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HERVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Surveillance of house occupied by Harry Q. Stanley, 306 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, being conducted by Division Agents. Information obtained through investigation there and in Kansas City set out. Further inquiries at Belton, Missouri, relative to possible whereabouts of Volney Davis and Edna Murray presently unavailing, but strict watch still being maintained at the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri, for appearance of 1934 Pontiac Sedan Motor No. 1058715, purported to be owned by one Grace R. Hansen. Comparison of latter's handwriting with that of Edna Murray, alias Edna Price, discloses several similarities. List of correspondents of Charles Carroll, with aliases, obtained from files at Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. File entitled Rex Reisher, with aliases, et al, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, Kansas City File 31-1862, reviewed in attempt to locate Doris O'Connor; efforts presently unproductive. Extensive inquiry conducted this District relative to Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Clyde Nimerick, Wynona and Arthur Burdette and Myrtle Eaton and other members and associates of the Karpis-Barker gang. Informant Coffeyville, Kansas, suggests possible contacts for Jess Doyle. Disposition first three arrests William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, forwarded to Division. J. Bates apprehended Kansas City, Missouri, by Division Agents 1-19-35, but found to be not identical with any of Subjects in instant case; released from Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, 1-26-35 on authority of the County Attorney at Grand Island, Nebraska. Chiefs of Police this District supplied with information relative recent escape Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from Atlantic City, New Jersey; hospitals also notified. Surveillance of all contacts to George R. Barker, father of Subjects Barkers, is being maintained.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City,
January 4, 1935.

DETAILS:

In connection with the reference report, it is noted that Harry C. Stanley, brother of Edna Murray, the woman companion of Volney Davis, has been residing at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, at which place a strict surveillance is being conducted at the present time by Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and D. A. Bryce of the Kansas City Division office, for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, information which might lead to the detection and apprehension of Volney Davis and Edna Murray, and possibly other Subjects in this case.

On January 11, 1935, contact was made with T. Stowers of the Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg, Kansas, in the hope that further facts might be forthcoming relative to any recent activity at Stanley's address. Agents were informed, however, that nothing unusual had taken place since their last visit, and thereafter intermittent watch was maintained over the above named premises. On that date, the Buick car belonging to Harry C. Stanley was the only car observed at or near his residence.

On the morning of January 12, 1935, [redacted] advised that two weeks before, a Pontiac Sedan had driven into the premises at 206 East Adams Street and had parked near Stanley's garage. At that time, [redacted] was busily engaged, but he immediately attempted to reach Agents located at the Besse Hotel and failing in that he did call T. Stowers of the Pittsburg Police Department. - It will be noted here that this is the same car mentioned in the reference report as the one purported to be owned by one Grace R. Hansen, with given address as Belton, Missouri. Full facts relative to prior activities of these people are contained at length in the reference report and will be further reported hereafter in this report. [redacted] have attempted to keep a close watch over any automobiles and persons in them arriving at the above residence, [redacted] adding that on 1-5-35, Stanley [redacted]

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that he and Mrs. Stanley would be gone for a few days to the home of his mother near Baxter Springs; at that time, Stanley also mentioned that his mother was receiving his pension check from the government. The Stanleys were absent for three or four days and then returned to 206 East Adams Street. In connection with the matter of Stanley receiving compensation checks from the Veterans Administration, inquiries were made at Baxter Springs on 1-13-35, but no information of value was obtained. The police officials there furnished the names of five families named Stanley living in that vicinity, but it could not be established at that time whether or not they were related to Harry C. Stanley. The Stanleys located at Baxter Springs are:

Charles C. Stanley, West 11th Street, (located along side the railroad tracks).

Mrs. E. C. Black, Box No. 154, Route No. 8. (Mrs. Black was formerly a Stanley.)

Nathan Stanley, West 15th Street, (northeast corner of Wyandotte and West 15th Street.)

The Pontiac mentioned above which had been observed by some two weeks prior to the Agents' visit was subsequently checked and found to be identical with that mentioned in the reference report, where the investigation by the Kansas City Division office at Belton, Missouri, is set out in full. It will be noted by referring to page four of the reference report that this car is described as a 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 1058715, having 1934 Missouri Registration No. 585-284.

On 1-14-35 again called the Agents at the Hesse Hotel, who advised that there was a strange car at the Stanley residence, 206 East Adams Street, and added in explanation that a new looking Buick with two men in it had driven up to the front of Stanley's residence a short time before, and that both men had entered the house and remained there for about an hour, one of the men was described as being

About 30 years of age
5 ft. 11 in. in height
medium build;

the other man was described as being:

About 27 years of age
5 ft. 8 in. in height
heavy set.

After remaining in the Stanley home for about an hour, the two men left, but before their actual departure, Stanley had come out on the

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porch, and the taller of the two men returned to the edge of the porch and shook his finger at Stanley. The car observed [redacted] at that time bore 1934 Kansas Registration 3-4199.

The Kansas State Motor Vehicle Department was called by long distance telephone, and Agent was advised that 1934 Registration 3-4199 had been issued to E. A. Connely, Apartment 106, Senate Apartments, Topeka, Kansas, for a 1933 Buick Victoria Coupe, Motor Number 2859926, Serial Number 2704849; that this registration had been issued January 22, 1934, and no report was on file indicating that it had been stolen. - In a further attempt to determine the identity of the holder of such registration, investigation by Special Agent Martin Kremer of the Kansas City office at Topeka, Kansas, disclosed that no mail had been delivered to Apartment 106 at the Senate Apartments, which is situated at 9th and Tyler Streets, Topeka, Kansas, for E. A. Connely during the past year. The present occupant of Apartment 106 was found to be A. Spouse, who had been living at the above address for approximately six weeks. The mail carrier's records show that Connely had moved to Miami, Oklahoma, on 1-24-34, and that Connely had directed that all mail be delivered to General Delivery, Miami, Oklahoma. The following data were checked with the records of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner's office at Topeka, Kansas:

Kansas 1934 License No. 3-4199.
1933 Buick Victoria Sedan.
Motor Number 2859926.
Serial No. 2704849.

The files further reflected that the above license was issued in the name of E. A. Connely at the above address on 1-22-34. - It should be noted here that this was two days prior to the day on which Connely moved, according to the mail carrier's records.

Inquiries at the Sheriff's office and at the Police Department in Topeka failed to disclose any further information in respect to Connely.

It was further determined that the party who rented the apartment occupied by Connely had used the name J. S. Blakeley, and that the apartment had been rented on 1-16-34. As reference, Blakeley furnished the name of the Jones-O'Neil Shoe Company, Topeka, Kansas. - [redacted]

[redacted] list one E. A. Connely as being employed by the Brown Shoe Company and show his address as Salina, Kansas. However, investigation at the Jones-O'Neil Shoe Company developed the information that no one named Connely or Blakeley had ever been employed by that concern. Consequently, it appears evident that the individual in possession of the Buick Victoria Coupe bearing Kansas 1934 License No. 3-4199 has in

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the past spoken falsely regarding his place of employment and has used an alias. Consequently, in view of the contact made with relatives of Volney Davis, namely, the Stanleys, it is believed highly desirable to ascertain all possible information regarding this individual. Accordingly, a request is being made of the Oklahoma City office to make appropriate inquiries through the post office and other sources of information at Miami, Oklahoma. - It will be noted here that this request has already been made by letter from the Kansas City Division office to the Oklahoma City office under date of January 26, 1935.

On the evening of January 24th, Special Agent D. A. Bryce was called by [redacted] and was informed that two men had just arrived at the home of Harry C. Stanley. This call was at approximately 5:30 p.m. and the two men, [redacted], had just appeared at Stanley's address on foot with one of them carrying a box similar to a cardboard suit box. After remaining in 206 East Adams Street for a short time, the two strangers entered the Buick owned by Stanley and went to the home of W. H. Boyce, where they remained until 6:30 p.m., at which time they again returned to 206 East Adams Street; it will be recalled at this point, that W. H. Boyce, residing R. F. D. No. 2, Pittsburg, Kansas, is the father-in-law of Harry Stanley, which facts are set out more fully in report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-17-34, particularly, on pages four and five. - Shortly after the return of these two men, Mrs. Stanley [redacted] had requested additional bed covering, stating that she had company that was staying over night, and adding that one of her visitors was Mr. Stanley's brother. - Surveillance was maintained, consequently, at the Stanley home on January 25th for approximately four hours, between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., at which time, the two strange men left. - During that time, discreet inquiries made by [redacted] resulted in the information that the two men had arrived in Pittsburg from St. Louis, and that they intended to leave sometime the same day at 11 a.m. The two men left with Harry Stanley in his Buick; they drove to the Moore and Tenny Garage, located on South Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas, and shortly thereafter left in a black 1934 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1935 Missouri License No. 37-318. At this time, i.e., the time of their departure, in the latter mentioned car, Stanley did not accompany them. The automobile had a spare tire cover on which was a white and red sign bearing the name "CARL FARLEY, IMAHIA AND BORGES, TEXAS." The men drove north on Highway No. 73 E and stopped at Franklin, Kansas, to fill the gas tank, and then proceeded on 73 E north to Ft. Scott, Kansas, and left on Highway No. 54. When they reached Iola, Kansas, they stopped to eat and again proceeded west on Highway 54 as far as Eldorado, Kansas. During the trip described above, the Agents remained about one-half mile behind the car, except when entering the towns, at which time the distance was reduced to about one city block. However, at Eldorado, Kansas, due to the heavy traffic, at about 4:30 p.m., the Chevrolet car disappeared from view. - With the hope of again locating the car, if it had remained in Eldorado, the assistance of

the Chief of Police had and a thorough check was made of all streets in the town, but no trace of the car was found. No mention of the parties in the car was made to the authorities at Eldorado; and the highways were checked by the police at Eldorado as far as Wichita, Kansas. The two men observed by the Agents during the time they followed them from Pittsburg, Kansas, to Eldorado, Kansas, are described as follows:

No. 1:

About 25 years old
5 feet eight inches in height
Weight 150 pounds
Light hair
Fair complexion
Well dressed - wearing a long black overcoat and a derby hat
Slender build

No. 2:

About 32 years of age
About 5 ft. 9 in. in height
Weight about 170 pounds
Sandy hair
Ruddy complexion
Stocky build
Well dressed - wearing a black overcoat;
Dark soft hat;
Brown suit.

It should also be noted here that [redacted] stated that the person described as No. 2 resembled the party who had been seen previously at the Stanley home on January 14th, as is set out above, having arrived at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, in the Buick car bearing 1934 Kansas Registration 3-4199.

In connection with the above, an immediate check was made, both at the office of the Secretary of State at Kansas City, Missouri, and Jefferson City, Missouri, resulting in the information that 1935 Missouri License No. 37-618 had been issued to one P. L. Paden, 3830 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on 1-15-1935, for a Chevrolet Standard Coupe, 1933 model, Motor Number K-14155. It was further ascertained by appropriate inquiries that the car had been purchased from the Sight Bros. Motor Company at 3201 Gillham Plaza on 1-15-35. The State of Missouri, Title Number for this car was found to be 421317; the records further indicating that there had

been no prior registration for this automobile in the State of Missouri. Accordingly, further investigation in this connection was conducted by the writer at the Sight Bros. Motor Company, 3201 Gillham Plaza, where it was learned that P. L. Paden on 1-15-35 had purchased the above mentioned car, paying \$326.63 in cash and giving his address as 3830 Main Street; the serial number on this car was 5C003-2023. At this address, Mr. A. W. Stowers, Used Car Manager, and Mr. A. Mura, the salesman who had sold the car in this instance, were interviewed at length, and various photographs of the subjects in this case and their associates, were exhibited, but no identification of any kind was effected. For practical purposes, it might be stated that Mr. Mura, the salesman, was the only one who was in a position to record in any accurate way the description of Paden, and he stated that the latter did not resemble in any way photographs of the persons shown to him. Paden had made only two or three appearances at the Used Car Department of the above motor company, and had stated, parenthetically, that in purchasing this car, he was exhausting the funds at his command, and that he had come from Raytown, Missouri, recently. Aside from these vague details, Mura had no further information to offer, except to give the following description:

21-25 years old;
about 5 ft. 6 in.;
about 135 pounds;
very neat dresser;
light hair;
light complexion;
very slender build.

Inquiries were immediately made at the address given by Paden, namely, 3830 Main Street, where it was discovered that on 1-15-35, he had registered at the Colonial Hotel, which address is 3830-A, Kansas City, Missouri, where he had rented Room 8 at \$3.50 a week. At this address, Mrs. Anna Collier, proprietress of the Colonial Hotel, was interviewed and supplied the following information:

That after renting the above room, Paden had stated to her that he would be gone for a couple of days, but he paid for a week's rent in advance. He again appeared on 1-22-35, paid for another week's rent in advance and was not again seen by Mrs. Collier until about the 24th of January; however, prior to that time, she stated, on two occasions, she had noticed another person present, who was staying in Room 8; that this person, upon being asked, stated that he was a friend of Paden and had simply stayed in his place on two nights; that on the 24th of January, both persons again contacted Mrs. Collier and stated that they were leaving, would be gone for eight or ten days, and in all probability would return to 3830-A Main Street. Mrs. Collier's description of the man known as Paden tallied almost exactly with that supplied by Mr. Mura of the Sight Bros. Motor Company, except

that she stated that Paden had said he was twenty-one years old and, from her observation, he seemed to weigh about 130 pounds, acted very nervous and seemed to be a rather heavy drinker.

The other man mentioned above was described by Mrs. Collier as being

About 35 years old

5 ft. 6 in.

160 pounds

Heavy build.

The registration card which Paden had filled out at the time he first applied at the Colonial Hotel was secured by the writer, upon which appears his signature written by his own hand. This is being held at the present time in the files of the Kansas City Division office. Mrs. Collier seemed to be reliable in every respect and expressed her willingness to immediately notify the Kansas City Division office when either of the above described individuals again put in an appearance at the Colonial Hotel.

It seems quite likely that the two persons indicated above are identical with those observed by Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and D. A. Bryce at the Stanley residence in Pittsburg, Kansas, and subsequently during the trip from Pittsburg to Eldorado, Kansas. Further investigation will be conducted at the Colonial Hotel, and the first bit of information obtained indicating that the above persons, or either of them, may have returned to 3830 A Main Street will be immediately acted upon by this office.

By reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-4-35, particularly on pages four and five, it will be noted that inquiries have been made both at the post office and city marshal's office in Belton, Missouri, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the identity of Grace R. Hansen, purported to be the owner of 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 1058715, which car, as is set out above in this report, was observed at the residence of Harry E. Stanley in Pittsburg, Kansas; and, on 1-7-35, attempts were made to elicit further information in this regard by contacting the postmaster, Mr. Gochmeyer, the city marshal, Mr. W. H. Thompson, and Fred Burkhart, Cashier of the Citizens Bank, all located at Belton, Missouri. - It will be noted by referring to the above mentioned report, that these individuals have expressed their willingness to cooperate with this office in determining the exact identity of Grace R. Hansen, but as yet have been unable to offer any information in this regard.

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Mr. Gochsauer, upon being interviewed on the above date, stated again that no mail had been received at Box 102, which had previously been sent by a man giving his name as Hansen, nor had he again put in an appearance. Mr. Gochsauer further advised that any mail which might be forthcoming would now be placed in the General Delivery Section, inasmuch as the rent for the post office box had only been paid up to the first of January.

Mr. H. H. Thompson, the City Marshal, as well as Mr. Burkhardt of the Citizens Bank at Belton, Missouri, also stated, upon interview, that they had absolutely nothing further to offer in regard to this matter, Thompson stating that the only possible description he could give was as follows:

Between 25 and 30 years old.

150 pounds

5 ft. 10 in.

Fair complexion

Blue eyes

Medium slender build

Very well dressed.

From the circumstances surrounding the obtaining of a Belton, Missouri, city license by Hansen, which fact is set out in full on page five of reference report, it appeared evident, according to H. H. Thompson, that the Applicant for such a license was simply trying to obscure his identity, inasmuch as inquiries that Thompson and others had made since the first visit of the writer has developed the fact that no one in the town, or the vicinity of Belton knew, or has ever heard of a G. R. Hansen. Furthermore, inquiries made of Deputy Sheriff H. C. Mc Anally and several other reputable citizens of Belton, Missouri, resulted in the finding that no one by that name had ever been known to live there.

All of the above mentioned individuals promised to keep a sharp lookout for the 1934 Pontiac and for any persons they might observe as not being residents of Belton, Missouri. At the present writing, it has been determined through telephonic communication with the postmaster, city marshal and others at Belton, Missouri, that no further facts relative to Hansen have come in to their hands. However, a strict watch will be continued by the Kansas City Division office on any happenings which might occur in that vicinity. In the same connection, periodic contact has been maintained with the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri, at which place the above mentioned Pontiac Sedan, 1934 Missouri License No. 585-264, was purchased by Grace R. Hansen.

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By reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-4-35, it will be noted that on several occasions a woman giving her name as Grace R. Hansen has brought in the above mentioned automobile for servicing, and that on each occasion there was every indication that the car had been driven very hard. Consequently, appropriate arrangements have been made so that this office will be immediately notified as soon as the car is again brought in for any adjustment whatsoever.

Mr. G. E. Douglas, Sales-manager of the above company, as well as every individual who will be in any position to know when the car is brought back, has promised to cooperate fully in this regard. Consequently, upon receipt of any information that this Pontiac car is again at the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, appropriate steps will be taken to determine the identity of its owner. - It will be noted that on 1-4-35, a complete record of the services performed on this car, together with its corresponding mileage, was obtained by the writer and is being kept in the Kansas City Division office files. - When checking the registration in the office of the Secretary of State in Jefferson City, Missouri, a certified photostatic copy of Certificate of Missouri Title for Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 1058715, carrying the owner of such car as one Grace R. Hansen, was obtained. This certificate of title bore what purports to be the original signature of Grace R. Hansen, and under date of 1-18-35, the same was transmitted to the Division for purpose of comparison with the specimen of the handwriting in the form of a signature of Edna Murray under her alias Edna Price. - Referring to Division letter to this office under date of 1-26-35, the Division advises that a comparison of the handwriting appearing on the above mentioned photostatic copy with that of Edna Murray, alias Edna Price, discloses several similarities. Consequently, although no positive identification of photographs has been made, either by officials of the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, or by the persons mentioned above, residing at Belton, Missouri, appropriate steps will be taken as soon as possible to accurately establish the identity of the owner of this car.

