for Christmas, but that I would be down for New Years. I made a number of telephone calls to my mother subsequent to this and delayed her return to Bensenville by telling her that I would be down to get her in a few days as I did not want her in Bensenville while these friends of Goetz' were at the house. From Goetz' conversation with me, I thought that these friends of his would come to my house in a couple of days, but no one came until a few days after New Years of 1934, when Elmer Farmer came to my house with an individual who was a stranger to me and who Elmer Farmer stated was one of Goetz' friends, who had come to look the accommodations over. This strange party looked around my place for a few minutes and left, stating the place seemed to be O. K. I did not look this party over very closely as I thought it was best not to do so, but as I recall he was a tall slender man and answered the description of an individual later known to me as "Slim" and whom I know now to be identical with Alvin Karpis, and it is my present impression that this party was Alvin Karpis.

A few days later I was in Elmer's Tavern and Elmer Farmer invited me to have a drink with a party whom he addressed as "Monty." I have been shown a photograph of one Byron Bolton, and whom I identify as being the same party as the Monty referred to above. After Monty left the tavern, Elmer Farmer said Monty said your company will be here in a couple of days.

About a week later, which would be around the middle part of January, 1934, at about midnight one night, I was alone at my home at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, when someone rapped at my door and I answered it. Alvin Karpis was at the door and asked me if I was alone and also asked me where the garage was located. Before Christmas, 1933, at the request of Fred Goetz, I had rented a private garage from "Biddy" Bishop, for the purpose of storing the car of the persons who were to stay at my house and for which purpose Goetz had given me five dollars, which I had paid to Bishop for one month's rental of his garage. This garage is located in a barn on the West side of the alley, the same being the first barn South of 180 May Street, and in the rear of the house in which Bishop resided at that time.

After the above conversation with Karpis, I got on my hat and coat and Karpis turned out the light in the kitchen of the house and the both of us left the house and walked through the alleyway between the house and a tarpapered shack located South of the house. This alleyway is cemented and leads to the alley to the West of the house. Upon arriving at the alley I noticed what appeared to be a new, dark colored Buick sedan, with three men in it, one man in the front seat and two men in the rear. I then left Karpis at the car and said that I would go down and open the doors to the garage. I walked down to the garage and did not see who got out of the car. Shortly thereafter Karpis drove the car down into the garage and after taking what appeared to be a high powered rifle from the car and wrapping it in a blanket, we returned to the house. Upon entering the house, I observed an individual, whom Karpis referred to as "Heavy." I have been shown a photograph of William Weaver, St. Paul Police Department #23452, and state this individual bears a strong likeness to the man called "Heavy", but I am not able to make a positive identification from the photograph. This man "Heavy" I later learned from Elmer Farmer is an expert pistol shot and served a term in a penitentiary where he was let out about six months each year in order to support his mother.

"Heavy" asked me to heat some water as one of the boys had bumped his head and I put some water on the gas stove for him. Karpis then told me to go over and tell Elmer Farmer that they had arrived and to get a case of beer and a couple of pints of whiskey for them from him. Elmer later brought the beer and whiskey to the house. Upon returning to the house from Elmer's Tavern, I saw at my house a man whom the other boys referred to as "George", this man was about 5 feet 5 inches in height and between 25 and 30 years of age. I have been shown a photograph of one Harry Campbell and state that it bears a strong resemblance to the man referred to as "George", but I am unable to make a positive identification from this picture.

Also in the house I saw a man referred to as "Doc." I have been shown a photograph of Arthur R. Barker and state that Arthur Barker is identical with the party referred to as "Doc."

In addition to the parties, whom I have mentioned above, I knew that there was a fifth person in the house and that this party whom I had not seen at this time had an injured head and that this latter party was being treated for the injury in the first bedroom South of the toilet. This bedroom was furnished only with a table, chair, and bed. The bed was situated on the North side of the room and the table was located in the Southwest corner of the room, next to the window.

The following morning when I was reading the Chicago Tribune newspaper, which was being delivered each morning to my home, I noticed therein the account of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, a banker at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the previous day. Karpis, "Doc", "George" and "Heavy" all appeared to be eager to read the newspaper story of the kidnaping, which gave me the impression that they might have had something to do with it and I asked them if the party they had in the bedroom was Bremer. "Doc" sort of smiled in a manner which indicated that they did have Bremer and said, "Go in and look at him." I did not go into the bedroom as I did not want Bremer to see me, nor did I care to see him.

On this same morning Karpis gave me a list of groceries to buy for the crowd and I left the house at once and drove in my car to Elmer's Tavern and there informed Elmer Farmer that Karpis and the others were holding Edward Bremer for ransom at my house. Farmer appeared excited and worried at hearing this and it was apparent that this was the first indication he had that Goetz had arranged for a hideout to hold a kidnaped person. I then went to Elmhurst, Illinois, where I purchased the groceries ordered by Karpis at Manaback's Grocery Store. As I recall I purchased oranges, bananas, bread, butter, eggs, sanned peas and corn, coffee, cream and some fresh meat.

After my return from the grocery store, Karpis and the others talked freely about Bremer, but they never talked about the actual snatch in St. Paul, nor did I ever hear them discuss anything about the ransom negotiations.

I am unable to recall day by day events which occurred during the approximate three weeks time Bremer was held at my house, however, Fred Goetz came to my house while Bremer was being held, three or more times, and on two of these occasions a party answering the description of Fred Barker, whose photograph I have seen, came with Goetz. On another occasion "Monty" came to the house with Goetz. On at least one occasion "Monty" came to the house by himself.

I would usually leave the house about one P. M. each day and go to Elmer's Tavern, and just about every day I bought groceries in Elmhurst and occasionally would buy them in Bensenville at the A. & P., National, or Lauman's Market. I recall that on one occasion I bought strawberries at Manaback's Grocery, on another day I bought two small chickens and on another occasion I bought some fresh fish. I did most of the cooking and would return to the house about 6 P. M.

each day to cook supper.