Reference is made at this point to the reports of Special Agent B. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 5, 1934, December 3, 1934, and December 21, 1934, in respect to Charles Carroll, with aliases. It will be recalled, by reference to the above reports, that a Division abstract of the criminal record of Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter, No. 30222, was found on the premises of 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. - Inasmuch as it was ascertained from this record that Carroll had once been incarcerated at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, an investigation at that institution was conducted on 1-4-35 by Special Agent R. G. Reed of the Kansas City Division office, with the following results:

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Carroll was incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary because of his escape from a cell at the Kansas Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, on March 8, 1929, in company with Larry O'Keefe, K. S. I. N. #7108, George Hill, K. S. I. N. #6297, and Alvin Karpis, K. S. I. N. #7071.

The photograph of Carroll taken at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, as well as one taken at the Kansas State Penitentiary, has been obtained, and these photographs are being retained in the Kansas City Division office file.

Attention is directed to reports of Special Agent J. M. Mc Grath, dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, 12-20-34 and 1-15-35, and to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, 1-4-35, on page two, in respect to Rex Reisner, with aliases, a former associate of Doris O'Connor. - As was indicated in the latter report, a complete review of the file entitled Rex Reisner, with aliases, et al, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, Kansas City File No. 51-1862, has been conducted by the writer in the attempt to locate, if possible, Reisner, or any of his associates, so that appropriate inquiries can be made looking to the apprehension of Doris O'Connor. The Kansas City address of Reisner, Subject in the above mentioned White Slave Traffic Act case, is given as 2412 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which is now vacant. Also, a complete survey of the places where his associates were residing in Kansas City at that time has disclosed that practically all of them have since moved, leaving no forwarding addresses. However, it has been determined that one Mrs. J. C. Nelson, now residing at 2636 Paseo Street, was at the time of the investigation in the above mentioned White Slave case cognizant of many of Reisner's activities. Accordingly, attempts are being made at the present time to locate and interview her for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, information which might lead to the location of Reisner. - With reference to the report of Special Agent J. M. Mc Grath, wherein the address of Reisner's father, Edward L. Reisner, is given as 8000 Independence Road, Kansas City, attempts were made to locate this person, both at the above address and at other places set out in the Kansas City File No. 51-1862. From the results obtained, however, it has been determined that the Reisners have long past departed from the above address on Independence Road, leaving no forwarding address, and, at the present time, their whereabouts are unknown. However, it is thought that by contact with Mrs. Nelson, above mentioned, it may be possible to ascertain the names and present address of others formerly associated with Reisner, and thereby the latter's present location may be arrived at. - It should be noted, also, that at the present time, appropriate inquiries are being made of relatives of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, who, it will be noted, was the Victim in the White Slave Case, in which Reisner was the Subject. - A result of these inquiries will be duly recorded in subsequent reports.

The file of Charles Carroll, with aliases, K.S.P. No. 1049, was reviewed thoroughly, reflecting that he had been received at that institution on July 29, 1929, via the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, from which institution he had escaped. He was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary on January 3, 1932, upon expiration of sentence. The file jacket shows his nativity as Indiana; age 25(1929); education high school; unmarried; occupation - electrician. Father and Mother dead. No brothers or sisters. A letter dated December 12, 1925, from Stanley Taylor, Assistant County Attorney at Eldorado, Kansas, disclosed that Carroll had been arrested in that town for burglary, along with Earl Dee of Enid, Oklahoma; that upon investigation, Taylor believes Carroll's real name is Charles Winterhalter, and that he was raised and resided at New Albany, Indiana. There also was on file

Another telegram contained in the file disclosed that C. J. Martinson, Chief of Police, Bismarck, North Dakota, on 6-21-32, had wired that he had in custody Charles Carroll, K.S.P. No. 1049, and Ed Taylor, alias Theodore Williams, K.S.P. No. 2513. (No disposition noted). The file further contained a letter from Fred C. Spohn, F P E (fingerprint expert?), Sheriff's office, Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio, dated 7-24-34, asking if Carroll were a parole violator. There also was on file a Grant of Citizenship Pardon to Carroll, dated February 6, 1932, from Governor Harry Woodring.

The correspondence record of Carroll, while at the Kansas State Penitentiary, is as follows:

Letters sent:

Mr. Ted Plants, El Reno, Oklahoma. (uncle)
Mr. Lyman Wetzel, 810 South Topeka Street, Wichita, Kansas.
Mr. R. B. Weston, Coates House, Broadway and 10th, Kansas City, Mo. (forward to Chicago.)

Letters received:

L. W. Whitsell, 810 South Topeka Street, Wichita, Kansas; (possibly identical with "Mr. Lyman Wetzel," above.)
L. R. Weston, Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri.
L. M. Laws, Wichita, Kansas. (uncle)
L. O'Keefe, Lansing, Kansas.
R. B. Marston, Chicago, Illinois.
Earl Thomas, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In response to a telegram from the Division, dated January 25, 1933, requesting that they be furnished with the place and date of birth of Jess Doyle, and also the names and addresses of his relatives, a thorough investigation, both at Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kansas State Penitentiary, as well as at Coffeyville, Kansas, and other points, was made by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, the results of which are set out in the following memorandum prepared by him:

15.

Memorandum by Special Agent W. F. Trainor.

File 7-37.

The Division on 1-24-35 instructed the Kansas City office to ascertain place and date of birth of Jess Doyle, Kansas State Penitentiary #9845, together with list of names and addresses of all known relatives and to furnish this information immediately to the Division.

From the file of the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there was secured a correspondents record of Jess Doyle which had been taken from the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing several months ago. This correspondents record is quoted as follows:

Letters Sent

No. 9845 Name Jess Doyle Sent. 3-17-27 Term 5-10 Crime Burg. Ed Larceny
From Labette Min. 5-6-31 Max. 4-21-35

Age 36 - Mechanic White

Name	Address	Relation	Date
Tom Hill	So. Coffeyville Okla. Box 56	1927 F.	5/8 23 12/30
Miss Mary Murphy	Coffeyville Kas. Box 71	1928 Fd.	3/23 4/23 5/14 6/14 23 8/17 34
C. F. Cowdy	Howata, Kas.	1927 Atty.	11/25
Miss Katherine Carnegie	Coffeyville, Kas. Box 71	1928 Sous.	10/8 22 25 11/20 26 12/2 21 1929 1/8 31
Walter S. Keith	Coffeyville, Kas. Box 307	1927 Atty.	10/8 1928 3/13 4/15
W. D. McCrabb	Independence Kas.	1928 Sheriff	8/6
Miss Gloria Doyle	Coffeyville, Kas. Gen. Del.	1928 Sis.	5/14 21 24 28 6/4 11 25 7/2 16 23 9/6 1930 9/2
Mr. Sheffield Cordry	Parsons Kas.	1929	6/4
Wm. D. Atkinson	Parsons, Kas. Kas.	1928 Judge	8/9

Letters Received

Jess Doyle

Number 9845

Name	Address	Relation	Date
Mrs. Dolores Gray	Joplin, Mo. 123 1/2 Main	1927 Sis.	4/29
Miss Mary Murphy	Coffeyville Kas. Box 71	1928 Fd.	Cash 2.00 5/29 6/20 1929 1/8
Tom Hill	Coffeyville Kas. Box 56	1927 F.	mo. 20.00 4/30
C. F. Gocidy	Nowata, Okla. Box 367	1927 Atty.	12/1
W. S. Keith	Coffeyville Kas.	1927 Atty.	4/30 5/8 10/26 1928 5/13 6/14
Gloria Doyle	Independence Kas.	1928 Sis.	5/4 5/10 12 13 5/21 26 6/3 22 28 7/15 9/4 11/24
Bell Doyle	Tulsa, Okla.	1930 Sis.	Cash 1.00 4/18 cash 5.00 8/29
Sheffield Cordry	Parsons, Kas. Clerk Court	1928 Sis.	8/25 1929 4/7
Miss Katherine Carnes	Coffeyville Kas. Box 71	1928 Cons.	10/11 21 11/24 12/15
Kate	Coffeyville Kas.	1928 Cons.	9/21
Geo. Nelson	Frederick Kas.	1930 Fnd.	7/9

An effort was made to verify the addresses of the supposed relatives of Jess Doyle through telephonic communications with Postmasters at Coffeyville, Kansas; Independence, Kansas, and Joplin, Missouri, but it was found at these places that Miss Mary Murphy, Coffeyville; Gloria Doyle, Coffeyville, and Dolores Gray,

Joplin, are not receiving mail there and they are unknown to Post Office officials.

A report was received on 1-24-35 by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan from Major Wint Smith of the Kansas State Highway Department that Patrolman Jack Spaulding had reported to him that he saw Jess Doyle at the roadhouse of Tom Hill in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, within one week prior to 1-24-35. However, it appears that Spaulding was not at the time alleged in possession of any information that the Division desire the apprehension of Jess Doyle and it is evident that his statement regarding the location of Doyle was made after noticing in the newspaper that Jess Doyle had been indicted in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota. From previous investigation it is known that Spaulding has a criminal record and he is not considered entirely reliable. Special Agent in Charge Nathan communicated telephonically with the Oklahoma City office, furnishing the information as coming from Wint Smith. Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City office was directed by Special Agent in Charge Brantley to meet Agent Trainor at the Dale Hotel at Coffeyville, Kansas, on 1-25-35. Joint investigation was made by Agent Hansen and the writer to determine whether Jess Doyle has recently been at the establishment of Tom Hill; also other inquiries were made concerning the relatives and friends of Doyle in the vicinity of Coffeyville.

On 1-25-35 Agent Hansen interviewed [redacted] Agent Hansen's interview will be reported by him. It appears that [redacted] stated that he has not seen Jess Doyle during recent months and that he is not in possession of information regarding the names and addresses of relatives of Jess Doyle.

The writer made contact with Harry A. Neal, former Deputy Sheriff of Coffeyville, Kansas, residence 205 West 7th Street, telephone number 2765 at that place. Neal has been cooperative and very helpful in past investigations. He met Agent Hansen and the writer at the Dale Hotel on 1-25-35 and advised as follows:

Mary Murphy, who is shown on the correspondents record of Jess Doyle, is identical with the wife of F. E. (Jack) Carnes, otherwise known as Katherine Carnes. It will be noted that Katherine Carnes is shown on the correspondents record of Jess Doyle as a cousin. However, Neal stated that she is thought to be no blood relationship to this Subject. Jack and Katherine Carnes reside at 305 West 12th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, their phone number being 1344, listed in the name of F. E. Carnes. Jack Carnes is a bootlegger and recently was released from the County Jail where he was held due to an automobile accident in which a lady pedestrian was injured. Jess Doyle is known to be a sweetheart of Mrs. Jack Carnes and Neal believes that Jess is still "playing" her. Neal stated that there was a robbery of a mail truck at Coffeyville, Kansas, some three months ago, believed to be 11-5-34. No one has been

15. arrested in connection with that matter, but Neal, through a confidential informant, has been advised that Jess Doyle planned the job although he is not known to have taken actual part in it, while he is thought to have been at Coffeyville at that time. Neal also has information through confidential source that the bank robbery in the vicinity of Coffeyville was perpetrated about one week after the Post Office job and that Doyle is said to have taken part in that. The details of the bank robbery or the location where it took place are not at this time known. Neal stated that he understands that Hugo Howard, identical with Howard Lansdon, well known bank robber who frequents Kansas City, Missouri, is a running mate of Jess Doyle. It is said that Howard Lansdon and Doyle spend part of their time in Kansas City, Missouri, and also have hang-outs in the States of Nebraska and Iowa, although the locations of these places are not known to the informant of Neal. While the name of Neal's informant was not mentioned, he stated that he feels that he can secure further information from him when same is available and that he will immediately transmit it to the Kansas City office or to the Oklahoma City office, the addresses of which he was furnished.

Neal is not aware of the identity of any one named Gloria Doyle or Dolores Gray. He stated that while he has seen Jess Doyle a few years ago when he hung out around Coffeyville, he does not know from whence Doyle originally came and he does not know the names or addresses of any of his relatives. Neal believes that Tom Hill of South Coffeyville originally protected Jess Doyle and he stated that to his knowledge Jess Doyle was "put on the spot" by Tom Hill during the early part of 1927 when he was sent to the Kansas State Penitentiary. He believes that Tom Hill at that time was endeavoring to double cross Earl Doyle, now serving a life sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary, and that through an effort to cause Earl Doyle to be caught Jess Doyle became implicated in a charge of robbery of the Pfeiffer Jewelry Store of Parsons, Kansas, for which he was convicted and sentenced to the Kansas State Penitentiary. In that instance Tom Hill and Earl Doyle, who is said to be no relation to Jess Doyle, were acting as "fences" for stolen jewelry. The jewelry which was stolen from the store at Parsons, Kansas, was received by Earl Doyle and probably by Tom Hill. Some of this jewelry was found in possession of Jess Doyle. It turned out that Earl Doyle was not prosecuted at that time although facts were developed through the apprehension of Jess Doyle which did implicate Earl.

Neal stated that Tom Hill would probably know considerable information regarding Jess Doyle. However, it is Harry Neal's opinion that Jess Doyle will bear a grudge against Tom Hill, providing he has learned the real facts in connection with his methods in double crossing him at the time of his apprehension on the jewelry robbery charge.

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Neal stated that it is his information that Jess Doyle is now in bad health, being afflicted with a severe case of gonorrhea and possibly with tuberculosis. He has been told that Doyle is partially bald and that he has lost considerable weight, having sunken cheeks and an emaciated appearance at this time.

Neal stated that Mrs. Jack Carnes would, without a doubt, know of the whereabouts of Jess Doyle a great deal of the time. However, he advised against any open interview with her, stating that she is a consort of thieves and that she would not cooperate knowingly. He stated, however, that he has been well acquainted with her for a number of years and that if it is possible for any one to secure information from her he believes he can do so in a round about way either from her or her husband. This he will endeavor to do and he will furnish such information to the Division office either at Oklahoma City or Kansas City.

It is said also that the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa, Oklahoma, made the investigation of the mail robbery which occurred at Coffeyville as mentioned heretofore and that a file reflecting the investigation of that department might be found with the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa.

Neal also stated that a man named Clarence McCullough, otherwise known as Squint, a gambler and confidence man, formerly operated the dice table in the gambling house of Tom Hill at South Coffeyville. He stated that McCullough was recently arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where there is now a charge pending against him for some confidence game. He believes that if properly approached Squint McCullough might furnish information relative to the location of Subject Doyle since he is well acquainted with him and could probably secure data as to his whereabouts through the underworld. It is Neal's opinion that if it were worth while for Squint McCullough to do so he would cooperate with the Division in this respect. McCullough is now said to be out on bond in the State case at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Harry Neal suggested that through the cooperation of the local prosecutor at Tulsa some agreement might be made whereby the cooperation of McCullough could be secured looking toward the apprehension of Jess Doyle and possibly others wanted in this case with whom McCullough is acquainted. Agent Hansen is developing this angle at Tulsa. It is stated that McCullough's home is at Coffeyville, Kansas, and his father, whose first name is unknown to Neal, resides there somewhere on West 11th Street.

Neal stated that he is not aware of any local contacts of Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis except that a year or two ago when these parties were said to have come through Coffeyville he heard that they used to stop at a small filling station and barbecue stand operated by a former bar tender of Tom Hill, which place is located near Coffeyville. However, Neal does not believe that there are any contacts now being made through that source by Campbell and Karpis.

Neal stated that he is acquainted with Walter S. Keith, attorney at Coffeyville, who is shown on the correspondents record of Jess Doyle as having communicated with him while at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Neal stated that Keith engages in a legal practice which is considered "shady" and that he drinks heavily and is now said to possibly be using narcotics. He does not believe that Walter S. Keith is in communication with any of this mob at present, but he believes that if Keith secures any information regarding their whereabouts that he, Neal, could obtain the information from him and he will endeavor to do so. He stated that Keith is a peculiar sort of person and that on some occasions he is communicative and on other occasions he is not. At the earliest opportunity Neal will endeavor to secure whatever data Keith may give.

At the Post Office at Coffeyville it was ascertained that P. O. Box 72 there, to which it is noted communications of Mary Murphy and Katherine Carnes were directed by Jess Doyle from the Kansas State Penitentiary, was rented during 1927 by Mrs. Georgia (J. D.) Hamilton; that woman operated a rooming house at 1024 1/2 Walnut Street in Coffeyville for several years, including 1927 and 1928, at which place she operated a house of prostitution. Mrs. Hamilton on 4-23-34 left a forwarding address for her mail to be delivered at Oroville, California, Merrimack Star Route. It was ascertained that the maiden name of Mrs. Hamilton was Georgia Sharr. John D. Hamilton, her husband, according to Harry Neal heretofore mentioned, was known as Whittie Hamilton and was an automobile thief. He was killed at Coffeyville several years ago.

Search of the Post Office records at Coffeyville failed to disclose any record of Gloria Doyle ever having left any forwarding address. Search of Katherine Carnes' records at 305 West 12th Street, Coffeyville, City of Coffeyville, failed to disclose any record of her having left any forwarding address.

Investigation was made through the Post Office at Independence, Kansas, where it was ascertained that an extended search of the records failed to disclose that Gloria Doyle is now receiving mail. No record of her having received mail or leaving any forwarding address could be located at Independence.

It was ascertained that W. D. McGrabb, shown on the correspondents record of Jess Doyle and who was former Sheriff at Independence, Kansas, is now an agent of the Alcoholic Tax Unit and said to be employed at Joplin, Missouri. Future interview will be had with him.

Interviews were had with Mel Gibson, Sheriff at Independence, Kansas, and with Deputy Sheriff D. M. Farlowe. Both of these officers are familiar with Jess Doyle, but were unable to furnish any information that might be of assistance in locating him.

Alvie E. Johnson, night Chief of Police at Independence, Kansas, was interviewed and stated that he assisted in the arrest of Jess Doyle near Coffeyville during the latter part of 1935 after which Doyle was convicted of the theft of jewelry from the Pfeiffer Jewelry Store at Parsons, Kansas. He stated that at that time a man, whose first name he does not recall but whose surname was Munger, was arrested with Doyle. It is his recollection that Munger was removed to the State of Nebraska for prosecution and that Doyle was prosecuted at Parsons, Kansas. He stated that Walter McGrabb, the Sheriff at Independence at that time, assisted in the arrest of Doyle and Munger and might have other information regarding these parties.

Special Agent Hansen has close contact with Gene Haverfield, Deputy Sheriff at Nowata, Oklahoma, whom he considers reliable. He stated that he would take the matter up with Haverfield and that if Jess Doyle is frequenting the establishment of Tom Hill, Haverfield will secure definite information as to this and furnish it to him. During the interview with Harry Neal the same matter was mentioned and Neal stated that he does not believe Jess Doyle has been at Tom Hill's place recently or else he would have secured the information himself through his confidential informant who learns what transpires at Hill's place. He will, however, bear this in mind and if Doyle appears there he will notify the Kansas City office and the Oklahoma City office. Agent Hansen and the writer also had an interview with George Tobler, Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, who stated that he does not believe that Jess Doyle has been around Coffeyville recently, however, he will make a special endeavor to determine whether he is frequenting Tom Hill's establishment and he will take him into custody in the event he finds him or will notify the Kansas City and Oklahoma City offices if he learns that he has recently been there.

The writer endeavored to secure records of any long distance telephone calls from the telephone of F. E. Carnes and Katherine Carnes, phone number 1334 at Coffeyville, however, the local manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, O. T. Lewis, advised that he would be unable to furnish this information due to the regulations of his company.

The writer has made contact with John Mohler, Assistant General Attorney of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mr. Mohler is having O. T. Lewis forward the long distance toll tickets for the past three months pertaining to the telephone of F. E. Carnes to Mr. Mohler in Kansas City, at which time they will be inspected by an Agent of this office.

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At the Kansas State Penitentiary careful review was had of the file of Jess Doyle, prison register number 9845, to determine any additional information that may be of assistance in locating him.

Doyle was received at that institution on 3-19-27 from Labette County, Parsons, Kansas, charged with a crime of burglary and degree and grand larceny, under sentence of five to ten years. He was released on expiration of sentence with good time on 6-17-32. The date of his birth is shown as 11-4-00.

His correspondents record was further examined and is identical with that quoted heretofore.

There was found a letter dated 10-24-27 to the prisoner from Walter S. Keith, Attorney, Coffeyville, Kansas, advising that Ray Terrill, thought to be a prisoner in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, had again robbed the Pfeiffer Jewelry Company and that Terrill had informed Mrs. Pfeiffer that he had robbed the jewelry store on the previous occasion and that Jess Doyle was not guilty. It appears probable that Doyle and Terrill may be closely acquainted.

There was found a Western Union telegram dated 7-30-28 addressed to prisoner Doyle at the penitentiary quoted, "Dear brother be there tomorrow Tuesday sure your sister." signed Gloria. The telegram appears to have been sent from Coffeyville, Kansas. Due to the regulations of the prison, making it necessary that correspondents show some relationship with the prisoner, it is evident that Gloria Doyle might be no relation to the prisoner. It is thought likely that Mrs. Jack Carnes may have been the party who used the name Gloria.

According to the prison records, Doyle indicated when he was received at the Kansas State Penitentiary that for six years prior to that time (March, 1927) he had resided at Cushing, Oklahoma. It is probable that he may be known to local peace officers at Cushing.

According to the record of the "Prisoner's Interview" at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Doyle furnished information that he had never served in any reform school and that he was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on 4-21-21 to serve a term of thirteen years and four months on conviction of grand larceny (auto theft) and that he was discharged during August, 1926. He shows his place of birth only as Georgia and his nationality as Irish, born in the United States. His occupation is shown as mechanic. He advised that he had a fourth grade school education; that he did not drink, use narcotics or chew tobacco and that he did smoke. He indicated that both of his parents were living and his mother was Mrs. Frank Widows of Cushing, Oklahoma. He furnished his father's name and address as William Doyle, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He indicated that he had three half-brothers named Willie, Ray and Robert

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Doyle, address not shown, and one half sister, given name Cassie, surname not shown, address now shown. He indicated that in case of death the prison authorities should notify Mrs. Frank Widows, Cushing, Oklahoma. Doyle stated in his prison interview that he had left home at the age of eight years due to the divorce of his father and mother and that he was arrested for the first time when nineteen years old, place and charge not shown.

Doyle also indicated in his prison interview that he was not guilty of the charge for which convicted at Parsons, Kansas, and that in connection with his arrest on that charge he had been in possession of a watch and a ring given to him by a friend named John Lockwood as a gift. He stated he was a machinist by trade and that at the time of his arrest he had in his possession mechanic tools and the jewelry above mentioned; that he was accused of the theft of this jewelry from the safe of the Pfeiffer Jewelry Company at Parsons, Kansas, and that the tools which he had were identified as having been used in opening the jewelry company vault.

It is noted from the file at the penitentiary that by letter dated 11-2-34 Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, requested a photograph of Doyle and that same was furnished to him. The occasion for this request is not known. While Mr. Higgins might have certain information regarding Doyle it is not deemed desirable at this time to approach him. Mr. Higgins is under indictment in the Federal Court in connection with a perjury charge. However, this inquiry on the part of the Kansas City Police will be borne in mind.

It appears that if Jess Doyle has connections in Kansas City, Missouri, and spends part of his time here he may be associating with Howard Lansdon, alias Dago Howard, alias Duetch; that individual was said by Michael James LaCapra, who furnished valuable information in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, to be a friend of his. LaCapra. Lansdon is quite well known to have been one of the parties implicated in the killing of the late John Lazia, underworld leader at Kansas City. Several weeks ago June Kathrens, close friend of Frank B. Mulloy, a subject in the massacre case, informed Special Agent H. E. Andersen and the writer that he had information that Howard Lansdon had been killed or "put on the spot" by Kansas City Italian gangsters although he did not know where the killing occurred and there has been no public announcement of the same. Pearl Raymer, who has been frequently mentioned in this file, is thought to be a contact of Howard Lansdon as previous investigation has developed. It is also known that Howard Lansdon keeps company with a married woman named Mrs. Brooks of Kansas City, Kansas, whose husband is employed in a furniture store there. The writer intends to have a further interview with Michael James LaCapra within a short time in an endeavor to secure all possible information regarding the associations of Jess Doyle with the Kansas City mob here indicated in an endeavor to locate Doyle.

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While in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Mr. Wilson, the Record Clerk, was interviewed regarding any possible information which he might be able to secure from Jack Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas, who Mr. Wilson indicated is a friend of his, regarding the location of Jess Doyle. Wilson stated that several weeks ago Glynn informed him that Jess Doyle had completely disappeared from this part of the country. He stated, however, that in a round about manner he will further quiz Glynn and secure any possible leads of value in this connection which he will, if secured, furnish to this office. It is not believed that an open interview with Glynn at this time would be beneficial until other investigation is completed in Kansas City and near vicinity. It was stated by Wilson incidentally that he understood Jess Doyle, when in the penitentiary, to say that he had certain friends at Kansas City who were connected with the Riverside Race Track. He did not mention the names of those parties. It is reflected by this file that Jack Glynn was employed as a special guard at the Riverside Race Track at Kansas City during the racing seasons. He may have information which he will furnish to Mr. Wilson that will be of value.

The Oklahoma City office and the Division were advised telegraphically regarding the probable location of the mother and father and other relatives of Jess Doyle in the Oklahoma City territory and the Division was notified telegraphically that investigation has failed to develop the identity of the other relatives of Doyle in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, which are shown on his correspondence record and which were originally furnished to the Division by this office on 1-24-35.

Investigation is continued in an effort to determine any additional contacts of Doyle in Kansas City and vicinity and a further report will be rendered shortly.

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It will be noted that among the correspondents of Jess Doyle while incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, as is set out above, was one Mrs. Dolores Gray, 123 1/2 Main Street, Joplin, Missouri, and reported to be a sister of Jess Doyle. Following the unsuccessful attempt to verify this address by telephonic communication with the postmaster at Joplin, Missouri, an investigation was conducted in the latter city by Special Agent L. S. Vandover, the result of which is as follows:

Contact with E. J. Boggs, Superintendent of Mails, Joplin, Missouri, on 1-25-35, and a subsequent search of his records, failed to reveal any person by the name of Dolores Gray residing in Joplin at the present time, or during the year 1927, at which time, the file of the Kansas State Penitentiary shows she communicated with Jess Doyle. Furthermore, the city and telephone directories disclose no information concerning this party, nor were there any available facts forthcoming from Don G. Price, Mail Carrier at 123 1/2 Main Street; the latter was unable to recall any party by that name residing there during 1927, stating that at the present time the whole neighborhood surrounding this address is given over to houses of prostitution. Inquiries were also made of Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, and a thorough examination of the police department records there disclosed no information concerning a Dolores Gray. The same result was reached by inquiries made at 123 1/2 Main Street, which at the present time is a house of prostitution. - It was further stated by the authorities in Joplin, Missouri, that 123 1/2 Main Street is situated directly across the street from the Police Department, lending to the opinion, therefore, that the authorities in Joplin would have known Jess Doyle's sister if she resided at the above address during 1927, consequently, it is considered quite patent, the relationship of "sister" to Jess Doyle, as shown by the list of his correspondents contained in the Kansas State Penitentiary files, is fictitious. - The information concerning the place and date of birth of Jess Doyle and also the names and addresses of his relatives, as is set out in above memorandum prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office, was communicated to the Division by telegram under dates of January 24 and January 25, 1935. - It is also noted in this connection, that further investigation already conducted by Special Agent Trainor at the Kansas State Penitentiary was in response to request contained in Division letter to the Oklahoma City office dated January 23, 1935.

With reference to telegram from the Division dated 1-24-35, requesting that the latter be furnished with the date and place of birth of Edna Murray, No. 28973, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, it was subsequently ascertained by referring to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating dated November 9, 1924, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the case entitled Earl Stucklick, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, that Edna Murray was born in Marion, Kansas,

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A search of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary also disclosed her parents are now residing at Cardin, Oklahoma. It will also be noted, in this connection, from this report and previous reports, her brother Harry C. Stanley is now living at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, and a brother Wott Stanley residing in Commerce, Oklahoma.

Under date of January 24, 1934, this office was requested by the Division to furnish them with the first three arrests of William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, listed on Page 80 of the report of Special Agent B. K. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 16, 1934. In response thereto, it was ascertained that disposition of Weaver's arrest which occurred in Joplin, Missouri, July 20, 1916, was unavailable, through lack of Police records. Disposition of his second arrest was found to be in possession of the Oklahoma City office, which office was advised to furnish the Division with such information. The third arrest of Weaver given as Garden City, Kansas, July 26, 1922 - disposition, "released." These facts were also communicated by wire from this office to the Division under date of January 24, 1935.

At this point, reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, 12-24-34, in which the Kansas City office was requested to ascertain any possible information available regarding Clyde Nimerick at Parsons, Kansas, which is reported to be his birthplace. In this respect, investigation was conducted at Parsons, Kansas, on January 22, 1935, by Special Agent V. R. Clary of the Kansas City Division office, with the result that no information concerning the birth of Nimerick could be found, after a searching inquiry had been made into the birth records now in the possession of Mr. Dale Raymond, City Clerk, Parsons, Kansas; the complete records, according to Mr. Raymond, were kept prior to June, 1911, he further stating that the only way he knew of checking this birth would be to ascertain the name of the attending physician. Likewise, an examination of several old city directories, voters' registrations and the records of the Oakwood Cemetery (this latter for the period of 1871 to present date) failed to indicate that anyone by the name of Nimerick had ever resided in this city. A search of the school records in the possession of Miss Maude Long, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, resulted in no findings on Clyde Nimerick under that name, or any of his known aliases. Also, inquiries made of Miss Kate Ferguson, Principal of Mc Kinley School, and Miss Nora E. Smith, Parsons High School, failed to reveal anyone by the name of Nimerick had ever been in attendance at the Parsons Schools. It was definitely ascertained that both of these teachers had been connected with the Parsons School System since about 1900.

Pursuant to facts communicated to this office by Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, under date of January 20, 1935, with which was transmitted a map of the State of Kansas found in the home which had previously been occupied by Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette at Ocklawaha, Florida, this office under date of January 22, 1935, communicated by letter with the Philadelphia office, stating that an examination of the map, which contained pencil marks indicating a route from Ottawa, Kansas, to Cherryvale, Kansas, with the writing "16/73 W", indicated that the figures on it undoubtedly related to highways traced over by pencil, running between Cherryvale and Ottawa. It was also called to the attention of the Philadelphia office that State Road 16 runs from Cherryvale to Earlton, Kansas, and at a point slightly north and east of Earlton joins Highway 73 W, which proceeds to Ottawa and continues north; route 16 continues south from Cherryvale into Oklahoma and at Collinsville, Oklahoma, joins route 75, which continues into Tulsa, a distance of approximately twenty miles from Collinsville. Attention was particularly invited to these facts, inasmuch as it is noted that the relatives of both Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell reside in that section of Oklahoma, and that Wynona Burdette is known to have been in Oklahoma until recently; consequently, it was deemed desirable to forward the map to Philadelphia, in order that Wynona Burdette might be questioned concerning the same. - Under date of January 24, 1934, this office had been advised by letter from the Philadelphia office that Wynona Burdette maintained the only time she saw this map was in the sitting room of the home occupied by Fred Barker and Kate Barker at Ocklawaha, Florida, when she was living there. She was questioned closely as to what road they traversed in going from Ponca City to Ocklawaha, Florida, to which she responded that she went directly to Oklahoma and thence into Texas, where she crossed the Mississippi River at a point unknown to her. She further stated that at no time was she in the State of Kansas, nor did Harry Campbell show her the above mentioned map. Furthermore, she professed ignorance of whose handwriting it might be, stating that she was quite positive that it was not Harry Campbell's. This map has been returned to the Kansas City Division Office, where it is now contained in that office's files.

Subsequent to the receipt of information by this office from the Division in telegram dated January 20, 1935, to the effect that Subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had engaged in a gun battle with Atlantic City, New Jersey, policemen, and that both above mentioned Subjects had effected their escape, leaving behind Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, - Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of Kansas City Division office was notified telephonically by a representative of the Kansas City Star that the latter organ had received a telegram from its correspondent at Coffeyville, Kansas, to the effect that one Arthur Burdette had formerly been a radio operator at Coffeyville and was presently residing on Erie Street in Saginaw, Michigan; that this individual was a painter by trade and was

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also engaged from time to time as a singer and as a pianist in night clubs. The informant further related that Arthur Burdette was a brother of Wynona Burdette and, consequently, a possible connection of Harry Campbell.

By inquiry of Special Agent D. A. Bryce, who was formerly connected with the Oklahoma City Police Department, Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan further advised that [redacted] was well known to the Oklahoma City Police Department, particularly to Lieut. of Detectives Earl Gardner, and that [redacted] had at one time been used as an informant by the Tulsa Police Department. b7c b2d

Telephonic communication was had with Acting Special Agent in Charge G. A. Stevens at Oklahoma City requesting an immediate inquiry in Tulsa, and that the Detroit office be advised direct of any further information obtained.

These facts were communicated in toto to the Detroit office, by letter under date of January 23, 1935, and subsequently by letter under date of January 24, 1935, at which time the Detroit office was advised that inquiries by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney at Coffeyville, Kansas, disclosed the fact that apparently the original information indicating the possible presence of Arthur Burdette in Saginaw came from one Marvin Drake, a radio announcer. Agent O'Mahoney had ascertained that Arthur Burdette was in Coffeyville for a short time several months ago, at which time, he was associated with the orchestra known as the "Arkansas Travelers," which band had broadcast for the Coffeyville Radio Station. After leaving Coffeyville, Drake had received a card from Arthur Burdette, which was, to the best of his recollection, mailed at Erie, Pennsylvania; however, he subsequently heard, through discussion with acquaintances, that the latter was now located in Saginaw, Michigan.

Agent O'Mahoney was further informed that Arthur Burdette had in the past broadcast for Station K V O, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his sisters, named Eunice, Jim and Ruth. At the time the inquiries were being made, some of the members of the Arkansas Travelers were broadcasting and were interviewed by Agent O'Mahoney. They, however, had no definite information as to the present whereabouts of Burdette.

It was also learned that the orchestra above mentioned would play for a dance on the night of January 24, 1935, at 416 South Detroit, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and it was, accordingly, thought that contact should be had with one Bob Mayfield, leader of the said orchestra, in the possibility that he might possess definite information as to the present whereabouts

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of Burdette. The latter information was transmitted by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City office, in order that the above mentioned Mayfield might be interviewed.

It should be noted here, that the investigation concerning Burdette, which is set out above, was prompted for the most part by the information communicated to the Kansas City office by the representative of the Kansas City Star newspaper, as has been mentioned above, at which time, the attention of this office was called to newspaper dispatches indicating the probable presence in Monroe, Michigan, on January 22nd of Campbell and Karpis. It was, accordingly, deemed expedient to locate, if possible, the present whereabouts of Arthur Burdette, in the event Karpis and Campbell sought sanctuary with him in Saginaw, Michigan.

In connection with the above Subjects, namely, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Thomas E. Stakem at Springfield, Missouri, the results of which are set forth as follows:

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On the evening of January 24, 1935, Agent was advised by Earl Wrenn, Assistant Chief of Police of Springfield, Missouri, that he had been informed that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had visited a party by the name of Harlen Bilyen, of Ozark, Missouri, at 10 a.m., January 23, 1935.

At Police Headquarters Agent met Detective Baker Owens of Springfield, Missouri, and he told the following story. On January 24, 1935, he had been called by Ben Bilyen, who told him that Harry Campbell and another man whom he thought was Karpis had visited his brother, Harlen Bilyen, on Wednesday morning, January 23, 1935. He stated that Harlen had been so upset over the occurrence that he had come to Springfield to tell him about the matter and to ask his advice about reporting to the police. Baker Owens advised Agent that he then had talked to Harlen Bilyen and his wife, and he had been so impressed with the information that he had immediately reported it to his chief. He stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Bilyen had positively identified Harry Campbell's picture as that of the man who visited him.

Agent, in company with Mr. Owens, visited the home of Ben Bilyen, 238 Bower Street, Springfield, Missouri, and Mr. Bilyen repeated the following story in Agent's presence. He stated that Harry Campbell is known to his whole family. About 12 years ago Mr. Bilyen advised he and his brothers, Sam and Harlen, were residing on farms near Spokane, Missouri; that their cousin, Roland Williams, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, had visited his mother, who was residing near Spokane, Missouri, and at that time he brought Harry Campbell, who was then about 18 or 20 years of age, with him. Explaining his relationship with Roland Williams, Mr. Ben Bilyen advised that Williams' mother and his mother were sisters. Their name before marriage was Hilton.

Harry Campbell and Roland Williams stayed in Spokane about two or three weeks and spent considerable time at the home of Ben and Harlen Bilyen. After the pair had been around for about two or three weeks they were suddenly jumped by two deputy sheriffs, who attempted to arrest them. Mr. Bilyen said that both Williams and Campbell started to run and the two deputy sheriffs had fired at them. Roland Williams fell wounded and Harry Campbell escaped. It was then discovered that Williams' ear had been half shot off. He was taken into the town of Ozark, Missouri, and held in the county jail and then released to authorities from the state of Oklahoma, where he was wanted on some charge, which Bilyen believes was bank robbery. Mr. Bilyen said he could not recall the city to which Roland Williams was taken, but he thought it was Beggs, Oklahoma.

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Mr. Bilyen stated that this was the first his family had known that Roland Williams was implicated in any robberies and he later found out that he was a member of the Ray Terrell gang of Oklahoma. He later learned that Harry Campbell and Roland Williams had been traveling together for about two years.