I also recall the mob joking among themselves that Bremer thought he was being held in a basement because he had remarked to them when they brought him into the house that he thought he was in a basement. I believe that Bremer thought this because the alley is higher than the cement areaway previously described in this statement and between the alley and the areaway there is an old cistern, which had caved in, leaving a small opening in the cement walk, which opening had been covered with a large chunk of cement and a person in stepping from the alley to the cement walk might possibly believe he was going down a couple of steps.

About four or five days after Bremer was brought to my house I passed the bedroom in which he was being held and saw him sitting at the table in the room with his back to the open door. I noticed at this time that his head was wrapped in gauze, in turban fashion, apparently covering his eyes and ears. The gauze was held together with adhesive tape. The boys tended him a good deal and on two occasions I bought rolls of two-inch gauze at the Rexall Drug Store in Elmhurst, Illinois, and I presumed that they used this to change the blind over Bremer's head. I did not observe any binding on Bremer's hands or feet. When Bremer decided to go to the toilet, he would yell, "Oh Partner!" and one of the boys would then lead him out of the bedroom past a coal stove to the right of the bedroom door, then in through the North bedroom and into the toilet. I observed this procedure on two occasions and both times the gauze was on Bremer's head as previously described, and I, at no time, got a good look at his face and am unable to identify a photograph of Edward G. Bremer, which has been exhibited to me.

When Bremer would call to the boys they would answer him at first in low tones and then gradually raise their voices in order to test how well Bremer could hear through the binding. Although I cannot recall any specific remarks made by members of the gang, they would talk at times to each other in loud voices and make remarks apparently for the purpose of intimidating Bremer.

During the time that Bremer was held at my house, Elmer Farmer came over on two or three occasions and talked with the different members of the gang, but never remained over a few minutes at a time.

On one occasion Linn Corkhill, a switchman employed by the Milwaukee Railroad at Bensenville, Illinois, came to my house unex-

pectedly. When he arrived I kept him in the kitchen and the mob stayed in the front part of the house. Corhill remained for about five minutes and had no knowledge of what was taking place in the house.

During the time the gang was at my place, I saw them with two machine guns and each one of the gang carried an automatic pistol. Karpis left my house only one night during the time Bremer was held there and "George" also was away only one night during this time.

During the last week Bremer was held the gang became very uneasy and did quite a lot of arguing among themselves and finally Fred Goetz was asked by the others to take "Heavy" away, which he did. Karpis and "Heavy" appeared particularly to dislike one another. Also the gang had considerable difficulty in keeping "George" from drinking too much.

After about three weeks, Fred Goetz came to the house early one morning and brought a shaving outfit with him, consisting of a mug, strap, and straight edge razor. I heated some water for him that morning, which he presumably used in shaving Bremer. Fred Goetz spent most of this morning in the room with Bremer, evidently preparing him to take him away. I have no information concerning any clothing bought for Bremer, which was used by him when he was taken away from my house, nor do I know of any occasion on which he was taken from the house to wash or for any other purpose, other than when he was finally taken away at about 10:00 A. M. on the last day he was held which was about three weeks after he was brought to my house. As I recall Bremer was taken away from my house about two days before my birthday, which was February 9, 1934.

When the gang was getting ready to take Bremer away, "Doc" went to the garage to get the Buick car and came back because he could not get the car started. I then drove my car around to the garage and helped to start the Buick by pushing it down the alley. "Doc" drove off in the Buick by himself and drove South on May Street. I then went back to the house and Goetz met me at the door and said for me to go to the South of the tar paper shack and to detain anyone who might be headed toward the house. I saw Goetz' Chevrolet coupe parked in the alley in front of the areaway at this time. Shortly after I reached the South side of the tar paper shack, I heard the Chevrolet coupe start and drive out of the alley. I did not see who got into the Chevrolet coupe, but upon returning immediately to the house, I found that everyone had left.

About the end of the first week that Bremer was at my house, Elmer Farmer brought me four five gallon alcohol cans and told me that the boys wanted me to get them filled with gasoline. It was night time when Farmer gave me these cans, and I took them to a filling station located on Lake Street about one-half mile West of York Road on the North side of the street, where I had these cans filled with high-test gasoline, and brought them back and placed them in the garage alongside the Buick car. Karpis then came down to the garage and emptied three of them into the Buick's gasoline tank. I then took the three empty cans to a filling station located on Irving Park Boulevard in Wooddale, Illinois, this station was the first one reached upon coming into Wooddale from the East. After having the three cans filled I brought them back to the garage where I placed them alongside the Buick. On the following evening Karpis went to the garage and put the four cans of gasoline inside of the Buick.

At the time the gang took Bremer away from my house, Goetz gave me \$100.00 as part payment for my services and said that that would be enough for me to get out of town on for a few days and that I would have more coming later. On about February 11, 1934 I left Bensenville and drove to Kokomo, Indiana, where I stayed with my brother, Leon, until about March 1, 1934 after which I returned with my mother to Bensenville. A few days after March 1, 1934, Elmer Farmer gave me \$380.00, which he said was additional money from Goetz; that Goetz had given him \$400.00 for me, but that he had taken out \$20.00 which I owed him, Farmer.

My mother and I remained in Bensenville until about the middle of May, 1934, when we left and went to Monticello, Indiana, where my brother and I had rented a cottage. Shortly before leaving Bensenville, Elmer Farmer gave me \$500.00 which he said represented the rest of the money coming to me for the use of my home.

The \$100.00 given me by Goetz was in \$20.00 denominations. The \$380.00 given me by Farmer in March consisted of five \$50.00 bills, and the rest in \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00 denominations. The final \$500.00 given me by Farmer consisted of three \$100.00 bills and four \$50.00 bills.

Witnesses: (Signed) Harold V. Ailderton

R. C. Suran,
W. C. Ryan, Special Agents, Division of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

The following additional information was secured from Elmer Farmer by Agents R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan:

1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
January 20, 1935.

"I, Elmer Farmer, make the following voluntary additional statement to R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

I have been shown a five gallon can which I state is similar to alcohol cans which I handled quite a bit several years ago and to the best of my recollection I do not remember having placed any cans of this type in the automobile belonging to Harold Allderton during the middle part of January, 1934, or at any other time.

I also wish to state that Fred Goetz did not at any time give me money to give to Harold Allderton nor was any money ever given me at any time by anyone to give to Harold Allderton for services or the use of his house.

I further wish to state that I did not furnish an electric heater to be used in the home of Harold Allderton during January or February, 1934, nor give Allderton any instructions concerning the disposal of such a heater."

Witnesses:

(Signed) Elmer Farmer

R. C. Suran
W. C. Ryan
Special Agents, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

The following additional information was secured from Harold Allderton by Special Agents R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan:

January 19, 1935.

"Allderton advised that during the time Bremer was held at his house there was an upright electric heater in the room with Bremer; that this heater was about a foot and a half long, about a foot and a half high and about six inches wide, and stood on small legs about two inches from the floor. This heater was brown in color. He said that it was his impression that Elmer Farmer had furnished this heater and that after Bremer was taken away from his house, Farmer told him to throw it away, which he did, throwing it

in the city dump in Bensenville.

He further stated that he did not see any goggles, such as was worn by Bremer upon his release, around the house at any time nor did he see anyone wearing a duck hunter's cap nor was there any flashlights with red film lenses around the house at any time. He said the gang kept a small black bag in the room with Bremer, in which the gang kept the bandage and other things to use on Bremer, but that he did not at any time have an opportunity to view the contents of this bag. He also said that Karpis spend quite a bit of time making road charts and that Karpis seemed to be the boss at the house.

With reference to the cans mentioned in Allderton's statement to Special Agents Ryan and Suran, Allderton was shown one of the five gallon cans found at Portage, Wisconsin, and he stated the cans mentioned in the statement were similar to these cans.

Allderton stated that he is willing to appear as a Government witness and testify to the statements made by him.

It is observed that during the time Bremer was held at the hideout in Bensenville an electric heater was used in his room. In this connection the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan:

Chicago, Illinois
January 22, 1935

It being noted from the statement of Edward Bremer upon his release that the kidnapers placed an electric heater in the room with him while he was being held and that this heater was in the room during the entire time, and it being further noted from the statement of Harold Allderton that Allderton states that such an electric heater was in the room of Bremer, and that he, Allderton, had disposed of this heater immediately after Bremer's release, the following investigation was conducted to show the difference in the electric light bill for the Allderton residence during the time this heater was in use.

Agent interviewed J. R. Christopher, Senior Clerk and Assistant to the Superintendent of the Oak Park District, Western Division of the Public Utilities Company of Northern Illinois, 114 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. The Oak Park District covers Bensenville, Illinois, and the surrounding towns. Mr. Christopher exhibited to Agent the meter reader's record for the residence of H. Allderton, 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois.

From this card it was ascertained that the meter for the section of the house occupied by Allerton is meter #8772, and the account number is #1214-1270. The following information was taken from this card to show the electric meter reading for a period covering from six months prior to January, 1934, up to and including the time that Allerton left the Bensenville address:

DATE READ	DIAL READING	KILOWATTS USED	AMOUNT OF BILL
6-19-33	1910	18	1.44
7-20-33	1930	20	1.60
8-21-33	1948	18	1.44
9-20-33	1966	18	1.44
10-19-33	1992	26	2.02
11-17-33	2016	24	1.88
12-19-33	2042	26	2.02
1-18-34	2068	26	2.02
2-16-34	2412	344	12.52
5-19-34	2426	Checked reading 14	1.12
4-18-34	2446	20	1.60
5-18-34	2466	20	1.60
6-6-34	2488	22	1.50

There is a notation on this record that following the reading of February 16, 1934, a recheck was made of this reading because of the unusual rise in consumption and that the reading was found to be correct. This record also indicates that Allerton's meter was turned off for non-payment of his electric bill on June 6, 1934, at which time Allerton owed the electric company a bill of \$18.54. Allerton, therefore, did not pay any electric bill following the bill covering the reading for January 18, 1934. Mr. Christopher stated that the records of the meter reading and the bills of the electric company are kept as permanent records and are available at any time. He stated that he could not say who would be competent to testify to these records and referred Agent to the main office of the Public Utilities Company at 78 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At the main office of the Public Utilities Company, 78 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, Agent ascertained that Hinton G. Clabough, Room 916, could furnish information as to the proper witness to subpoena. Through Mr. Clabough it was ascertained that Mr. Earl Boesenberg, Superintendent, Meter Department, Western Division, Public Utilities Company, Northern Illinois, 1701 South First Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, was the proper person to be subpoenaed to testify to the company's records in this regard. Mr.

Clabough also advised Agent that he would have the photostatic copies made of the meter reading sheet in question and could furnish the same to the Chicago Division Office when he had received it.

With reference to the gasoline cans found at Portage, Wisconsin, concerning which extensive investigation has been made in this case, attention is directed to the statement of Harold Allderton, in which he states that he received these cans from Elmer Farmer and that he, Allderton, had filled these cans some time during the first week of Bremer's captivity. Allderton stated that he had filled these four cans at a gasoline station located on Lake Street, one-half mile West of York Road on the West side of the street in Elmhurst, Illinois, and that he had afterwards filled three of these same cans at a gasoline station located on Irving Park Boulevard in Wooddale, Illinois. Investigation conducted by Agent in this regard disclosed that there is only one gasoline station located on the North side of Lake Street West of York Road for a distance of approximately two miles. This station is the Cabin Service Station located on Route #1, Elmhurst, Illinois. Inquiry at this station disclosed that it has been operated by Mr. Fisher for the past several years and upon interview Mr. Fisher advised that he does not recall an incident of having filled three cans of five gallon capacity with gasoline about a year ago. Mr. Fisher stated that he himself was absent from his station for the most part of January, 1934, and that during this time the station was operated by Gustav Meyer, who is at present employed as a janitor at the Villard Theatre, Villa Park, Illinois, and that if any such incident occurred at his station, Mr. Meyer would evidently recall it.