Mr. Ben Bilyen advised Agent that he would know Harry Campbell any place and said his nose had a peculiar twist to it that could be spotted in a minute. A group of pictures was shown Bilyen and he readily picked the picture of Harry Campbell and said it was a good likeness of the Harry Campbell he knew about twelve years ago. He added that he had seen Campbell's picture in the Springfield, Missouri, paper shortly after his fight in Atlantic City with police officers, but he had hesitated to inform police of his knowledge of Campbell. Mr. Ben Bilyen stated that he had been surprised when his brother, Harlen, of Ozark, Missouri, visited him January 24, 1935, and told him that Harry Campbell had paid him a visit on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Ben Bilyen agreed to accompany Agent and Detective Owens to Ozark, Missouri, for an interview with his brother. Harlen Bilyen was located at his home one mile south of Ozark, Missouri, on U. S. Highway #65. He confirmed his brother's story concerning the relationship of Roland Williams and also his first meeting of Harry Campbell. Mr. Harlen Bilyen was allowed to tell his story of his acquaintance with Campbell without interruption, and his story of Campbell's visit with Williams and his escape from the officers near Spokane, agreed in detail with the information already given by Ben Bilyen. He then went on to state that about 10 a.m. Wednesday morning, January 25, 1935, he heard a knock at the back door and when he opened it the man standing there said, "I bet you don't remember me." Harlen said he took a second look at the man and said, "You are Harry Campbell", whereupon the man had answered, "That's right." Harlen Bilyen said he saw a coupe, which appeared to be about a 1932 or 1933 model Chevrolet, sitting in his driveway, and noticed another man in the car and also he noticed that the motor of the car was kept running.

He then invited Campbell in and sat and talked with him for about three quarters of an hour. During the conversation Campbell asked where Roland Williams was and he told him that he had just gotten out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary about a year ago and was now living at Seminole, Oklahoma. Campbell also asked where Ben Bilyen was and he had told him that he lived on Hower Street in Springfield, Missouri, but could not remember the number. Mrs. Bilyen had then called from the kitchen that the number was 328.

Mr. Harlen Bilyen stated that he told Campbell he was living on the square and did not want to get into any trouble. He stated that he and Campbell had talked about the shooting scrape in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Campbell had said, "We sure made those cops take the tall timbers; we aimed to kill them all, but they run." He also stated that they had tried to get their women folks, but were unable to do so.

Bilyen said that he wanted to ask how Campbell had found his place, but he did not like to do so. He told Campbell that Roland Williams was trying to live on the Square since his release from the penitentiary.

During the conversation no mention was made of why the other fellow preferred to sit in the car. Bilyen said the only thought that kept passing through his mind was to get rid of Harry Campbell so he would not get himself into trouble. He advised that no mention was made of a hide-out or where Campbell intended going, and Bilyen said he was afraid to ask. He also stated that he did not look out the window to see which way the men left, nor did he try to get the license number of the car.

Mr. Bilyen was shown a group of photos and promptly picked the picture of Harry Campbell as the man who visited him. He also gave the following description of Campbell:

Age	32 or 33
Height	About 5' 8"
Weight	140 to 145
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium slender
Complexion	Fair

He also advised that the peculiar twist of Campbell's nose was very noticeable. Campbell, he advised, wore dark trousers, a dark grey overcoat, and a grey cap. He kept his overcoat on all the while he was in the house.

Mrs. Harlan Bilyen verified her husband's story and readily picked Campbell's picture from the photos shown her. She advised that she had not known Campbell previously since his previous visit was before her marriage to Harlan Bilyen. She advised Agent that she had thought it funny that the man should stay in the car and keep the motor running. She stated that she had looked out the window and had seen the man in the car. She could not, however, give a description of the man in the car, except to say that he was a dark complexioned youth and wore a cap. She also failed to particularly note the kind of the car or the license number. She was of the opinion, however, that the car was about a 1932 or 1933 Chevrolet coupe. She was sure it was a black coupe, but could not be positive about the model.

Mr. Harlan Bilyen stated that after the men left his wife and he had talked the matter over and had decided that the best thing to do was to talk it over with his brother Ben in Springfield; accordingly, he had come to Springfield, Mo., on January 24, 1936, and after talking to Ben they had called Detective Baker Owens of the Springfield Police Department and reported the matter to him.

It was thought possible that Campbell had visited the farm of Sam Bilyen, located four miles southeast of Spokane, Missouri, so Agent, in company with Detective

Owens and the two Bilyens, proceeded to this farm. The Bilyens advised that Roland Williams has a sister, Helen Tate, who resides near Ben Bilyen's place, and said that if Sam or his folk were informed of the nature of our business it would only be a short time before it would reach Roland Williams. Agent then pretended to be interested in a land trade, since Ben and Harlen Bilyen had advised that Sam Bilyen was trying to sell his farm. Sam Bilyen was not at home, but Effie Brown, sister of the Bilyen men, was present and during conversation with her it was established that no visitors had been there in over a week. When Agent and Ben Bilyen were preparing to leave Effie Brown said, "I see where Harry Campbell had a shooting scrape in Atlantic City and that he is being hunted up in Michigan." No mention had been made of his name up to this point. Effie and Ben then talked back and forth about Harry and she stated that it had been so long ago since she saw him that she probably would not know him.

All of these facts were discussed by phone with R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Nathan later advised Agent that Harlen Bilyen had been the claimant in a War Risk Insurance case wherein he had sued in the name of his wife, Mrs. Bertha Bilyen, as his guardian. In his claim Veteran alleged that he was suffering from mental disorders. This claim was disallowed.

Agent then conducted an independent investigation at Ozark, Missouri, to determine definitely whether or not Harlen Bilyen was mentally sound. Inquiries made from Mr. Bruce Maples, Postmaster, Mr. Herman Daxton, Assistant Postmaster, Joe Monger, Sheriff, Charles F. Boyd, attorney, Mr. E. M. Bishop, Justice of the Peace, and former Sheriff, and Mr. W. G. Webb, resident of Ozark, Missouri, for forty-five years, reveal that Harlen Bilyen is mentally sound and has nothing wrong with his mind. All these men advise that his wife's father arranged matters so that Harlen Bilyen is paid a large monthly compensation, reputed to be about \$80.00 a month, on the grounds that his being gassed has caused mental disorders. However, all men interviewed expressed the opinion that Harlen was mentally OK and stated that his compensation should certainly be looked into. It is common knowledge around Ozark that Harlen is an extremely lazy man and is living an easy life on the government's money, which he does not rightly deserve. Agent desires to note that during the interview with him, Harlen Bilyen acted in a normal manner at all times and gave no indication of an unbalanced mind.

Through inquiry at Ozark, Missouri, it was determined that E. M. Bishop was Sheriff of Christian County, Missouri, from 1921 to 1924, inclusive. Agent interviewed Mr. Bishop at his office in the Court House, Ozark, and questioned him about Roland Williams. He immediately recalled the incident and said that about 1922 he had received information from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that Roland Williams, wanted on either a bank robbery or post office robbery, was visiting his mother at

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Spokane, Missouri. He was cautioned by Oklahoma officers to be careful in taking Williams, as he was considered dangerous. He stated that his son, Glen, who was his deputy, took his second deputy and together they went to Spokane in search of Williams. They also took along a man called Link Davis, who was to point Williams out to them. Mr. Bishop stated that his son had come upon Williams and another fellow by the name of Campbell and when he tried to arrest them both Campbell and Williams had started to run. The two officers had opened fire on the two and had shot off half an ear from Williams and captured him. Campbell had succeeded in getting away, although it had been believed he was wounded. This fact had never been definitely established. Mr. Bishop was asked if he remembered Campbell's first name and answered that he believed it was Harry Campbell and also that he was known to be from Oklahoma. Mr. Bishop said that he did not believe that Campbell was wanted on the charge for which Williams was arrested. Mr. Bishop stated that he had never seen Campbell but believed him to be about 18 or 20 years old at the time of the shooting.

Agent also conducted investigation at all of the gasoline stations and lunch stands for several miles around the Bilyen home, and no person could be found to have seen the car that visited Bilyen, and nobody had made inquiries about the location of the Bilyen home.

Both Ben and Harlen Bilyen advised Agent that they were giving this information not for any hope of reward, but because they did not want it to be known that they were harboring such characters, and stated that men such as Campbell and Karpis would only serve to get a man killed. Both men were given the address and phone number of the Kansas City Division Office and advised that in the event they are ever contacted by Campbell or Karpis they will immediately notify the Kansas City Division Office.

Inquiry at the police department at Springfield, Missouri, and the Sheriff's office, Osark, Missouri, reveals that the entire Bilyen family are considered bad characters. Ben has served time in the penitentiary for conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act. His son has served time on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge and Harlen has been arrested numerous times for drunkenness and fighting. They are considered possible contacts for underworld characters.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. E. Staken
Special Agent

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The pertinent details concerning the facts disclosed in the investigation set out above were communicated to the Division by telegram under date of January 23, 1935, and also to the Oklahoma City office under the same date, requesting that appropriate inquiries be made at Seminole, Oklahoma. It will also be noted at this time that further investigation is being conducted at the present time by this District, and further developments will be duly reported.

With reference to a letter from the Omaha office under date of December 19, 1934, with which were transmitted to this office the photographs of Walter Gray, alias Clark Carr, Clarence R. Walker and Benj. T. Gates, relative to a possible connection these men might have with a bank robbery reported to have occurred recently in Missouri, possibly near St. Joseph, and also to a possible connection between Gray's former wife and Myrtle Eaton, a thorough investigation was conducted by this office at the Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, Police Departments, the Kansas City office of the Burns International Detective Agency and the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department, in the hope that information might be obtained, which would prove beneficial in ascertaining the present whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton. The records of the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department, alone, disclosed information concerning Walter Gray, and had no record of the other two individuals. Gray's many aliases, together with the offenses known to the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department, were communicated to the Omaha office by letter dated January 17, 1935, with the additional notation that as regards recent bank robberies in the vicinity of St. Joseph, Missouri, no one had been killed in recent offenses of that nature, and Gray had not been known to have been a participant in any such robberies. It was stated by W. W. Davis and B. T. Andrews, who are in charge of the records of the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department, that the only fatality of that kind, which had been brought to their notice, was the one following the robbery of a bank sometime last November at Kinney, Nebraska; on that occasion, a man by the name of Brodell was killed. It is thought, in this connection, from information available at St. Joseph, Missouri, that Brodell is identical with Earl Keeling, who met his death following participation in a recent bank robbery at Kinney, Nebraska.

Attention is directed at this point to letter from Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12-6-34, to which was attached a letter received at the Chicago Division office on December 3, 1934, addressed to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, from Charles J. Harris, 306 West Main Street, Cherryvale, Kansas. In this letter, Mr. Harris advised Special Agent in Charge Purvis of his sorrow over the death of the late Special Agent Hollis, stating that he had assisted Agent Hollis while the latter was conducting investigations at Tulsa, Oklahoma, about a year ago. In addition, he stated that he believed he could locate Subjects Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, in pursuance to which statement, investigation was made by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney of this office at Cherryvale, Kansas, for the purpose of obtaining possible information rela-

tive to the present whereabouts of Karpis. It was learned, however, that Mr. Harris is located at the present time in the Veterans Hospital at Wichita, Kansas, where he has undergone an operation for appendicitis. The information was to the effect that Harris would probably remain there for about another month, during which time he would be again contacted, and any pertinent information regarding this case will be duly reported.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-4-35, and particularly to pages eight and nine, wherein facts relative to the recent visit of Mrs. Tillie Longquest and her daughter Barbara to the family of J. H. Cross at Leona, Kansas, are set out. This investigation, it will be recalled, was conducted on the information furnished to the Kansas City Division office that the Longquests were people known to Mildred Kuhlman, supposed associate of Doc Barker. Despite the fact that it is known at this time that the latter Subject is in federal custody, for matter of record, the subsequent inquiries made at Leona, Kansas, relative to these people are herein set out.

At Leona, Kansas, on 1-11-35, through the efforts of Deputy Sheriff George Larsen of Doniphan County, Kansas, and Postmaster Dennis at Leona, Kansas, it was ascertained that Mrs. Tillie Larsen and her daughter Barbara had terminated their visit in Leona and had departed apparently for Chicago, Illinois, their home, in their Pontiac car, which, according to information previously afforded this office, bore 1934 Illinois license plates #652-629. The date of the Longquests departure from Leona, Kansas, for Chicago, was approximately the 7th of January. As far as was known to Postmaster Dennis, no other people had appeared in Leona, Kansas, for the purpose of visiting the Cross family, stating in explanation of this, that if anything of that sort had occurred, it would surely have been brought to his notice.

Recent inquiries have been made at Topeka, Kansas, by Special Agent R. G. Reed of the Kansas City Division office, relative to the information that Alvin Karpis' mother is now presently residing in Topeka, Kansas, staying with the Grooms family. In this respect, it will be noted that Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka, Kansas, called by telephone January 7, 1935, and advised this office that he had received the above information, stating that Mrs. Karpis had been in Topeka since Christmas Day. He further narrated that neighbors had reported that she had been seen on several occasions coming out on the porch in all kinds of weather, apparently waiting for someone. An automobile has also been seen to drive by the place and leave hurriedly. Rogers was of the opinion that Mrs. Karpis might be waiting on the porch for Alvin. Accordingly, on 1-9-35, Sheriff Dean Rogers was interviewed by Special Agent R. G. Reed, when the latter was informed that the information in the possession of Rogers had come from one Bob Barnes, a horse trader living at 1240 North Monroe in North Topeka; this is the southeast corner of the intersection, the home at 1236 No. Monroe being that occupied by the Grooms family. Barnes had stated to the

Sheriff that he had perceived the somewhat mysterious actions of Mrs. Karpis around Christmas time, but, according to Rogers, the same information had never been corroborated by anyone else, although attempts had been made to watch that address. - Upon being openly interviewed, Barnes advised that he had worked with Karpis' father and knew Alvin and his parents well. He recognized Karpis' photograph from a group of pictures and stated that about Christmas time his, Barnes', little girl, who occasionally goes over to the Grooms house to buy milk, had told him that an old lady was there, who could not speak English very well. It was after that, according to Barnes, that he saw Mrs. Karpis on the front porch all bundled up and looking up and down the street as if she were expecting someone. No one, however, put in an appearance, although Barnes had been told by his wife that one night after Christmas, around 9 p.m., a car drove up without lights, waited a minute and then drove away at high speed, going about a block before turning on the lights. When asked as to the possible appearance of any other suspicious persons in or about the Grooms home, Barnes stated that he had not seen anyone, and that the last time he had seen Mrs. Karpis was on Sunday, January 6, 1935. According to Sheriff Rogers, just what credence can be placed in the information afforded by Barnes is debatable. However, a list of the children of the Grooms family was obtained by Special Agent R. G. Reed from Deputy Sheriff Ed Mays of Topeka, and they are as follows:

Albert Grooms
Evelyn Grooms
Robert Grooms
Alfred Grooms.

In this connection it should also be noted that information has been received by this office through the above mentioned Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, that on approximately the seventh or eight of January, a post card was forwarded, apparently by Subject Karpis's mother to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 21 1/2 East Brady, Apartment 10, Tulsa, Oklahoma. This post card is, in effect, as follows:

"I arrived here all O.K. Topeka just like Chicago.
Don't know anybody here."

The substance of this information was furnished to Special Agent J. B. Little of the Oklahoma City office by telephone on January 10, 1935. - Appropriate inquiries will be continued at Topeka, and any developments therefrom will be promptly reported.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34, and particularly to page ten, paragraph four. Therein is set out recent investigation made to ascertain the identity of the party, or parties, who used the telephone No. Webash 5662 on January 24, 1930, and the subsequent finding that the said phone had been installed on 4-1-29 in the name of M. L. Holmes, 3809 Bales, Kansas City, Missouri, and had been discontinued on 5-5-30.

In setting out the above facts in Special Agent Spear's report, attention was called to the report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-6-34, at which time, it was stated that the above telephone number was thought to be involved in the activities of Earl Stucklick. As regards the latter, it will be recalled that Doris O'Connor, wanted in connection with this case, was formerly the woman companion or the wife of Earl Stucklick. Concerning the true identity and possible connection in this case of M. L. Holmes, further investigation has been pursued by this office in the attempt to ascertain what connection Holmes might have with subjects in the instant case. - Through the cooperation of Mr. John Mohler, Assistant General Attorney of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, it was ascertained that, at the time Holmes applied for service, he gave as a reference one George Mc Granahan, located at the Jenkins Music Company, Kansas City, Missouri. - the writer was informed upon making inquiries at the latter concern, that Mr. Mc Granahan, although still connected with the Jenkins Music Company, is now located in Wichita, Kansas. Consequently, further investigation in this respect will be conducted as soon as possible.

Likewise, by reference to the same report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, it will be noted that the list of long distance telephone calls made to telephone Webash 5662, also included the No. 20613 at Topeka, Kansas, which on 1-25-30 was listed in the name of W. L. Reed. - In this connection, an investigation was conducted on 1-16-35 by Special Agent Martin Kremer of the Kansas City office for the purpose of determining the identity of W. L. Reed, with the result that, Special Agent Kremer was informed by S. L. Harris, General Attorney for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Topeka, Kansas, that the telephone records concerning the telephone No. 20613 in the name of W. L. Reed, which had been in existence on January 25, 1930, have not been preserved. Consequently, further inquiry in this particular respect, is not deemed expedient at this time. - It will be noted that a complete list of all long distance telephone calls made from the above number during the time the phone was installed is contained in the files of the Kansas City Division office.

In response to telegraphic request from Mr. E. J. Donnelley at Chicago dated January 8, 1935, that the name and address of the owner of the automobile bearing 1934 Missouri license plates No. 360-660 be immediately furnished the Chicago Division office, it was ascertained, through telephonic communication with the Missouri State Highway Patrol that 1934 Missouri license plates 360-660 had been issued to R. Guttman, 1014 A Mc Causland, St. Louis, Missouri, for a Buick Automobile, motor number B 5345. - Inasmuch as no further descriptive information was available in this District, the St. Louis office, under date of January 8, 1935, was telegraphically requested by this office to obtain and forward more descriptive information, which was done by telegram, dated 1-8-35, at which time, the Chicago office was advised in addition, that the St. Louis City Directory listed one Robert A. Guttman as an investigator for Gallant, Hannigan and Summer, a St. Louis law firm. In this respect, it was subsequently ascertained that Mr. Guttman had lived in the same apartment in which Russell Gibson was residing at the time he was killed. It was further learned by contact with Mr. Hannigan, as has already been reported to the Chicago office by the St. Louis office in a letter dated January 11, 1935, that on the night of the shooting, Mr. Guttman had parked his car in front of the above mentioned apartment building, affording possibly the reason for the request for information regarding Missouri 1934 license No. 360-660.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, relative to additional characteristics of Subjects whose apprehension has not as yet been effected, there is being set out facts concerning the persons wanted by the Division in connection with this case, which were disclosed by Mrs. Frances Nash, while in Kansas City recently in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case.