Agent then interviewed Gustav Meyer at the Villard Theatre, Villa Park, and questioned him concerning his recollection of such an incident. Mr. Meyer stated that it was not unusual at the gasoline station for farmers from the surrounding community to come in and buy several cans of gasoline at a time for various uses around their farms. Meyer was exhibited the photographs of the alcohol cans in question and he stated that he could not recall having filled any such cans at the time in question. He also viewed the photograph of Harold Allderton and stated that this party appeared very familiar to him, but he could not recall where he had seen him. He stated that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Fisher with whom he, Meyer, resides and that if between them they could recall having seen this party or having filled the gasoline cans he would get in touch with the Chicago Division Office.

Agent then proceeded to Wooddale, Illinois, where Carl A. Litts, Proprietor, Wooddale Service Station, was interviewed with reference to this matter and he stated that from October, 1933 to April of 1934 the Wooddale Service Station was operated by his father, Carl F. Litts; that he recalls approximately a year ago that while checking the sales one evening that his father remarked that some fellow had come to the station and had three five gallon cans filled with gasoline. Litts said that the reason his father remarked this was that they did not make many sales of fifteen gallons at one time. He advised that his father did not indicate that this party was known to him, but merely stated that some men had come to the station and had given him no further information. Litts stated that his father has since died; that he passed away on October 30, 1934; that his father was the only person operating the station at the time of the above incident.

Inquiry was also made at the Standard Gasoline Station at Wooddale, but the operator of this station after stating that he had been conducting the station for several years, advised that he could not recall an instance of having sold three five gallon cans of gasoline."

The following additional information was secured from Elmer Farmer by Special Agents R. C. Suran and W. C. Ryan:

January 19, 1935

"Farmer stated that Volney Davis, who is known to him as "Cotton" was last seen by him about two weeks before his, Farmer's, arrest in connection with this case; that Davis visited him at Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville and at this time he was driving a dark colored sedan believed to be a Pontiac. This car was apparently a 1934 model and had a built-in trunk on the rear. He said that Davis was accompanied by the same blond haired woman he has seen with him on numerous occasions and whom he has identified from a photograph to be Edna Murray; that Davis stayed but a few minutes and drove away, saying that he would see Farmer again. Farmer further stated that Davis visited him a few days before Christmas 1934, and told him that he had just come from Matt Kirsch's place in Aurora, Illinois, and Kirsch had advised him that things were too "hot" around Aurora as the "G" men were after him. He also advised that Davis appeared to be becoming mentally weak and that he, Farmer, observed that Davis carries two automatic pistols, probably .380 caliber.

At the time Special Agents R. C. Suran and R. D. Brown were conducting an investigation at Bensenville, Illinois, in connection with Elmer Farmer in about August, 1934, [redacted] appeared at the Chicago Division Office on the day after the investigation and related to Agents that Elmer Farmer had full knowledge of Agent's activities, but was not sure of

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Agents' identities; that Farmer had arranged through the Bensenville Police Department to have some member of the Elmhurst Police Department stop the Agents the next time they appeared in Bensenville in order that their identities could be determined. On the morning of Elmer Farmer's arrest and at the beginning of the interview had with him by Special Agents Suran and McIntire, Agent Suran questioned him concerning this, and he stated the reason for his activities was only to determine Agents' identities; that the "Bugs" Moran mob was trying to shake him down and he did not know whether the individuals seen by him in Bensenville were Government Agents or gangsters.

Farmer advised Agents Ryan and Suran that around this same time, Karpis was frequenting Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville at which time Karpis was driving a Pontiac coupe. Karpis at this time was drinking considerable liquor. He further said that prior to the killing of Slim Gray; that he had seen Slim and Doc Barker together frequently in Elmer's Tavern and that it was his impression that Karpis, Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker are now in Florida.

Farmer advised Agents Ryan and Suran that he is willing to appear as a Government witness and testify to the statements made by him."

Information set forth earlier in this report noted that "Biddy" Bishop is now located at Tomahawk, Wisconsin. This information was telephoned to the St. Paul Office on January 16, 1935, with the request that proper investigation be made through the Bishop family at Tomahawk, Wisconsin, to ascertain all information with regard to the renting of the Bishop garage by members of the Karpis-Barker gang. In this connection, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent in Charge, D. M. Ladd:

Chicago, Illinois
January 21, 1935.

"On January 17, 1935, a telephone call was received from Agent Brennan at Tomahawk, Wisconsin, where he was making a check in an effort to find one "Biddy" Bishop.

He stated he had found and talked to the wife and son of Bishop and had learned that Bishop was in a C. C. Camp at Iron River, Michigan; that he was snowed in at that point and had been unable to leave there.

He also stated that from an interview with the wife and son, he ascertained that they had lived for about twelve years at 191 South York Street, Bensenville, Illinois; that he had been a barber in a shop next to the Westly Bros. Garage; that on May 30, 1934,

they had left Bensenville for Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Bishop stated that near Christmas of 1933, one Harold Alderton rented the garage and occupied same for one month, which garage was immediately in the rear of 191 South York Street; that during the time that this garage was rented, Alderton's mother was not in Bensenville; further, that she believed that Alderton had left for Indiana in May of 1934.

Further information will be transmitted to this Office from the St. Paul Office by Agent Brennan.

On January 17, 1935, Special Agent R. C. Suran removed from the upper Southwest corner of the bedroom in which Victim Bremer was held, a portion of the wallpaper showing the complete design of the same. At this time Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was present and the paper was appropriately marked by both Special Agents Hirsh and Suran. This specimen of the wallpaper was given to Special Agent J. E. Brennan at Chicago, Illinois, on January 19, 1935, at which time he was instructed to deliver the same to the St. Paul Office for use as evidence in connection with the prosecution of this matter. The Division and the St. Paul Office were advised of this act by letter on January 19, 1935.

After Subject Arthur R. Barker had been taken to Detroit, Michigan, for safekeeping, it became advisable to remove him again to Chicago and thence to St. Paul, Minnesota, in view of the anticipated indictments. In this connection, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent C. E. McRae:

Chicago, Illinois
January 18, 1935

Pursuant to Division instructions, the writer in company with Special Agents A. P. Barber and R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., left Chicago, Illinois, by plane at 12:30 p. m., January 17, 1935, taking with them Subject Arthur (Doc) Barker. Agents arrived at St. Paul, Minnesota at 4:45 p. m., where they were met at the Municipal Airport by Acting Special Agent in Charge, R. C. Coulter, and other Agents from the St. Paul Division Office.

Barker was immediately taken to an apartment located in St. Paul, where he was turned over to the custody of the St. Paul Division Agents.

Special Agents Barber, Abbaticchio, and the writer departed from St. Paul at 8:15 p. m., and arrived at the Chicago Division office at 11:50 p. m.

By letter dated January 21, 1935, the Division was furnished with photographs of Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton.

Under letter dated January 18, 1935, photographs of the exterior of the Bremer hideout in Bensenville, Illinois, were furnished to the Division. At this time similar photographs were forwarded to the St. Paul Office. An additional set of photographs is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office for its use in the prosecution of this case.

By letter dated January 18, 1935, the Chicago Office transmitted to the Division ten photographs of the interior of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

Under letter of January 18, 1935, the Division was furnished with two copies of an enlarged photograph of the wallpaper appearing in the bedroom in which the victim, Bremer, was held.

It is observed that the fingerprints of Elmer Farmer, Harold Allderton, and William Bryan Bolton, have been forwarded to the Division. The Division is being requested by letter to furnish the Chicago and the St. Paul offices with the criminal records of Allderton, Farmer, and Bolton.

In connection with the release of Mildred Clark, alias Mildred Kuhlman, Ruth Heidt, and Clara Gibson, by this office, the following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent D. M. Ladd:

Chicago, Illinois
January 22, 1935.

"On the evening of January 21, 1935, Mildred Kuhlman and Ruth Heidt were released by the Chicago Division Office. Prior to their release, Special Agent Val C. Zimmer and the writer had a lengthy discussion with them, at which time they were advised that it would be necessary for them to report to this office, from time to time. They were advised that it was possible for this office to institute harboring charges against them, and that unless they cooperated with the Division in the future, it might become necessary to take this action.

Mildred Kuhlman advised that she was going to Toledo, Ohio immediately upon her release, and could be reached in care of Mr. and Mrs. John Carbin, 929 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, telephone Kingswood 1851, this being the place of business of Mr. Carbin. Another phone number furnished for Mr. Carbin, through which the individual Mildred stated she could be reached, is Lendale 0353. Mildred was advised that in the event it became desirable to contact her at a later date, it might be possible that Mr. Larson of the Detroit Office would be in Toledo and would communicate with her, and she agreed to cooperate, and furnish any information which she might have to Mr. Larson.

The following property, which was found in the apartment occupied by "Doc" Barker and Mildred Kuhlman was returned to her:

Small grip
 Black bathrobe, with red sash
 Dress, (which she came in)
 Bottle perfume
 Pair bronze sandals
 Pair black suede slippers (size 4)
 Pair black patent leather slippers (size 4)
 Miscellaneous hose
 White hairbrush
 Black comb
 Razor
 Black turban
 Black felt hat
 Gold turban
 Brown beaverette
 Dutch bag

She was advised that the balance of her clothing would be held here for the time being, and possibly would be returned to her at a later date.

Ruth Heidt was interviewed and advised of the seriousness of the difficulty in which she now found herself, also advised of the fact that this Division could institute harboring charges against her. She advised that in the event she were released, she could be reached through Frank Jackson, telephone Hammond 3284, or through her grandmother, Celia Wagner, 1101 Truman Street, Hammond, Indiana. Ruth Heidt was advised that she could be of considerable assistance to this Division in the apprehension of Willie Harrison,

her former husband. She was advised further that in the event she did furnish information, it might result in the apprehension of Harrison without any bloodshed, but that in the event Harrison were found under other circumstances, it might be necessary to inflict injury upon him to take him into custody. In view of this, she stated that she would be glad to furnish information concerning his whereabouts as soon as he again contacted her. She was then released on January 21, 1935.

The following property was confiscated at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue on the night of the shooting, and was released to Ruth Heidt, who was advised that any additional property would be held, and could be claimed at a later date. She stated that she would probably return to this office on Friday, January 25, 1935, for the purpose of obtaining this property, in the event it was available to her at that time. It might be noted that there was found in her purse, a card of Glen Park Chevrolet Company, 3568 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, with the name Ray Phillips in the corner thereof:

Green dress
Pair brown slippers.
Brown hat
Pair brown galoshes
Slip
Pair stepins
Night dress

In accordance with arrangements previously made with Attorney Leo Klein and with Chief Sullivan of the Chicago Police Department, Clara Gibson was turned over to the Chicago Police Department on the morning of January 22, 1935. Mrs. Gibson was ordered to return to this office within the next few days, after her release by the Chicago Police Department.

It is observed that on January 21, 1935, the Division was advised by teletype of the release of Mildred Clark, alias Mildred Kuhlman, and Ruth Heidt, together with the information that both of these girls will keep in touch with the Chicago Division Office and that Clara Gibson would be turned over to the Chicago Police Department on January 22, 1935.

On January 17, 1935, Bolton and Farmer signed a waiver of removal proceedings and willingly agreed to accompany Agents to the

St. Paul Office in order that they might testify before the Federal Grand Jury. A similar waiver of similar proceedings was signed by Harold Allderton on January 18, 1935, and on January 20, 1935, Bolton, Farmer, and Allderton were removed to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following is the personal description of Elmer Farmer:

Age: Forty-one
 Height: Five feet nine and a half inches
 Weight: One hundred eighty-five pounds
 Build: Medium
 Complexion: Ruddy
 Hair: Gray
 Eyes: Blue
 Nationality: American
 Place of birth: Prairie DuChien, Wisconsin
 Residence: Bensenville, Illinois
 Marks and scars: One inch scar on right side of neck
 Criminal record: Farmer admitted that he was arrested by the Chicago Police Dept. in 1915 on the charge of burglary; that he was tried and sentenced to serve one to twenty years in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois; that his number there was 5779, and that he served two years of this sentence.

Date of arrest: January 16, 1935.