Before departing for her home, Mrs. Nash advised Special Agent M. C. Scott of the Kansas City Division office that she would be only too glad to give to the Division any information she had at present, or any which she might obtain at a later date, relative to any of the Subjects in this case.

Mrs. Nash reviewed very thoroughly all photographs of Subjects and suspects both in the Bremer Kidnaping and Kansas City Massacre files and divulged the following information concerning same:

JESS DOYLE: The photograph of this individual, she states, is very good; that he seemed to pal around quite a bit with the Barkers; he is tall and slim; drinks frequently and gets drunk on every such occasion; he loves to play punch boards and slot machines, and, in the opinion of Mrs. Nash, would most likely hang around gambling joints; stating, in addition, that he is a very neat dresser.

CHARLES FITZGERALD: Toledo Police Department #9010 is a very good likeness of this individual. He has a very peculiar walk, walks in a swinging manner. His hair is very gray and he appears somewhat older. He likes to get on a big drunk, raise hell and play around with the women. He claims he was at one time in the oil business and had a wife named Bell, who just seemed to "hang around with him" but did not enter into his activities.

ALVIN KARPIS: Kansas State Penitentiary #1539. This is an especially good picture of Karpis, whom she knew as Ray. He has a complete set of false teeth. Mrs. Nash stated he twitched his mouth in a very peculiar manner; that he dressed very neatly at all times and was the "college type" of person, and that he was one of the crowd who wore a hat instead of a cap.

JO ANN ARMOUR: Mrs. Nash advised this party had visited Doc Stacci's place in Chicago, but she knew nothing at all about her.

HARRY CARLTON: No. C-16239. Reference is made here to reference report (Report of Special Agent R. C. Duran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10-6-34 in the Kansas City Massacre Case, especially with reference to the statement made by Mrs. Frances Nash set out therein,) where Mrs. Nash advised that this party was known as "Lord Plushbottom." Upon being shown a photograph of Carlton, Mrs. Nash immediately identified this photograph as being that of the individual known to her as Lord Plushbottom. She advised he was very friendly with Doc Stacci and Sawyer, and that he lived at Rocky Stacci's for some time, Rocky Stacci being a brother of Doc Stacci; that he was very friendly with the Barkers and Karpis, as with her late husband, Frank Nash.

The individuals described above by Mrs. Nash in her interview with Special Agent N. O. Scott do not include all of the persons concerning whom she talked; however, the others which are not being carried at this time are Subjects Doc Barker and others, whose apprehensions have already been effected. Consequently, their names are not being included in this recapitulation.

On 12-9-34, Special Agent N. O. Scott of the Kansas City Division office submitted a memorandum stating that an informant of Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, had stated that one Frank Mason, alias Frank Middleton, residing in Kansas City was closely connected with the Karpis-Barker gang and was possibly in possession of information concerning the handling of some of the Bremer ransom money. Acting upon this information, the writer contacted Deputy Sheriff John Kelly at the Sheriff's office of Jackson County, Missouri, at Kansas City, where it was learned that the Mercer Hotel, reputed by the above mentioned informant to be the residence of Frank Mason, was known to be a "hot spot" and a place

frequent by questionable characters. Although the true identity of Mason could not be established at the time inquiries were made, both through Deputy Sheriff Kelly and Alvin Irwin, Jail, Jackson County, Mo., Kansas City, Missouri, the writer was informed that attempts will be made to ascertain further information concerning this angle through other local contacts of Kelly and Irwin, and that the Kansas City Division office would be immediately made cognizant of any developments.

In this same connection, namely, that information concerning the Subjects whose apprehension has not as yet been effected might be obtained through informants claiming to have an old acquaintance with those individuals, the writer, on 1-15-35, appeared at the County Jail at Jackson City, Missouri, and there interviewed Arlie M. Eslinger, who is being held at that point pending his removal to Muskogee, Oklahoma, on a federal charge of counterfeiting. This individual was contacted for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, any information he might possess, inasmuch as he had stated to the Deputy Marshal that he wanted to furnish facts to the Division, which would assist in apprehending any of the above mentioned Subjects. He stated, upon interview, that he had served time at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, both with Doc Barker and Volney Davis, and professed to know the latter especially well. He stated that this acquaintance had sprung up prior to the time of his incarceration, but that he became more intimately acquainted with him while at McAlester. However, when questioned as to recent movements of these Subjects, he stated that he had no further information to offer, inasmuch as the last time he had seen either Doc Barker or Volney Davis had been in 1932. He added, that he had been a barber practically all his life, and in that way had naturally come in contact with practically all of the inmates of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. - Consequently, it is thought at this time that Eslinger could be of no material assistance in locating either of these men, inasmuch as most of his answers to inquiries put to him were evasive and indefinite.

By reference to the report of Special Agent A. E. Miller, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-17-34, and letter from the Kansas City Division office to the Division under the same date, with which were transmitted three papers in connection with the sale and registration of Ford Sedan motor number 899365, it will be noted that the Bill of Sale from one E. J. Powell, dated October 10, 1934, to the Finance Outlet Company of Kansas City, Missouri, was among those included in this transmittal for the purpose of obtaining, if possible latent fingerprints, so that a comparison might be made with those of the individuals wanted by the Division in connection with this case. - In Division letter to the Kansas City Division office, dated January 5, 1935, this office has been advised that three latent prints were developed on the above mentioned Bill of Sale, and were compared with the fingerprints of the individuals involved in instant case, without effecting an identification.

In accordance to request made by the Division that contacts be made with all persons who have had contact with the Barker-Karpis gang in this District, in order that they might advise this office, should they chance to again see these parties. Personal contact was had by the writer with the managers and other persons actively in charge of various apartment houses formerly patronized by members of this gang, and their associates.

A review has been made of report of Special Agent R. J. Gaffrey, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 7-29-32, in the case entitled: Francis L. Keating, with aliases, et al; Escaped Federal Prisoners, Kansas City File 76-474. This report deals with investigation made by the Kansas City Division office in Kansas City and vicinity immediately after the apprehension of Thomas Holden, Francis Keating and Harvey Bailey at Kansas City on July 7, 1932, and indicates the presence in Kansas City, Missouri, immediately, or shortly prior to the date of those apprehensions of several members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Accordingly, at the present time there is contained in the files of the Kansas City Division office the names of the various hotels and apartments in Kansas City, Missouri, where the various named individuals stayed, and the period of their residence being indicated where available. In all cases the photographs of the individuals sought by the Division in the instant case were exhibited to the managers and other persons actively in charge, and cooperation has been promised the Division, in event any of these individuals put in an appearance at the places they formerly patronized. Copies of the appropriate Identification orders have been left for reference purposes of the desk clerk and other employees who would be the first to receive apartment guests at the time of registration. Likewise, they have been cautioned not to leave the identification orders where same may be seen by the general public, as such would undoubtedly scare any Subject away. Contact has also been made with various garages, the names of which are listed in the memorandum contained in the Kansas City Division office files, which have been patronized on previous occasions by the Subjects and their associates.

In connection with other activities being pursued by this office, with the hope of obtaining information concerning the present whereabouts of any of the Subjects in the instant case, it is noted at this time that on January 9, 1935, Mr. H. B. O'rear of the Kissel-Skiles Motor Company called at this office, having been interviewed by Special Agent in Charge R. M. Nathan, and advised as follows:

On 12-4-34 an individual giving the name of Howard Morrison came to the place of business of the Kissel-Skiles Company for the purpose of renting an automobile. He gave the name of Chief of Detectives T. J. Higgins as a reference and was brought to the motor company by John Costello of the Kansas City Police.

A car was rented to this man, which he kept for several days, and on 12-13-34 was given another because of a slight accident to the first which he had.

Nothing was heard from Morrison for some time with the exception of a number of phone calls received by the rental company from persons giving the names of Anderson, Wilson and Morrison, in which they would ask the amount of the bill and indicate that the car would be returned.

On 1-7-35 a woman, giving the name of Mrs. Jessie Howard Chidester, came to the rental company and inquired concerning this automobile on the theory that it had been rented by her husband. She had in her possession the license number and other identifying information concerning the car.

Mrs. Chidester resides at 3304 Campbell, telephone number Valentine 4092 and is employed as cashier at the Price Candy Shop, 31st and Troost. She gave information to the effect that a girl by the name of Odo Miller, who resides at the Labelle Hotel, 622 East 15th Street, Kansas City, is the girl friend of her husband, and that her husband was planning to kidnap one of their children; that her husband was supposed to be working as an informant for the Kansas City Police Department in an effort to locate Alvin Karpis and one of the Barkers.

Mr. O'Rear stated that from inquiries which he had made, it had been determined that Morrison is probably identical with Chidester and that he at one time served in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, with Karpis and possibly with one of the Barkers.

Mr. O'Rear has talked to Higgins and has been advised that Morrison or Chidester had made a proposition to the Kansas City Police Department that he could put Karpis and others on the spot if the police would cooperate with him in the obtaining of an automobile. From the conversation with Higgins, he gathered that this man has probably been to Des Moines and Omaha in the rented car.

On one occasion, when Mr. O'Rear received a telephone call, the individual calling stated that his name was Anderson, and that he was at 4510 Mill Creek Road. This individual advised that his understand-

ing was that the charges for rental of the car were about \$80.00, and that he would bring that sum to Mr. O'Rear. He did not appear. On or about 1-8-35 another call was received by O'Rear to the effect that the car was in a parking station at 14th and Baltimore and the car was recovered there from the 14th Street Garage.

From Mr. O'Rear's conversation with Mrs. Chidester, he gathered that her husband was in fear of one Walter De Vore, a chef at the Washington Cafe, 11th and Washington Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. According to her, this man is badly wanted on some charge.

Mr. O'Rear advised that the second car rented to this man was a 1934 V-8 Ford Coach, black, and bearing Missouri 1934 license #30-936. It had the motor number V 18-1165467. When recovered by O'Rear it had been driven approximately 2500 miles and the first car which this man had had been driven about 1000 miles.

An examination of the rental card signed by Morrison showed that he gave his address as 516 West 30th Street, Kansas City. He stated that he had been employed for two years by the "Eatna" Insurance Company, Topeka, Kansas, at the Hotel Kansan, Topeka, as an agent. He further stated that he had been employed by the Kansas City Police Department for thirteen months at Station No. 1; references were E. J. Higgins and Sergeant Louis Myers.

Mr. O'Rear furnished this information for whatever value it might have in connection with our investigations. He is endeavoring to obtain a settlement of the bill through the Police Department. He advised Mr. Higgins that he was going to report the whole matter to this Division, at which time Mr. Higgins told him that the Kansas City Police Department would cooperate with him in every way in an effort to recover the car which had not then been found.

The description of the renter of the car is as follows:

Age - 30 years
Height - 5 feet 11 inches
Weight - 156 pounds
Eyes - brown
Hair - dark brown
Complexion - medium dark

According to Mr. O'Rear, Mrs. Chidester appeared to be a reputable woman.

In regard to the above, an attempt has been made at the Washington Cafe, 11th and Washington Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, to observe Walter De Vore, chef at that cafe, in order to ascertain whether De Vore may possibly be one of the Subjects, or associates, involved in the Bremer Kidnaping, or the Dillinger, case. However, it has not yet been possible to ascertain the true identity of De Vore, but the same will be done at the earliest opportunity and duly reported.

Due to the recent demise of Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, and also to the recent apprehension of Doc Barker, communications have been addressed to

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Special cooperation in this matter is being given by the Kansas City Division office. The Kansas City Division office is in receipt of a letter dated January 14, 1935, from the St. Louis office, dated January 14, 1935, by G. R. [REDACTED] 1408 [REDACTED] Street, Kansas City, Missouri, [REDACTED] Missouri, [REDACTED] former associate of [REDACTED] on all communications transmitted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] E. Davis, [REDACTED] is being continued.

In this connection, the attention of the St. Louis office is being directed to the fact that the Kansas City Division office is in receipt of a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Neosho, Missouri, postmarked Moberly, Missouri, December 1, 1934. On the back of the envelope, the return address was [REDACTED] JAMES E. SCOFIELD, MOBERLY, MISSOURI, General Delivery. That appropriate inquiries made at the post office at Moberly, Missouri, might be productive of information with a possible connection with Volney Davis.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. M. Conroy dated Little Rock, Arkansas, 1-25-35, in relation to the recent activities of J. Bates, formerly thought to be possibly connected with this case. - Pursuant to Special Agent in Charge Conroy's telephonic request made of this office at 3:20 p.m. 1-18-35, a surveillance of the General Delivery section of the post office at Kansas City, Mo., was maintained by Division Agents from approximately 4 p.m., January 18, 1935, to 2:30 p.m., January 19, 1935, at which time J. Bates appeared at the General Delivery window and was immediately thereafter conducted to the Kansas City Division Office, where he was questioned at length by Special Agent in Charge E. R. Nathan. The surveillance maintained at the post office, Kansas City, Missouri, was predicated upon information received in the above mentioned telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Conroy on January 18th to the effect that an individual giving the name of J. Bates had been calling for mail at the General Delivery window, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for about two weeks and had received a special delivery letter every day for that period from 448 St. Peters Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. On or about 1-13-35, a letter apparently intended for this man was delivered to the home of J. E. Bates, who operates a hotel at Hot Springs. It was opened by this man, who recalled that the letter began "Dear Ed." Most of the letter appeared to be in disguised, people being referred to by initials as "T", "R" and "V." The letter was signed "Joe" and appeared to be written by a woman. Reference was made in the letter to the Bremer Kidnaping, according to the information received, and J. E. Bates and his wife recalled that the letter contained a sentence approximately as follows: "If you were to come in it would not gain anything." The writer of the letter said something about going to the lakes.

About 1-14-35, J. E. Bates received a package containing four St. Paul newspapers dated Thursday, 1-10-35, all of which contained articles concerning the Bremer case, and all of these articles being marked. About 1-14-35 or 1-15-35, J. E. Bates returned the letter, and the newspapers to the Post Office marked "opened by mistake." J. Bates then disappeared.

On 1-15-35, a letter was received at the Hot Springs Post Office dated 1-14-35 and asking that mail be forwarded to 448 St. Peters Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. On 1-17-35, the postmaster received a telegram signed "J. Bates" asking that mail be forwarded to General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri.

Bates stated upon being interviewed that his true name was J. K. Bates, 57 years of age and a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, The Piedmont Arms, 9th and Smith Streets of that city being his present address. In explanation of his presence in Kansas City and of his calling for mail both at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in this city, he said that he was on his way back to St. Paul, Minnesota, having purchased a through ticket on the bus from Hot Springs to St. Paul. Someone, according to his own statement, owed him money in Kansas City, which he desired to collect, consequently, he registered at the Snyderhoff Hotel, Room 212, under the name of A. J. Baxter on 1-14-35. The use of a fictitious name was for the purpose of not being detected pending his arrival in St. Paul, where, also according to his own admissions, he was wanted for questioning concerning two bond coupons, amounting to \$25.00 in value, which he had deposited for collection at the Capitol Bank in St. Paul, Minnesota, around December 12 to 13, 1934. Serial numbers on these bonds were M 14682 and M 14683.

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

Subsequent to the deposit above mentioned, the bonds were returned marked "stolen bonds" whereupon Bates threw them away. He added that he would not know where to look for them now. Shortly after the above incident occurred, Bates continued, he left St. Paul and went to Little Rock, Arkansas, later back to Kansas City for three or four days around Christmas time and subsequently to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he remained up until about January 13, 1935. While in Hot Springs, he called for mail at the General Delivery for about two weeks prior to January 13, 1935, during which time, he received a special delivery letter every day from 448 St. Peters Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. It was also during this time, according to Bates' own statement, that he learned that Special Agent Dugan of the St. Paul office had been out to his home there making inquiries about the coupons mentioned above. It will be noted here that in all probability this is the connection with the letter delivered to the home of J. K. Bates, who operates a hotel at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on January 13, 1935, which was subsequently opened by the latter, and which contained a sentence approximately as follows: "If you were to come in it would not gain you anything." The above facts were not disclosed by Bates, but were communicated to this office by Special Agent in Charge Conroy, when he called by telephone at 3:20 P M January 18, 1935.

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

The Chicago office was also advised that J. Bates had been taken into custody and that there was on file at the Post Office, Kansas City, Missouri, a post card request signed "J. Bates" and postmarked Chicago, December 14, 1934, and addressed to the Postmaster at Kansas City, Missouri, asking that all mail delivered to General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri, be forwarded care of Bloom, 4764 North Virginia Avenue, Chicago. It will be noted here that Regan subsequently on January 21, 1935, when interviewed at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, by Agent denied having sent the above message, stating that he had not been at Chicago for over ten years.

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

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Upon being questioned as to previous arrests, he stated that he had been a pick-pocket practically all of his life and that he had served only one prison sentence, that being at the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin, where he was sentenced in 1917, having been convicted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a charge of larceny from a person.

It will be noted here, that upon being subsequently interviewed, on January 21, 1935, at the Jackson County Jail, Bates stated that he served three years of the above sentence, at which time, he was pardoned by the then Governor Phillips of Wisconsin, which occurred in the year 1920.

Bates revealed no further information concerning his past record, but the records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, which were examined on January 19, 1935, revealed that Regan, under the name of Ed Neary, with numerous aliases, including his true name Edward Regan, bore the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department number 271 and had a record dating back as far as August 12, 1903. Subsequent arrests listed in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department's record reveal no prison sentences, and no offenses whatsoever subsequent to 1917. Bates

later stated in the Jackson County Jail that the above offense of which he served three years in Waupun, Wisconsin, was the last time he had been in trouble, adding that he had not even been picked up for investigation since that time, but had been engaged in the saloon business at St. Paul, Minnesota, the past fifteen years.

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

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

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

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

Age 57 years
Height 5 ft. 11 1/2 in.
Weight 147 pounds
Hair - black - streaked with gray
Eyes - brown
Build - slender - slightly stooped
Complexion - sallow
Married - wife, Josephine.
Address - Piedmont Apartments, 9th and
Smith Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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On January 29th, this office was advised by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly of Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, that Regan had been released from custody on 1-26-35 on the authority of the County Attorney at Grand Island, Nebraska, upon whose prior request Regan was being held pending a proposed investigation of the bond coupons deposited by him in St. Paul, as is indicated above.