The following is the personal description of Harold Allderton:

Age: Thirty-seven
 Height: Five feet eight inches
 Weight: One hundred thirty-two pounds
 Build: Slender
 Complexion: Medium
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Blue
 Wears: Mustache
 Residence: 1215 East Jefferson Street, Kokomo, Ind.
 Nationality: American
 Date of arrest: January 17, 1935

Criminal records:

Alderton admitted his own criminal record is as follows:

Arrested S.O., Marion, Ind., in 1925, charge alimony and non-support, disposition to pay \$5.00 a week.

Arrested S.O., Bensenville, Ill., 1927, charge alimony and non-support, disposition to pay \$5.00 a week.

Arrested S.O., Wheaton, Ill., Jan. 1927, charge in gambling raid, disposition released.

On January 14, 1955, Arthur R. Barker was interviewed by Special Agent K. R. McIntire at the Chicago Division Office. He refused to divulge any facts with regard to his activities for the past several years and denied any knowledge of the Bremer case.

In view of the fact that a machine gun was found in his apartment at the time of his arrest with the serial numbers drilled off, he was questioned as to where he secured this machine gun. He admitted that the machine gun belonged to him and that he had previously purchased it from an individual, whose name and identity he refused to disclose, in Chicago about a year ago. At no time did he deny knowledge of the machine gun being in his apartment and at no time did he allege that the machine gun was the property of another. He declined to state in what manner he drilled the serial numbers from the gun.

He was also questioned with regard to the Browning automatic rifles which were found in the apartment of Russell Gibson, deceased. He did not claim ownership of these guns but alleged that he purchased said guns through the same source in Chicago, Illinois, that he purchased the machine gun.

He would furnish no other information as to the purchase of bullet proof vests or ammunition or other weapons.

This was substantially the only information that could be secured from Barker.

The following investigation was conducted at Bensenville, Illinois on January 24th, 1935 by Special Agents W. C. Ryan and R. G. Gillespie:

It is to be noted from the statement of Victim Bremer that while he was being held by his kidnapers he noted that the siren in the town in which he was being held blew on what he thought was the second Sunday of his captivity and that it blew several short blasts, evidently for a fire. In this connection Agents interviewed George Boldebuck, Assistant Fire Chief, 152 North Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois, Mr. George Korthauer, the Fire Chief, not being available at the time. Mr. Boldebuck secured the records of the fires and alarms at Bensenville. From this record it was noted that between the dates of December 26th, 1933 and February 17th, 1934, only one fire occurred in Bensenville; that this fire was on January 29th, 1934, which was a Monday, at 12:30 P. M. The record indicates that the siren was blown at this time; that the fire was in a two-story frame residence, used as a roadhouse, on County Line road. This place is owned by Frank Waskicnik, 2915 South 49th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois and was at the time occupied by the caretaker, Stanley Sobeski.

The fire engine responded to this fire and according to Mr. Boldebuck it must have blown its siren in doing so as it does on all occasions when going to fires. This fire resulted in the complete demolition of the roadhouse. Mr. Boldebuck further said that in responding to this fire he recalls that the engine proceeded down York Street to Green Street and then east a distance of about a mile to the County Line road. Since this is the case, the engine must have passed directly in front of the hideout house at 180 May Street. The fire records for the town of Bensenville are kept by and are in the custody of W. A. Ernsting, 170 Mason Street, Bensenville, Illinois, who would be the proper person to testify to these records.

While in Bensenville, Agents also interviewed Michael B. O'Connor, who, according to James Farmer, was working as the barkeep in Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville during the first part of 1934. It was thought that possibly Mr. O'Connor could identify some of the Subjects of this case as having been in the vicinity of Bensenville during the kidnap period.

O'Connor stated that he came to Bensenville on October 20th, 1928 and went to work for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as a brakeman and that he is still on the rolls at the roundhouse in Bensenville and has, for the past several years, worked off and on for the Railroad Company. He advised that from July, 1933 to December 18th, 1933 he was employed as a barkeep at Elmer's Tavern; that on the latter date he left Elmer's Tavern to make preparations for a trip to Denver, Colorado; that on December 29th, 1933 he went to Denver where he visited his sisters and returned to Bensenville on February 18th, 1934; that he then went to

work at the Tavern again and worked there up until two weeks ago. He said that he has been contemplating for the past several weeks making another trip to Denver, Colorado.

Mr. O'Connor stated that he did not know many of the friends of Elmer Farmer, but was acquainted with Harold Allerton; that during the time he was in the employ of the Tavern he does not recall ever having seen any suspicious persons thereabouts. He was shown the photographs of the various members of the Karpis-Barker Gang but could not identify any of them as persons having been seen at any time by him.

O'Connor further stated that during December, January and February, 1933-34, E. J. Garvey replaced him as barkeep at Elmer's Tavern; that Garvey is presently located in Manly, Iowa and is living there with his sister, Mrs. Duclos; that Garvey went to Iowa in about October, 1934.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents W.C. Ryan and T.M. McDade on January 22 and 23, 1935. Attention is called to the statement of Harold Allderton, in which he states that he purchased groceries a number of times while Bremer was being held captive, at Manneback's Grocery Store in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Agents interviewed Mr. E.V. Long, Manager of Manneback's Foods Store, 124 N. York Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, with reference to Allderton's purchases there. Mr. Long stated that after viewing a picture of Allderton that he recalled seeing this individual in the store some time ago, but could not place any definite period during which he dealt at this place. He stated that he, himself had never waited on this individual. Mr. Long also stated that he did not recall seeing Elmer Farmer, whose picture was exhibited to him, in the store, nor did he remember having seen an individual in any way answering the description of Arthur "Doc" Barker at any time.

There are approximately 12 clerks employed in Manneback's Store. Mr. Long exhibited the photographs of Allderton, Farmer and "Doc" Barker to each of the employees, with the result that Walter Rehr, meat clerk, and C. Bogart, grocery clerk, identified the photograph of Allderton as an individual who had dealt at his store approximately a year ago. Mr. Bogart stated that he recalls Allderton having made numerous purchases in the store over what he thought was a period of maybe 3 or 4 months; that he would come into the store on an average of 2 or 3 times a week, and that it was usually late in the evening, near closing time; that the reason he particularly remembers Allderton is that Allderton had a nasty disposition, and was always a hard customer to wait on. Bogart could not place any certain time at which Allderton frequented the store, but stated that it must have been almost a year since he had been in to make purchases. He could not recall any particular purchases made by Allderton, but stated that he usually bought about \$3.00 or \$4.00 worth of groceries.