Pursuant to information received from the Division by telegram, under date of January 20, 1935, relative to the gun battle between Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell with Atlantic City, New Jersey, policemen, and their subsequent escape, the various police departments in this District and the State Highway Patrol of Missouri and Kansas were supplied with full information, including the physical description and other information concerning both Karpis and Campbell. Likewise, by communication dated December 22, 1935, all hospitals in the Kansas City District were notified to immediately communicate with this office in the event either Campbell or Karpis appeared for treatment, inasmuch as at that time it was thought that Campbell in particular might have been wounded in effecting his escape from Atlantic City.

In connection with investigation being conducted by this office for the purpose of ascertaining all possible information which might assist in effecting the apprehension of Jess Doyle, who has been mentioned previously in the body of this report, it should be noted here that on 1-29-35, Special Agent W. F. Trainor personally interviewed Jimmy La Capra, who, it will be recalled, afforded such cooperation and information in the recent solution of the Kansas City Massacre case. As will be noted from the memorandum prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainor regarding his recent investigation in Coffeyville, Kansas, which is set out in this report, it is thought that Jess Doyle might possibly have been an associate of Dago Howard, identical with Howard Lenardson, well known bank robber, who frequents Kansas City, Missouri. It is known that the latter was an associate of La Capra during the past year and they both are known to have frequented the home of one Pearl Raymer, 3031 Garfield Street, Kansas City, Missouri, heretofore mentioned in reports in this case, and also in the Dillinger case. Accordingly, it is thought quite possible that through cooperation of La Capra in obtaining all available information at the command of Pearl Raymer that pertinent information relative to the present whereabouts of Jess Doyle may be obtained. In this respect, La Capra expressed his willingness to make any contacts that Special Agent Trainor deemed advisable, in order that if any good can be obtained through an interview with Pearl Raymer, the same could be done at the earliest

opportunity.

Arrangements are, therefore, being made at the present time by the Kansas City Division office to effect a speedy meeting between Lee Capra and Pearl Raymer in the hope that data on the present whereabouts of Doyle may be forthcoming.

At the present time, the entire file in this case is being reviewed by Special Agent W. F. Grainer of the Kansas City Division office. Accordingly, within a very short time, a recapitulation will be effected, so that all possible leads in this district will be expediently covered, and contacts, either personally, or by more discreet methods, will be made with all known associates, or contacts, of any of the Subjects in this case, whose apprehension has not yet been effected.

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The offices who are receiving copies of this report are respectfully requested to examine same for leads requiring attention in their District.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

1:05 P.M.

January 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

I called Mr. Ladd and advised that Fred and Kate Barker had been killed and none of our men hurt. I advised Connelley has a lead on some other subjects of the Bremer Case in Miami, and that Brown and others were en route there now. Mr. Ladd stated the papers carried headlines about the fight and asked for permission to advise the Agents' wives that they were not hurt. I advised this would be all right.

I advised that the Veterans Administration reports they have no record of any payment to Harold Allerton. Mr. Ladd stated this was the spelling of the name as first given to them, but he had since been advised that it was incorrect; that the correct spelling was "Alderton", the first name being Harold. I stated nothing could be found on Bitty Bishop. He stated the last they could find on Bishop was that he was in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, visiting relatives, in July. He (Ladd) called Mr. Coulter in St. Paul and asked him to have an agent check this discreetly and interview him there. He advised the Agents had left for Marion, Indiana about 11 o'clock; that it is over 100 miles away.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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February 8, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
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; VOLNEY
DAVIS with aliases, I. O. #1237; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

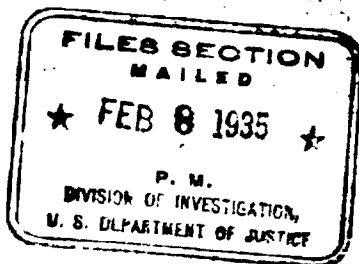
The Division is in receipt of a copy of a letter from the
El Paso Office addressed to you under date of February 1, 1935, in
the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that John Borcia was
identified as being present in El Paso, Texas. It is not clear from
the letter of reference how the identification of Borcia was
effected, it appearing in previous reports submitted in this case that
this individual is a native of Chicago and is said to confine his
activities to that city.

Steps should be immediately taken to ascertain the present
whereabouts of Borcia in the event it is found that he is associating
with other members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He has been closely
associated in the past with the late Russell Gibson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul
El Paso



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1851 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
February 1, 1935.



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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O., 1218, et al - Geo. Edw. Bremer -
Victim. Kidnaping.

Reference is had to my telegram to you dated January 31, 1935
relative to the presence of John Borgia in El Paso. Reference is likewise
made to report of E. J. Connelley, Chicago, January 11, 1935.

On January 30, W. D. Roberts, State Highway Patrolman, reported
to me that on Saturday afternoon, January 28, about 3:50 P.M., three in-
dividuals had appeared at the Lone Star Motor Co. in El Paso driving a
1934 Oldsmobile sedan which had the bearings burned out and that they
insisted on an immediate repair job; that the car was taken upstairs into
the shops where mechanics proceeded to work on it and that these three
individuals would not leave the car or its immediate vicinity for a moment
but stayed there from 3:50 in the afternoon until the job was finished at
10:30 that night; that they would not let the mechanics get out of their
sight and on one occasion when the mechanic had to go down to the store
room for parts one of these men accompanied him and stood by the window
watching him while he secured the necessary parts; that also when the
mechanic went to supper at a nearby restaurant the three men followed him
and stayed in the restaurant while he ate; that they were very rough talk-
ing and the leader threatened the mechanic that if his repair bill was too
high he might not ever get downstairs again.

Mr. Roberts reported that immediately the job was completed they
departed eastward and that when passing through Fabens, Texas, about 30
miles east of El Paso, about midnight Saturday, January 28, they were
observed by Motor Patrolman O. B. Pierce who tried to overtake them for
the purpose of looking them over, but they looked back, saw him coming
and ran off and left him. Pierce at this time knew nothing of the episode
at the Lone Star Motor Co. and therefore did not make a report of the matter.

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Mr. L. L. Rutledge, Service Manager of the Lone Star Motor Co., was interviewed and it was ascertained that the person in charge of this car exhibited registration papers thereon which showed that the car was a 1934 Oldsmobile Eight Sedan, carrying Illinois 1934 license 308,096 (this was previously erroneously reported to you by telegraph as being 308 696). The work sheet shows the motor number of this car to have been 2147 and the mileage at that time read 9,777. Mr. Rutledge states that this was a practically new 1934 car but had recently been repainted in a very crude manner, apparently by hand. The color is now black with a rather broad red stripe around it. This was also verified by Mr. George Hofmeister, the mechanic who worked on the car, who described John Borgia as being:

Age - 39 Wearing black suit and no hat;
Ht. - 5' 9" Spoke broken English and is evidently an Italian.
Wt. - 180
Hair - Black
Comp. - dark

Hofmeister described man #2 as an American, about 5' 6 1/2"; Wt. - 185;
Age - 33 or 34, blond hair and thin face; stated he was a piano tuner.

Hofmeister did not pay much attention to man #3 and would not attempt to give a description of him, except that he was also apparently an American, about the same age as man #2. Hofmeister advised there was no baggage in the car except two packages about 15 inches long, wrapped in newspaper on the rear seat and that there was another package wrapped loosely in newspaper lying on the floor of the car and that this package appeared as though it was about the proper length for a submachine gun. The suspicions of Hofmeister were very much aroused by the way these persons acted and particularly by the fact that they would not let him get to a telephone or otherwise out of their sight. He stated that Borgia told him the reason they were in such a hurry was that he positively had to be in Chicago by Tuesday night, January 29.

I exhibited pictures of the following persons to both Hofmeister and Rutledge but they could not recognize any of them as having been the parties in the car:

Alvin Karpis; John Hamilton, I.O. 1220; Jack Perkins; Harry Campbell; Volney Davis; Ted Bantz; Raymond Hamilton; Joseph P. Moran; Francis Fabiano, I.O. 975-A; Percy Leary, I. O. 1215; Francis Leavelle, I.O. 1228 and Charles Harold Welsey. Mr. Rutledge was of the opinion that the picture of Volney Davis somewhat resembled one of the men.

Last evening, upon receipt of your report above referred to, I observed the mention of John Borgia therein on page 5. Previous to that

time I had no extraordinary interest in the episode at the Lone Star Motor Co., but was checking up on it as a routine matter. However, upon the receipt of your report I immediately proceeded to the Lone Star Motor Co. and made further investigation, as related hereinbefore and I report the matter now merely as of possible interest to the Brekid investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
cc St. Paul.

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Toledo, Ohio
January 30, 1935

Memorandum to E. J. Black

Re: Brekid

There was received from the San Francisco Division Office under date of January 26, 1935, a wire to the effect that Charles J. Fitzgerald, under the name of G. J. Murphy, was a patient in the Vallejo General Hospital, San Francisco, California during November of 1934; that at that time he was driving an automobile bearing 1934 Illinois license tags 522-451.

At the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Chicago Police Department it was ascertained that license 522-451 was issued to G. J. Murphy, 7150 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, on a Buick Motor No. 2276177, Serial No. 2716631.

It was learned that 7150 Cyril Parkway is the address of the Eleanor Manor Apartments. I interviewed the manager, Mrs. Balien on January 28, 1935 and she advised that a G. J. Murphy and his wife visited on the premises from August 27, 1933 to April 1, 1934. She positively identified the photograph of G. J. Fitzgerald as G. J. Murphy, and furnished the description of his wife as follows:

Age 45-50
Height 5' 4"
Weight 130 lbs.
Hair Brown
Build Medium
Glasses Rimless

Mrs. Balien further stated that Mrs. Murphy rented the apartment, which was furnished. She refused to sign any application, stating that they had plenty of money, and would pay their rent promptly. She also did not furnish any references, giving the reason that they were unknown in Chicago. Mrs. Balien stated that when Mr. and Mrs. Murphy moved in Mrs. Murphy was ailing with rheumatism; that because of this he had to walk on crutches most of the time. Shortly before they moved out in April, 1934, Mr. Murphy walked about with the aid of a cane. Mrs. Balien further stated that the Murphys had no telephone installed in their apartment, and that all their calls were made through the pay phone in the lobby. They had very few visitors, and received very little mail. Mrs. Balien was unable to identify any of the other members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

I also talked with the maid, and the housekeeper, both of whom came in frequent contact with the Murphys while they resided at this apartment. The housekeeper advised that on one occasion Mrs. 535

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Murphy told her that her husband had a severe case of rheumatism, and that he had spent a considerable time in the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. The housekeeper further stated that during the period in question, Mrs. Murphy drove her husband to a farm nearby on numerous occasions, and at times he would remain on this farm for two or three weeks. In this connection Mrs. Murphy stated that a friend of theirs owned this farm and that the rest and the air was very beneficial to her husband. The housekeeper further stated Mrs. Murphy often visited her sister-in-law, who is of Polish descent, and who lived nearby. She could furnish no other information in this respect.

The maid advised that Mrs. Murphy had at one time told her of the location of the farm above mentioned; that to her recollection it is either in Benton Harbor or Kalamazoo, Michigan. She stated that the farm must not be very far from Chicago, as Mrs. Murphy visited it almost every week-end; that she usually left on a Friday and returned Monday. The maid advised that the Murphys appeared very wealthy, and that Mrs. Murphy was well dressed at all times; that they were good "tippers" and were very kind to her. She further stated that at no time did Mrs. Murphy indicate her husband's business to her and that Mr. Murphy spent considerable time in the apartment, possibly on account of his rheumatism. When they moved from the premises, they did not mention where they were going, but according to the maid, Mrs. Murphy indicated that should they return to Chicago, they will again reside at the Elanor Manor Apartments, as they were very satisfied with everything. In this connection I left the phone number of the Chicago Division Office with Mrs. Balice, the manager, with the request that she call should the Murphys return, which she promised to do.

Inasmuch as information recently received indicates that Charles J. Fitzgerald is in Toledo, Ohio at the present time, it is suggested that you write to the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, providing them with the motor and serial number of Fitzgerald's Buick car, with the request that they notify the Detroit Office by wire if same is registered in this state. It is very probable that he will continue to use the alias of C. J. Murphy.

When you receive the above information please telephone same to S. A. C. Larson at Toledo, Ohio. Also refer to letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office dated February 12, 1934, a copy of which was furnished your office. In this letter there is set out a list of correspondents of C. J. Fitzgerald while he was in the Kansas State Penitentiary, many of whom resided in Toledo at that time. Please transmit the Toledo addresses to S. A. C. Larson immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Madala

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cc: Division
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P. O. Box 1876
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 1, 1935

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases
I. O. #1222; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The following quoted letter has been received by Agent Paul Hansen from Harry A. Neal, box 78, Coffeyville, Kansas, who is a former deputy sheriff and is well known to Agents of the Kansas City Office:

"A friend of mine was down to the nut house tonight and two telephone calls came in while he was there asking if any word had come from Minneapolis. Whoever called wanted to talk to Hazel Doyle or (Pugs) the Pop. Neither was there and a loud talking fellow who answered said each time 'No, we haven't heard anything from Minneapolis yet.' It would appear that someone was trying to make connections here. I am giving you this for what its worth but if it was possible for you to tap this phone here there is no question but what you could get some action in a hurry."

As it is known that Hazel Doyle is acquainted in Minneapolis, and as there is no indication as to what information Hazel Doyle or her associates were looking for and no indication as to whom they were expecting this information from, it is not felt by this office that a wire tap is necessary at this time.

South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, is served from the Coffeyville, Kansas office of the telephone company, and this information is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office for its information. It is suggested that, if the Kansas City Office feels so disposed, an arrangement might be made with the telephone company at Coffeyville similar to that which was contemplated by Agent Trainor concerning long distance calls, both out-

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going and incoming, from the telephone of Mrs. Katherine Carnes, of Coffeyville; might also be notified concerning the long distance telephone calls going out from and coming in to the nut house in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓
St. Paul
Chicago (Connelley)

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

February 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1212;
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

For your information, there is attached hereto a copy of a letter from ROBERT C. LANE, attorney at law, 708 Huntington Building, Miami, Florida, dated January 1, 1935, addressed to the Clerk of Court, at St. Paul, Minnesota, requesting a certified copy of the bench warrant and a certified copy of the indictment returned against all the parties connected with the kidnaping. He also asks for a certificate under the seal of the Clerk of the Court as to whether there is a capias against George Summers, T.O. Blackburn, and a Mrs. Ryan.

For your information, the Clerk of the Court conferred with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan and he concluded that it would be a better policy to immediately transmit a certified copy of the old indictment and a certified copy of the bench warrant for the arrest of KARPIS, pointing out that it would be detrimental to the case if there were any hesitancy on the part of the Government officials to disclose facts about the indictment and bench warrant.

Inasmuch as the courtesy was extended to this office in receiving copy of the letter addressed to the Clerk of Court, it is suggested that this matter be handled in such a way that the Clerk will not be embarrassed. It may be desirable to take this matter up with the United States Attorney at Miami, in order that he will know what to expect from Mr. Lane, in view of the fact that he will have a certified copy of the indictment and warrant.

Very truly yours,

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D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(COPY)

ROBERT C. LANE, Attorney at law,
708 Huntington Bldg.,
Miami, Florida.

January 31, 1935.

AIR MAIL

Clerk of the United States District Court,
Federal Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I represent a client here in Miami, Florida, who has been accused of complications with the Edward Bremer kidnapping case, and it is very important that we have certain information with reference to the bench warrants issued and the indictments returned against various parties in connection with this case by the Federal Grand Jury and the United States District Judge, in St. Paul, Minn.

I am therefore writing to request that you have prepared for me a certified copy of the bench warrant issued for Alvin Karpavics, alias Alvin Karpis, and others, and a party whose last name is Barker, together with a certified copy of the indictment returned against all parties connected with the Edward Bremer kidnapping case and forward same to me by air mail.

I would also like to have you investigate your criminal record books and ascertain if warrants or indictments have ever been returned in connection with the Edward Bremer case against George Summers, L. C. Blackburn, and a Mrs. Ryan, whose initials I do not have; and if your records fail to show that these last named parties are involved in the Edward Bremer kidnapping case, I would like to have you make a certificate, under your Seal of office, that such indictments or warrants are not pending against these parties.

I realize that you are entitled to fees for these documents, and your certificate, and if you will wire me collect the amount of your fees, I will immediately wire same to you before you mail these documents to me. However, we have very little time within which to prepare for a preliminary hearing on this matter, and if you will give my request preferred attention it will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Robert C. Lane.

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BREKID PLEASE REFER REPORT AGENT BRENNAN ST PAUL JANUARY 28 PAGE 6
SHOWING LONG DISTANCE CALL ON DECEMBER 6, 1934 FROM "WILLIE" CALLING
FROM CHICAGO PHONE LONGBEACH 1310 TO DAVE WEINSTEIN ST PAUL THE
LATTER A KNOWN CONTACT FOR HARRY SAWYER. LONGBEACH 1310 IS WILRAE
HOTEL, 4546 N RACINE AVENUE LOCATED IN VICINITY FORMERLY FREQUENTED
BY RUSSELL GIBSON. UNABLE TO MAKE OPEN INQUIRY AT HOTEL. WILLIE
BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH WILLIAM HARRISON. REQUEST ~~FOR~~ AUTHORITY
TO RENT ROOM THERE FOR SURVEILLANCE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREXID AUTHORITY GRANTED RENT ROOM AT 4546 NORTH RACINE AVENUE MENTIONED

YOUR TELETYPE TONIGHT

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/30/35	REPORT MADE BY: L. A. KENDALL
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. 2832; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Ford Coach, motor #1130843, Ford Coupe, motor #1142463, Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656, Ford Sedan, motor #899365, not registered in Mississippi in 1934. Records for 1935 not made up. Stop cards placed.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office 12/26/34; letter from Detroit Office 11/19/34.			
DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI			
At the Auto Division of the State Auditor's Office, stop cards were placed against the following autos: Ford Coach, motor #1130843 Ford Coupe, motor #1142463 Pontiac Coach, motor #935155 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656 Ford Sedan, motor #899365			
None of these autos were registered in Mississippi in 1934 and the records for 1935 have not been sufficiently completed to make an examination. In Mississippi, auto registrations are indexed by motor and license numbers.			
UNDEVELOPED LEAD:	NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at Baton Rouge, La., conduct similar investigation.		
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. W. Maguire</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4258	RECORDED AND INDEXED FEB 5 - 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 2-Mr. E.J. Connelley, Box 829, Chicago. 1-Detroit 2-New Orleans		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FEB 5 1935 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT. FILE	CHECKED OFF: FEB 6 - 1935 JACKETED:

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

February 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1212
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232,
et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
Chicago File No. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter dated January 11, 1935,
wherein you request to be advised if the mother of ALVIN KARPIS
was away from home at that time.