Mr. Rehr, the meat clerk stated that he also recalled Allderton having dealt in the store approximately a year ago; that he particularly remembers him through the fact that Allderton would make all his other purchases in the store before coming to the meat counter, and that most of the occasions on which he made these meat purchases were at a time when the meat counter should have been closed.

Rehr also stated he remembers that Allderton had a mean disposition, and was constantly complaining about something or other. He could not recall any particular purchases made by Allderton, but he did remember that Allderton usually bought quite a supply of provisions. He could not place Allderton's visit to the store within any particular dates.

In his statement, Allderton said that he purchased gauze, bandages, at the Rexall Drug Store in Elmhurst on several occasions. Investigation at Elmhurst discloses that there is no Rexall drug store located here, and there has been none for 5 years. There are five drug stores in Elmhurst, and none of these handle Rexall goods.

Allderton also related in his statement that he made other purchases of groceries while Bremer was in custody at the Atlantic and Pacific Tea store, the National Tea Company, and Lauman's store in Bensenville, Illinois.

At the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, W.H. Daley, Manager, was interviewed. He stated that Harold Allderton is known to him, he having made purchases in his store; that as he recalls Allderton only made small purchases; that he was also acquainted with Allderton's mother, and that occasionally she would come to the store and make purchases. Daley stated that he could recall no period at which Allderton made any unusual amount of purchases. He also said that Elmer Farmer was not a customer of his, and very rarely came to the store. Mr. Daley was also exhibited the photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker, and could not identify it as anyone whom he had seen.

Fred Kahle, assistant to Mr. Daley, was also interviewed but he could furnish no information other than that furnished by Mr. Daley.

At Lauman's store, Mr. Walter Lauman was interviewed, and he advised that Harold Allderton dealt at his store for approximately 6 or 7 years; that he had noticed no unusual change in Allderton's purchases at any time during the period Allderton resided in Bensenville; that most of his purchases were small, and that he always paid for them in cash. Lauman stated that Elmer Farmer

did not at any time deal at his store; that he was acquainted with Jim Farmer, brother of Elmer Farmer, and that Jim Farmer's wife with whom Elmer Farmer lives, used to deal at his store, and she apparently was the only one at that house who ordinarily made purchases of groceries. Lauman was exhibited the photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker, but could not recall of ever having seen this individual.

At the National Tea Company in Bensenville, it was ascertained that the present manager of this store has been there only since August, 1934, but that Miss Esther Bollman, grocery clerk, and Charles Wilkes, meat clerk, had been there for a period of several years. Neither of these individuals could recall Allderton having made any purchases in the store. Miss Bollman stated that she knew Allderton by sight from seeing him around town; that she also knew Elmer Farmer from seeing him on the streets of Bensenville, but neither of these parties was a customer of hers; that she never sold them any groceries. Mr. Wilkes stated that he is a resident of DesPlaines, Illinois, and that he does not recall of ever having seen either Allderton or Farmer, and does not know them. Neither of these parties could identify the photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker as any person they had seen.

Mrs. Clarence Yorke, who was manager of the National Tea Company store during the period of Bremer's kidnaping, was located, living at 83 West Green Street, Bensenville, Illinois. Upon interview she stated that Harold Allderton was an occasional purchaser at the National Tea Store, but that she does not recall Elmer Farmer ever having made any purchases there. She stated that she does not recall Allderton having made any other than small purchases, and does not know that he made any unusual amount of purchases during January, 1934. She could not identify the photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker as anyone who had made purchases at her store.

It is further noted in the statement of Harold Allderton that he advised that during the period of Bremer's captivity, a friend of his, Lynn Corkhill paid him a visit for a few minutes, but that Corkhill saw no one but him, Allderton. It was ascertained that the correct spelling of this individual's name is Lynn Corkhill, and that he is presently employed as a switchman for the Milwaukee Railroad at Bensenville, Illinois.

Corkill was interviewed at his place of employment, and he advised that he is presently residing at 109 Wood Street, Bensenville, and that he receives his mail at post office box 254. Corkill stated that he has known Allderton for approximately 11 years; that he met Allderton during the year 1923, having worked with him at that time checking stock for the Milwaukee Railroad at Bensenville; that he associated with Allderton off and on during the entire period that Allderton was residing at Bensenville. Corkill said that from November, 1929 to March, 1930, he lived with Allderton and Allderton's mother at 180 May Street in Bensenville, and occupied the north bedroom, the one in which he had been informed Bremer was held; that at the time he occupied this room it contained only a bed, dresser and chair; that the bed was located in the northwest corner of the room.

Corkill further advised that about 7 or 8 years ago, Harold Allderton worked for one Harold Conliff in a speakeasy operated by Conliff at the Social Hall in Bensenville; that Conliff was later being sought for the kidnaping of one Gaynor, a garage man in Oak Park, and that about 3 years ago, Conliff disappeared, and was supposed to have been killed; that Conliff's car was found near the drainage canal in Chicago with Conliff's necktie in it. Corkill also said that he knew Fred Goetz by sight from seeing him around Bensenville; that about 5 or 6 years ago, Goetz, who was known generally as George, hung around the Raymond Hotel, Bensenville, and was reputed to be a bank robber; that he also saw Goetz later hanging around Elmer's tavern in Bensenville, but that he has not seen him in or around town for over 3 years.