In this connection your attention is directed to the report
of Special Agent K. M. Melatire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/31/35,
copy of which was furnished your office.

You will note that Mrs. Karpavicz, the mother of Alvin Karpis,
was at home at the time Agent Melatire made this investigation.

It had been previously ascertained from an interview had
with Mr. Edward L. Lewis who occupies the apartment immediately
above Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and who was interviewed by Special
Agent W. C. Ryan on January 26, 1935, that three or four days prior
to this date Mrs. Karpavicz had been away from home for a period of
three or four days and Mr. Lewis also advised that Mrs. Karpavicz
had been away from home during the past Christmas holidays and that
he thought that she had been in Topeka, Kansas, visiting relatives.
It would appear, therefore, that at the time Mrs. Karpavicz was away
from home during January of this year she might have been visiting
her daughter in Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

✓ ECR:RP
cc Division
cc St. Paul



E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Henry + Mary
Feb 1st 1935

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man. I am not sure of the woman with
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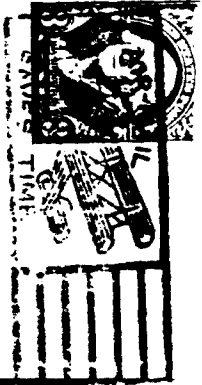
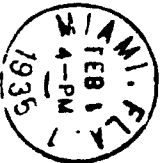
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to be a friend of Adams who
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in getting rid of some of
the old cases in Miami
the trouble now

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Mr. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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ms.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 31, 1935.

Time-7:00P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re. Bremer Case.

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

While talking to Mr. Hanson tonight, I advised him that Agent Brown called from Havana this evening, stating that he had talked to Heller this afternoon; that Heller's attitude was supercilious; that Heller stated that he had been harboring Karpis; that he bought Karpis a car, found him a house, and was going to keep right on doing it. I stated that I had advised Agent Brown to get the Cuban Police to pick him up for deportation and put him in a jail of some kind. Mr. Hanson stated that Heller was seen in Miami in company with Delores Delaney; that according to the U. S. Attorney, he could be included in the conspiracy charge. I advised Mr. Hanson to wait a few days until after we have talked to him; that we could have two agents there when he is deported, and the minute he sets his foot in the United States, we could take him. Mr. Hanson stated that he would look into this matter at once.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm.

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February 2, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 28, 1935, transmitting a deck of playing cards found in the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Lake Weir, Oklawaha, Florida, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1212, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-22.

You are advised that the playing cards have been examined for latent fingerprints, but no such impressions of value appear thereon.

The deck of playing cards is being returned to you herewith.

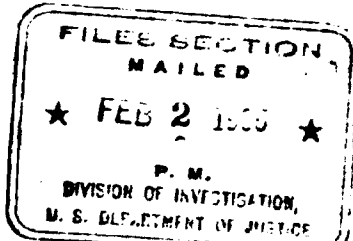
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

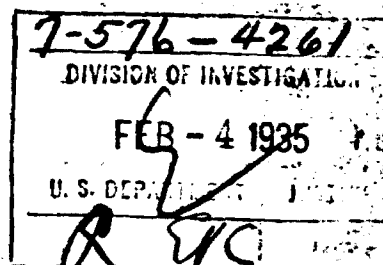
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Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

3:30 P.M.

Mr. Connelley called in connection with the Bremer case. He stated that the car might have been placed out there in a deliberate effort to draw the attention there while Karpis and Campbell went some place else. He advised that the State Police took some fingerprints from the car and could not make any identification. Larson took several photographs and lifted a couple of prints, which are being sent in, and there may be a possibility of identifying some of these. Larson has made

a connection on the three telephones in the Harvard Club, in Cleveland, Ohio, where Evabrandt and Patton are located. These are the two to whom Fred Barker sent flowers on Thanksgiving day from Ocala, Florida, and on their two private telephones. He stated Mr. Larson

the telephones of an individual who is acquainted with this outfit and made a contact with Fitzgerald and Helen Ferguson; the Flora Pharmacy, which is right under the place where the Hohlst woman formerly lived with Mildred, the Hohlst woman being still there; the house of Ted and his brother, Angus, and a book shop. Connelley stated Larson will probably wire in tonight for authority to place these taps.

Connelley stated that Woltz, Winstead and White are still down at Jacksonville and that he thinks it all right for them to return to Chicago. I advised of the information received from Hanson today concerning a plane landing at Everglades with three heavily armed men and that Hanson and four men were going to check on this, but stated that as soon as this was completed, if Connelley had no purpose in keeping the above Agents at Jacksonville, they would be returned to Chicago. Connelley stated he thought that he should return to Chicago tonight, and I told him to go down there when he thought it advisable, wiring when he got ready to go.

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E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 31, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 5:02 PM

Re Bremer case.

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

Agent R.D. Brown telephoned from Havana and stated that they had interviewed one Heller, manager of the Park View Hotel in Havana, who is the man whom Karpis contacted while there and who was instrumental in furnishing Karpis with information as to where he might rent a home and purchase a car. Agent Brown stated that this individual became very nasty in the interview with the agents; that he, Agent Brown, had conferred with the officials in Havana and they are willing to deport Heller to Jacksonville, stating that they have waived all constitutional guarantees in that country. Agent Brown stated that they only require the formality of having a statement given to them by the American Ambassador as to who Heller is and his connection with Karpis, and who the latter is.

I advised Agent Brown to take Heller into custody in Havana and give him a very vigorous interview; that if it is necessary he can then be taken into Jacksonville as soon as a process can be obtained against him.

Agent Brown further stated that they had found \$1200 of the Bremer ransom money in the Federal Reserve Bank in Havana, it having been deposited there by one of the lesser banks in Havana, the identity of which is not known.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 823,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1935, transmitting three photographic negatives, thirty-eight photographs and twenty lifts of latent fingerprints taken from various articles in the apartments at 3020 Pine Grove Avenue and 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1212, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-82.

Five latent impressions of value appear on the six lifts secured at 432 Surf Street, Chicago, and at this writing they have not been identified.

With reference to the latent prints developed on articles found in the apartment at 3020 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, the following identifications have been effected:

1 latent impression lifted from the electric toaster identified with right index fingerprint of Mildred Langquest, our #873412.

2 latent impressions lifted from the electric toaster determined to be of the right index and right middle fingers of Patricia Langquest, our #873428.

1 latent fingerprint appearing on photograph of bottle marked 15 identified as that of the left middle finger of Patricia Langquest.

1 latent print lifted from bottle #15 is that of the right thumb of Ruth Heidt, our #873419.

1 latent finger impression appearing on photograph of .32 calibre cartridge clip is identical with the left index finger impression of Russell Gibson, deceased.

1 latent impression lifted from bottle #16 identified as that of the left thumb of Doc Barker, our #289422, and 4 additional latent impressions appearing on photograph of bottles marked

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Mr. Cunnelly,
Chicago.

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23, 43 and 45 have been determined to be those of Doc Barker.

Comparisons with the remaining unidentified latent fingerprints
are now being made and you will be subsequently advised as to the results
thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Ladd called in connection with the Bremer case to advise that Elmer Farmer had furnished additional information to the effect that during this period he took groceries in on numerous occasions for the gang and that he thinks someone was held in the back room, although he did not know who until later, but he had a hunch it was Bremer; that the door to this particular room was always closed and the men there, Karpis, Barker, Volney Davis, Slim Gray, and others would sit around and talk in whispers, and they would not let him go near the room at all. He identifies the photographs of these individuals as the men who were there at the time. He advised that these individuals rented a garage a half block up the alley from a man named Bishop, and Ladd advised that they have found that Bishop is a paralytic and was in a Veterans Bureau Hospital, from which he has been moved, but Ladd advised an Agent is trying to locate him in order that he may identify these individuals. Mr. Ladd stated that Elmer Farmer had introduced Petz to Allerton and, although he knew that he wanted a house that some of the gang could use, they have not been able to get him to admit that it was to hold some particular man in, but Ladd stated that he is talking very much and he believes they will get everything he knows before he is finished.

I asked Mr. Ladd who had gone up to Bensenville this morning. He stated that he, Zimmer, Johnson, Suran, McIntyre, Abbaticchio, Barber, Hirsch, Mullen, Williams, Chaffetz, Peterson and two others had gone. I advised him that you thought he had done a very good job, and he stated he did not believe there would be any publicity. I asked Mr. Ladd to start making preparations in order that we can get indictments returned at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN, EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:50 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.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

I called Mr. Ladd in connection with the Bremer case and advised that we had just received an Associated Press dispatch coming out of Florida to the effect that fifteen Federal Agents have been engaged in a pitched gun battle at Ocala, Florida since 7 o'clock this morning; that the battle is still going on; that they are firing into a house and the fire is being returned from the house. I advised that I wanted him to know the above because we wanted to push the search for the fellow down at Marion before it gets in the paper. He advised that he was going to put in a call for Detroit immediately and see that this is rushed. I requested that he do this right away and call me back.

In connection with the individual named "Bitty" Bishop who is supposed to have rented a garage to members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Mr. Ladd advised that it might be of assistance if the Washington Field Office could check on him at the Veterans Administration; that he used to be a barber at Bensenville and is now a paralytic; that he was receiving treatment at the Edward Hines Veterans Bureau Hospital there, but has been removed from the hospital, and they are trying to locate him.

Mr. Ladd called me back at 11:05 A.M. and advised that he had just talked with Agent Ryan at Detroit, who advised he would leave within fifteen or twenty minutes for Marion and would call Ladd from there, and is taking several Agents with him. Mr. Ladd advised that all of the furniture, dishes, et cetera were moved out of there that Allerton had; that Bremer had described in some detail the dishes he was served with, and the furniture, and Mr. Ladd stated that he wanted the Agents to call him from Marion and if he has his furniture and dishes there he believes it would be advisable to leave two men there to make a record of these objects.

Respectfully,
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E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1935

Time 6 PM

EAT:RLM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Harvey this afternoon regarding the failure of the Pennsylvania State Police to notify us that the Pontiac used by Campbell and Karpis had been found. Mr. Harvey stated that he called Mr. Adams and Mr. Adams advised him that they did not receive the information until 3 PM; that they sent out a message at 4:10 PM to the Philadelphia Police asking them to notify Atlantic City, the Department of Justice in Philadelphia, and the Hammononton, New Jersey Barracks of the State Police. Mr. Harvey advised Mr. Adams that we had not received any message. Mr. Adams stated that the Philadelphia Police had advised him that they were unable to locate anyone at the Philadelphia Office. Mr. Adams read a message to Mr. Harvey addressed to the Philadelphia Police advising them to notify the Philadelphia Department of Justice that the car was abandoned at this town. Mr. Harvey stated that the Philadelphia Police did not notify us. I advised Mr. Harvey to obtain a copy of this message.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Nathan
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Room 414
Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 4, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Please refer to our recent conversation concerning the obtaining of a Search Warrant, in order to take possession of a 1934 Buick two door sedan, Motor #4949155, from the Atlantic City Police Department, which was abandoned by Alvin Karpis in Atlantic City.

Special Agent Sharp of this office, proceeded to Atlantic City on February 1st, and discussed the matter with Solicitor Siracusa of Atlantic City who informed the Chief of Police that the car should be turned over to the Agents of this Division. Therefore, it was unnecessary to serve the search warrant and same is attached hereto, together with the affidavit of search warrant.

Your cooperation in this matter is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT

NINTH ST NORTHWEST WASHDC

BREKID LEAVING SIX FIFTEEN PM TOGETHER WITH GENT J L MADALA

FOR PHILADELPHIA SPACE LOWER ONE CAR A THIRTEEN EIGHT

ATLANTIC COAST RAILROAD ARRIVING ONE FIFTEEN MONDAY STOP

AGENTS MELVIN SULLIVAN MCDADE MCLAUGHLIN MUZZEY LEAVING

TONIGHT NINE THIRTY FOR CHICAGO WITH SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND

THEY WILL BE ABLE DUE FAMILIARITY TO CHECK CERTAIN MATTERS

THERE AGENTS WHITE WINSTEAD AND WOLTZ REMAINING JACKSONVILLE

TEMPORARILY TO SHIP EQUIPMENT AND FOR OTHER EMERGENCY AGENTS

BROWN CAMPBELL AND MCKEE AT HAVANA CUBA TODAY SAC HANSON AND

AGENTS NICHOLS STONE DUNNE GOING METCALFE JONES AT MIAMI

WORKING ON LEADS AND PRIOR CONTACTS GANG THERE SAC STAP

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Division of Investigation

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

January 31, 1935

Time - 2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

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Mr. Hanson telephoned from Miami and stated in regard to the McDonald angle of the above case that they have definitely ascertained that McDonald has been associating with Harry Sawyer and Willie Harrison; that in this connection the United States Attorney is willing to prosecute him on a harboring charge; that they have ascertained that as late as December of last year, McDonald came to the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami and asked where he could get in touch with Karpis and Barker; that Joe Adams agreed to give McDonald their addresses; that they have a copy of a telegram which McDonald sent to Fred Barker at Ocala. On the day after Adams gave McDonald the address of Karpis, McDonald told Adams that he had seen Karpis. Mr. Hanson stated that this is not very much evidence, but the United States Attorney is very willing to go into the thing, and he is of the opinion that we should do it. He stated that he had talked to Mr. Black in the Detroit Office who stated that he, Mr. Black, is of the opinion that both Mr. Larson and Mr. Connelley would be in favor of it. Mr. Hanson stated that the grand jury sits there next week, and I suggested that we get a secret indictment against McDonald at that time.

Mr. Hanson stated that it has been ascertained that in September McDonald made two trips to Cuba; that it is his opinion that these trips were made for the purpose of exchanging ransom money for other money. He stated that Agent Browne is in possession of this information and is trying to verify it. I told Mr. Hanson that we were forwarding a letter to the Jacksonville Office which states that we have information from a Post Office Inspector to the effect that this is what McDonald was doing in Cuba on the occasions in question; that he changed \$100,000 in Havana; that they changed the ransom money for gold, and then purchased other money with the gold.

Mr. Hanson stated that Mr. Connelley informed him the other day that Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney had stated that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were driving a black Packard Sedan while in Florida; that it has been ascertained that McDonald has a black Packard Sedan, and Mr. Hanson wanted to know if these girls could be interviewed for any further information along this line. I told him we would have that done.

Mr. Hanson stated that a few weeks ago, Harry Sawyer was identified as being in one of the garages there in a Packard Sedan bearing New Jersey license plates; that he had suggested to Mr. Harvey that he check in New Jersey to see if Sawyer did have such a car.

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Mr. Hanson further stated that in the event Harry Sawyer and Willie Harrison are in Cuba, the immigration authorities ought to be notified so that in the event they come back, they might be apprehended. I told him that he could notify New York as well as Jacksonville to take the proper steps in this regard; that we will have Identification Orders out on these men in a short while, but in the meantime, the immigration authorities should be notified.

Mr. Hanson stated that he has been trying to get a line on the men in question through confidential informants, but it seems that they are not getting very far; that he wanted my opinion of the idea of going straight to certain prominent underworld characters and informing them who is wanted; that if it is found that these characters have been harboring the persons in question, they will then be prosecuted on harboring charges. I told him that this would be all right.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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February 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

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

For your information in connection with the photo-
graphic films taken of latent fingerprints in connection
with the objects processed in the house occupied by Fred
and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, which films after
exposure were placed in blue Postal Telegraph envelopes by
Special Agent Denaghe, these, upon arrival at Chicago, were
found to be useless inasmuch as the light had filtered through
these envelopes, destroying the possibility of reproducing
any prints from such films. It is not believed that this
method of handling films is very successful, particularly
in view of the fact that blue paper especially will conduct
light.

The above is for your information in case future
films are considered being handled in this manner.

Very truly yours,

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

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February 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 8118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 25, 1935,
transmitting four lifts of latent fingerprints and one cut film
holder in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with
aliases, I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

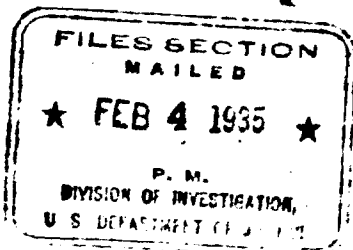
The four lifts do not present any latent fingerprints
of value. Upon opening the Graflex Film Pack holder it was
found that it contained no films.

The four lifts together with the film pack holder
which has been loaded are being returned to your office under
separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

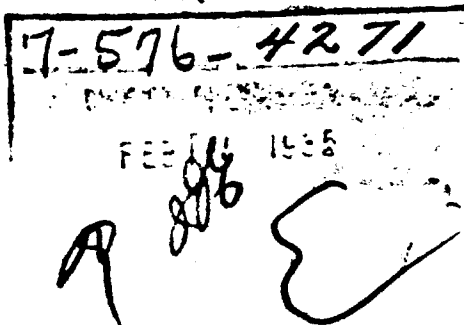
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AIR MAIL

cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul



February 4, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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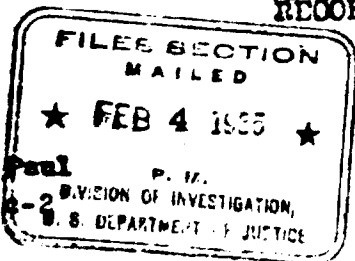
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

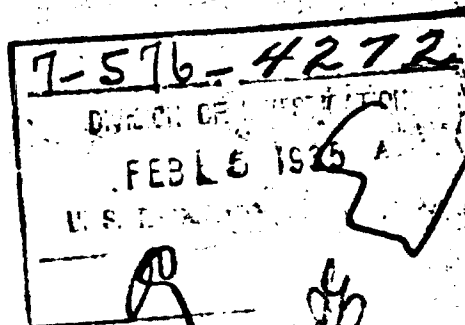
The latent finger impressions previously developed in connection with this case have been compared with the fingerprints of Fred Barker, deceased, without effecting an identification. It will be noted that the comparison of the fingerprints of this individual with the latent prints in this case has previously been reported, but this additional check has been made in view of the fact that his fingers were badly scarred and the fingerprints somewhat obliterated at the time of his death.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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February 1, 1935.

Time-11:37 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Kennedy of the Miami Daily News telephoned and inquired as to the status of the Miami investigation, and he said he was wondering if we expected to include any others besides Joe Adams and Duke Randall in the indictment.

I stated that we had no one else in custody there at the present time; that, however, the Grand Jury would not indict them until next week.