With reference to his visit to Allderton's home during January, 1934, Corkill advised that some time around the first of January, 1934, Allderton's mother left Bensenville, and was gone for approximately 3 months; that at the time his mother left, Harold Allderton was suffering with a severe cold, and he, Corkill, knowing that Allderton's mother was gone, and that Allderton was alone, became solicitous of his welfare and decided to go to see him, and find out if he could be of any assistance. He stated that he went to Allderton's home at 180 May Street on two or three occasions, but found no one at home, and that on about his fourth trip there, he found Harold Allderton at home alone in the kitchen; that he visited

with Allderton for about 5 minutes on this occasion and found that Allderton was all right. Corkill stated that he did not see anyone else at the house, but that he felt there must have been someone else there due to the fact that the kitchen table was filled with dishes, and it appeared that three persons had just finished eating. He advised that the door between the living room and the kitchen was kept closed during the time he was with Allderton, and that Allderton did not appear to be nervous or anxious to get rid of him, nor did Allderton mention anything about having anyone at the house with him, although he, Corkill, thought that he heard someone in the living room.

With reference to the food which was on the table at the time of his visit, Corkill stated that it appeared that Allderton and his company had been eating steaks, which fact he thought was a little unusual due to the fact that Allderton was ordinarily an extremely light eater. Corkill also stated that he was acquainted with Elmer Farmer through the fact that he, Corkill, visited Elmer's Tavern on occasions. He stated that he did not know any of the friends of Elmer Farmer, and upon being exhibited photographs of the various members of the Karpis and Barker gang, he could identify only the photograph of Fred Goetz as a party seen by him at any time in Bensenville. Corkill also advised that Jim Farmer, brother of Elmer Farmer, is an individual who keeps mostly to himself, and to his knowledge would not be acquainted with any of the friends of Elmer Farmer.

While at Bensenville, Agents conducted the following additional investigation:

James Farmer, brother of Elmer Farmer, was interviewed at Elmer's Tavern and questioned concerning any information he might have relative to the members of the Karpis Barker gang having been patrons of the tavern during the period of Bremer's captivity, or at any other time. James Farmer stated that up until about April 1, 1934, he operated a lunch room located two doors west of Elmer's tavern; that up until this time he spent most of his time in the lunch room and frequented the tavern on only a few occasions; that for this reason he was not acquainted with many of the patrons of the tavern nor with occasional visitors there. He advised that

his brother, Elmer, did not at any time take him into his confidence with reference to being associated with or acquainted with members of the under-world; that no mention had ever been made to him by his brother concerning the events of January, 1934, and that his brother did not at any time around this period, to his recollection, appear to be unduly excited or worried, nor did he after this period appear to have any unusual amount of money. He stated that he would be anxious to help his brother in any way that he could, and advised that in the event any of the outstanding members of the Karpis Barker gang, who were at large, should visit his tavern, he would be willing to endeavor to obtain the license numbers of any cars driven by them, and to advise the Chicago Division office.

James Farmer was exhibited photographs of all the members of the Karpis Barker gang and their associates, but he could not identify any of them as parties having been seen by him at any time. He stated that he has a sister, Mrs. Blanche Braybrandt living at Elmhurst, Illinois, but that he is certain she would have no information concerning Elmer Farmer's associates.

With reference to the persons employed at Elmer's Tavern during the first part of January, 1934, James Farmer advised that Henry Garcon, who is presently employed at the tavern as a bartender, and who lives in a room at the tavern, was working there at the time, and that there was another bartender by the name of Mike O'Connor, who was tending bar at the time of Bremer's captivity; that O'Connor is presently residing with Charley Schwartzingler on Grace Street in Bensenville, and is no longer employed at the tavern.

Agent interviewed Henry Garcon and exhibited to him photographs of the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but Garcon stated that he could not identify any of them as parties having at any time been seen by him at the tavern.

Efforts by Agents to locate Mike O'Connor at home at the time of this investigation were unsuccessful, and he will be interviewed at a later date.

The following investigation was conducted in the neighborhood of the hideout at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois.

It was ascertained through inquiry that the small tar-papered shack immediately adjacent to 180 May Street was not occupied at the time of the Bremer activities.

Mrs. H. Crager, 182 South May Street, which is the next house on May Street to the tar-papered shack, was interviewed, and she advised that the news that the Allderton residence had been used as a hideout for Bremer was a great surprise to her; that she did not during the time of Bremer's captivity, notice any unusual activity at Allderton's home, nor did she notice any strange cars or persons there. She could recall no incidents whatsoever, which would have caused her to be suspicious at any time of Allderton, nor could she identify the photograph of any of the members of the Karpis Bakker gang as a party seen by her in the neighborhood. She stated that although she did not know definitely, it was rumored that Allderton was at one time or another engaged in the bootlegging business.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gorlo, 184 May Street were interviewed, and they could furnish no information of value, although Mrs. Gorlo stated that she used to on occasions clean the house for Mrs. Allderton, but that she did not clean it during the month of January, 1934, although she does recall that she cleaned the house sometime during February, 1934, and that the only thing she remembers in particular is that there were quite a number of cigarette butts around. She stated that sometime around the first of the year, 1934, Harold Allderton gave her quite a bundle of laundry to iron; that this laundry amounted to about 25 lb., and consisted mostly of bed linens, towels, etc; that after she had ironed these clothes, she happened to see Allderton near his house and told him that the laundry was ready, and that she would bring it over to him, but he stated that he would go over with her and get the laundry, which he did. She stated that this might have been during the time Bremer was held there, but she could not definitely say that it was. She stated that she does recall that Mrs. Allderton was not at home at the time of this incident; that she had been gone for several weeks, and did not return until sometime after.

The following other persons who reside in the neighborhood, and whose homes are close to the Allderton residence, were interviewed, but no information of value was obtained from them:

Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Sullivan, 188 E. May Street,
 Mrs. Clarence Waldron, 183 S. York Street,
 which residence is directly in the rear of
 180 May Street.
 Mrs. LaVern Smethurst, 830 South Center Street,
 who during the period from August, 1933, to
 April, 1934, occupied the upper floor of 183
 South York Street.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Waschkam, 9 E. Green Street,
 which house faces 180 May Street on the north.

None of the above persons could furnish any information except that they knew Harold Allderton and his mother, but did not notice any unusual activity during the period of the Bremer kidnaping.

Disposition sheets are being attached to copies of this report to the Division as to Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The offices receiving copies of this report are requested to examine carefully same for any leads outstanding in their districts.

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