Very truly yours,

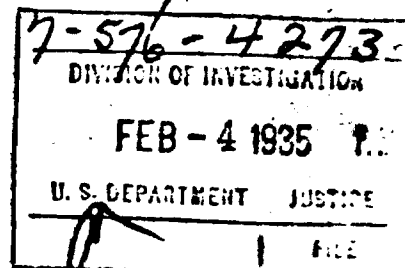
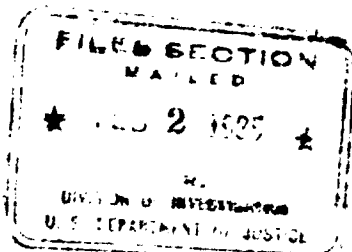
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1935

Time - 3:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

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I called Mr. Harvey and asked what had been done with Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney. He advised that they were turned over to the Marshal yesterday, and that fugitive complaints have been filed for taking them back to Florida, bonds having been set at \$50,000 returnable April 4, 1935.

(Do not let the Chief get away with this car. Atlantic City police have been notoriously rotten for years. JEH)

I advised that the United States Attorney at Chicago had taken the necessary steps to have the cars in connection with this case confiscated. Harvey stated that he had wired Chicago and secured a copy of the petition filed in the Verne Miller case with the Buick, and he is drawing up papers in order that the car may be turned over to the Philadelphia Office. Harvey stated in this connection that the Chief of Police had advised him he could have it, but when he sent the Agents over to get it he said that it was a stolen car; that he, Harvey, had called the Solicitor of Atlantic City, who would have charge of the legal angle of it, who advised that if he, Harvey, would write a letter to the Chief of Police he did not think he would have any trouble in that if the order was prepared all he would have to do would be to take it. Harvey requested advice as to whether he should write the Chief of Police, advising that the Chief had assumed a very unfriendly attitude in this connection. I suggested that he write him a letter stating that steps are being taken in the Federal Court to have the car declared contraband and confiscated, and that he is, of course, in the meantime charged with maintaining it in proper form. Harvey stated that they had secured the speedometer reading so that the Chief cannot use the car in the meantime without their knowledge.

Mr. Harvey is holding clothing and other material, and requested advice relative to returning it. I requested that he go through their possessions and return everything which is not of value as evidence. Mr. Harvey advised further that Dolores Delaney is expected to give birth to a child within five days.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice 8:15 P.M.
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Connelley called from Toledo to advise that he presently has in custody one Colin Munroe, a bartender, formerly employed by Ted Angus, and one Walter Eelbash. These two individuals are the two persons who have been residing in the Angus camp, four miles outside of Toledo. Munroe has advised that the fugitives in the Bremer case have been in that vicinity in the past. Mr. Connelley advised that no one knows we are holding Munroe and Eelbash, who are being held in hotel rooms. As soon as these men have been thoroughly interrogated, they will be released, since there is no basis for any harboring charges against them.

Mr. Connelley states that these evidently are the only two men who have been residing in the Angus Camp for some time past.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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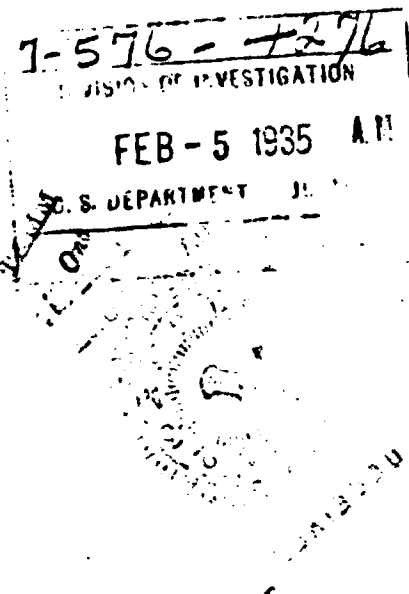
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Suite 6 Fralinger Bldg.
Boardwalk at N. 1. Ave.
Atlantic City, New Jersey

January 31, 1935.

answered by Division
1-31-35

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, - Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director:

Under date 25th instant, I mailed you a personal and confidential letter, by special delivery, containing memorandum covering certain data.

Am wondering whether you received same?

Very sincerely,

Frank L. Garbarino
Frank L. Garbarino

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

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REPORT MADE AT: PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/20-30/35	REPORT MADE BY: S. S. RUBENSTEIN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Officials in Hospitals in Pittsburgh District circularized advising them of escape of Karpis and Campbell from Atlantic City. Wynona Burdette's brother, Arthur Burdette, located Erie, Pa., who furnished names and addresses of other brothers and sisters and is apparently willing to cooperate in effecting apprehension of Campbell. Records of birth of Harry Campbell at Oil City not available.			
REFERENCE: Division telegram dated January 20, 1935.			
DETAILS: This report records investigative activity on the part of reporting agent, Special Agents DiLillo, Rider and Special Agent in Charge, Waters. On receipt of reference telegram arrangements were made to have an appropriate message broadcast over the teletype from the Pittsburgh District, but it was ascertained that the information had already been broadcast. Contact was, therefore, made with Hospitals in the Metropolitan Dist. to be on the look-out for Campbell. A form letter was immediately prepared and distributed to all peace officers in the District covered by this office, said officers being informed of the dangerous character of Karpis and Campbell and being advised that they were heavily armed and that caution should be taken in taking them into custody. Descriptions were also included.			
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At about 11:00 P.M. January 21, 1935, telephone call was received from Corp. Kshleman of Troop A, Pennsylvania State Police at Greengensburg, to the effect that a teletype message had been received from Harrisburg that a black 1934 Plymouth Coupe with a green stripe around the bottom, Pa. (1935) license plates #39179, Motor PC-#16792, Serial #1713859, had been stolen at Allentown, Pa. This car was the property, according to the message, of Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker, a doctor on duty at the Allentown State Hospital. It was ascertained that Dr. Hunsicker had been held up in Allentown, Pa. and forced to drive to the vicinity of Medina, Ohio, where he was taken from the car and bound. This latter information was obtained from the Sheriff, Medina, O. and Corp. Kshleman later advised that one of the men in the automobile, according to the doctor, had in his possession, a machine gun. This information was immediately telephoned to the Division and to the Detroit Office and it was suggested to Special Agent in Charge Larson, by Special Agent in Charge J. J. Waters, that this office would await word from the Detroit Office concerning the results of the interview with Dr. Hunsicker to ascertain whether there was any possibility that Karpis and Campbell would retreat eastward from Medina and possibly return to the vicinity of Erie, where Arthur Burdette, the brother of Wynona Burdette, lived.

At approximately 7:00 A.M. January 22, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Waters, received a telephone call from Special Agent Trapani, from Wadsworth, Ohio, in which conversation results of Agent Trapani's interview with Dr. Hunsicker was obtained and it appeared unlikely therefrom that either Karpis or Campbell had returned eastward.

On the morning of January 22, 1935, Mr. Tamm of the Division informed Special Agent in Charge Waters, telephonically, that the Division had received information to the effect that Wynona Burdette had a brother residing in Erie, but no address or description was available. This agent was instructed to proceed immediately to Erie and conduct appropriate investigation. In the meantime, Special Agent in Charge Waters, contacted Special Agent in Charge Harvey at Philadelphia, telephonically, to ascertain whether it would be possible to obtain from Wynona Burdette any description or other identifying data concerning her brother, Arthur Burdette, in Erie.

Special Agent in Charge Waters was later advised by Mr. Harvey that Wynona Burdette did not furnish the address of her brother in Erie, but did furnish the following information concerning him, which later proved to be absolutely false. Name, Robert Burdette (his correct name is Arthur), age 31, height 5' 10", weight, 130 lbs., eyes, brown, hair, brown. The correct description of Burdette as obtained from observation by this agent is as follows: age, 34, height 6' weight 185 lbs., eyes, gray, hair, brown.

Through the assistance of Postmaster Herbert Schlaudecker, Supt. of Mails, Ralph R. Weigel and Assistant Supt. of Mails, Edward Wittmann, agent was able to ascertain that mail had been delivered to Art Burdette by Postman H. S. Pfeil, said mail having been delivered to him at 132 East 9th Street, Erie, Pa.

At 132 East 9th Street, Agent interviewed Mrs. Irene LeForte on the pretext of being a bill collector and inquired for Mrs. Burdette. Mrs. LeForte stated that Burdette was not living there any longer and also made the remark, "Are you looking for him too?" She was then told that effort was being made to locate him and she then stated that he is now living at the Ryan Hoping House, 907 French Street, which is around the corner from her place. Mrs. LeForte was very hesitant about giving any information regarding Burdette but she was later told that agent was a Federal Officer and then she spoke more freely, stating that she was afraid to give very much information regarding Burdette because during the time that he lived in her house, he boasted of being connected with bank robbers and different types of gangsters, and he had told her that if anyone gave information concerning him he would "get them." After assuring Mrs. LeForte that anything she said would be kept very confidential, she advised further that she knew Burdette, who was half Indian; that he had an Indian wife and two children in Tulsa, Okla. and that he had re-married before obtaining a divorce from his first wife. Mrs. LeForte further stated that his second wife is Helen Hanson who had lived with him at her house and during which time he had treated her very badly and had often threatened to beat her; that she, his second wife, had left Erie and is now living with her mother at 536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pa. Mrs. LeForte indicated that there was bitter feeling towards Burdette on the part of the second wife, residing at Lewistown, and expressed the opinion that if she were interviewed, she would tell anything she knew about it. Accordingly, this agent called Special Agent Waters, who relayed the information to the Philadelphia Office, suggesting that the second Mrs. Burdette be interviewed at Lewistown. Mrs. LeForte stated that the second Mrs. Burdette "knows plenty about that gang."

Upon ascertaining the address of Burdette, from Mrs. LeForte, this agent contacted W. J. Donoghue, Detective Sergeant, Erie Police Department, who procured the assistance of Private Cecil Mathias of the Pennsylvania State Police. On proceeding to 907 French Street, Sergt. Donoghue remained in his car in front of the house, Private Mathias covered the rear of the Building and agent proceeded to the residence and learned that Arthur Burdette resided there. Burdette volunteered to proceed to the State Police Barracks where he was questioned by this agent. Burdette indicated a willingness to cooperate and furnish all the information in his possession. He stated that his name is Arthur Pickens Burdette; that he was born at Stillwater, Okla.; that he is 34 years old. He stated his sister's correct name is Wynona and that she will be 21 years old her next birthday which is in May and that he has the following additional brothers and sisters:

Aaron Burdette, Kansas, Okla.
 Mrs. John (Fern) O'Brien, St. Paul, Kansas.
 Mrs. Esther Wilson, Irondale, Okla.
 Mrs. Mildred Jones, Turley, Okla.

(continued)

A sister who is known as Jimmie Rose and another sister who is known as Eunice Hughes; both residing at Ponca City, Okla. and now living with their husbands; singers at the Ponca broadcasting station, Fordland.
Mrs. May Johnson, Route 1, Missouri. A sick woman to whom they do not wish to have the present notoriety known.

Mrs. Mark Whinnery (Ruth) Tulsa, Okla. (Likely to have some information about Campbell).

Burdette further stated that he knows Campbell very well and that he has known him since boyhood; that Campbell knows Burdette's sisters, especially Mildred Jones, at Turley Okla. and Jimmy Rose and Eunice Hughes, at Ponca City, Okla. and that they would surely know when Campbell comes to their respective towns. Burdette stated that he does not know Karpis very well and only met him once.

He had knowledge of the following hangouts of Campbell:

A Filling Station in South Coffeyville, Okla., the exact name of which is not known to him;

Hominy, Okla. about 80 miles south of Coffeyville;

A place known as Squint Rodgers, at Skiatook, Okla.

Burdette stated that he had not seen his sister, Wynona for about a year; that the last time he had seen her was in Bixby, Okla., where she was living with her former husband, Eldon Stanborough (phonetic spelling) and that Campbell practically forced her to go along with him. Burdette is not sure whether Wynona is Campbell's girl or Karpis' girl.

Burdette also stated that he knows that Campbell was with Floyd up until the time Floyd was killed and he knows this to be a fact. The last time he saw Campbell was in July, 1933 at Coffeyville, Kansas.

He stated that Campbell's people are all in Tulsa and that Campbell has a brother, Jack, who was a Constable at Tulsa about two years ago.

Burdette plays in an Orchestra at a cheap dance place in the American Legion Hall, located on the Second Floor at Parade and 12th Streets.

Burdette was very "sugary" in his manner and stated that he would be willing to go to Philadelphia if his expenses were paid and speak to his sister privately and by doing so he is certain that he could secure from her information as to the destination of Karpis and Campbell and where

their probable hideouts are. He believes that she would be willing to tell him, her brother, inasmuch as she is now in this difficulty.

Agent told Burdette that he wanted to see him again the next day and that in the meantime, he, Burdette, should try to refresh his memory for any additional information he had regarding Campbell.

Burdette was again interviewed the following day by Agent and at that time was discreetly questioned as to whether Campbell was one of the men who took part in the Kansas City Massacre. Burdette replied that Campbell was with the Gang all the time, which would indicate that Campbell was probably present. He also made mention of his dislike for Campbell inasmuch as Campbell was greatly responsible for his sister's predicament. Burdette was also asked if at any time Campbell or Karpis had ever visited him while at Erie and he replied in the negative. At this point it may be mentioned that Mrs. LaForte was questioned along these lines and photographs of Karpis and Campbell were shown to her and she stated that no one resembling them had ever visited her home.

Burdette also stated that if Campbell and Karpis were in Okla. he would be willing, through the contacts which he knows, to find out exactly where they were hiding but as to their places in other Cities he was not familiar with their identities.

Burdette raised the point as to whether a reward was being offered for information leading to the capture and arrest of Campbell and Karpis.

While in Erie, agent covered mail and also Western Union and Postal Telegraph Offices. Mr. L. A. Shaw, Manager of the Western Union and Mr. J. C. Purches of the Postal Telegraph Offices promised to notify agent if any messages were received by Arthur Burdette.

Agent maintained a constant contact with the above mentioned authorities while in Erie.

Burdette also advised that he had played in Al Capone's private orchestra in Chicago but could give no information regarding the activities and hideouts of the gangs there.

Agent was furnished with the following mail findings:
Assistant Supt. of Mails, Edward Whittman:

Letter from Mrs. John O'Brien, St. Paul, Kansas, who is sister of Burdette.

Letter from 536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pa., which is address of Burdette's second wife.

Burdette allowed agent to read the letter which he had received on the morning of January 24th from St. Paul, Kansas, from his sister, Mrs. O'Brien, but it contained nothing of value, merely stating that she, Mrs. O'Brien, had read newspaper accounts regarding Wynona's activities at Atlantic City and how sorry she was that the family was receiving this ugly publicity.

Inasmuch as it appeared that the description of her brother furnished Special Agent in Charge Connelley, by Wynona Burdette, was not identical with the actual description of Arthur Burdette, it was felt that possibly she was not furnishing accurate information to those interviewing her at Philadelphia and since Arthur Burdette expressed a willingness to cooperate and as a matter of fact manifested an interest in causing Campbell's apprehension for his treatment of his sister, Mr. Tamm of the Division was telephonically contacted and suggestion made that Burdette proceed, with an agent of this office, to Philadelphia, to interview his sister because Burdette had stated that he knew she would tell him the truth and any information developed by him would be readily furnished the Division.

Mr. Tamm, however, stated that Wynona Burdette was cooperating with the Agents of the Philadelphia Office and the matter was disregarded.

On January 24th a telegram was received from the Okla. City Office requesting this office to ascertain the date and place of the birth of Harry Campbell, who allegedly was born at Oil City, Pa., January 1, 1900. Inasmuch as the telegram was received after the office of the Clerk of Courts had been closed, Special Agent in Charge Waters telephonically contacted Sheriff Beatty at Franklin in Venango County, Pa., who stated that he would attempt to obtain the desired information from the records. Sheriff Beatty called this office later and advised that the regulations requiring the registration of births in Pa. were not enacted until 1906 and therefore the information could not be obtained except by inquiry at Oil City.

On the following day, however, a telegram was received from the Okla. City Office advising this office to disregard the previous telegram as the information had been obtained.

On January 30, 1931 information was received from George J. Christoph, Chief of Detectives, at Erie to the effect that Arthur Burdette had informed him that one Zem Greenwood of Turley, Okla., proprietor of a drug store and beer garden, was a friend of Harry Campbell.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE AT:

TULSA, OKLA. will endeavor to locate the first wife of Arthur F. Burdette, who is an Indian and has one boy and one girl, children of Arthur Burdette, with her, and discreetly question her as to whether or not her former husband was in any way connected with Karpis and Campbell or their gang. Also, if she knows the location of any possible hideouts of Karpis and Campbell either in Oklahoma or elsewhere. Also, ascertain from her, if possible, if Campbell or Karpis ever visited her husband and if so, when and where.

TULSA, OKLA. will interview MRS. MARK (RUTH) WHINNERY, sister of Arthur Burdette, who is believed to have in her possession information concerning Campbell. Ascertain, if possible, from her, the names of any friends of Campbell that she knows of and possible hideouts of Campbell and when he was last seen by her. Also, ascertain any information that she may have with reference to the gang and their probable hideouts in Okla. and elsewhere.

KANSAS, OKLA. interview AARON BURDETTE, brother of Arthur Burdette, along the above suggested lines and verify with him the names and addresses of brothers and sisters as set out by Arthur Burdette.

IRONDALE, OKLA. interview MRS. ESTHER WILSON, sister of Arthur Burdette, along the above suggested lines.

TURLEY, OKLA. interview MRS. MILDRED JONES, sister of Arthur Burdette, who is alleged to be very friendly with Campbell and whom he has visited on numerous occasions. In fact, he is said to visit her every time he comes through Turley, Okla. Also question her along the above suggested lines.

TURLEY, OKLA. interview ZEM GREENWOOD, proprietor of a drug store and beer garden, who is said to be a friend of Harry Campbell. Ascertain from him the names of other friends of Campbell and also when he last saw Campbell and Karpis. Also question him along the above suggested lines.

PONCA CITY, OKLA. interview JIMMY ROSE and EUNICE HUGHES, sisters of Arthur Burdette, who are singers at the Ponca City Broadcasting Station, who are also alleged to be friendly with Campbell, and whom he often visits. These girls may be able to give information as to possible hideouts and names and addresses of some of his friends. Also question them along the above suggested lines.

BIXBY, OKLA. interview ELDON STANBOROUGH, husband of Wynona Burdette, and obtain from him all information possible regarding the entire Burdette family names and addresses of brothers and sisters and their connection with Karpis and Campbell and any information that he may have regarding Campbell & Karpis.

SKIATOOK, OKLA. Discreetly interview SQUINT ROGERS, whom Arthur Burdette alleges has harbored Campbell at various times.

SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OKLA. will contact the local peace officer and endeavor to ascertain from him the name of the filling station in South Coffeyville where it is alleged by Burdette that Campbell and Karpis frequently visit. After its location has been ascertained, interview the owner or the proper party running this filling station and obtain all information possible.

HOMINY, OKLA. will contact the local peace officer and ascertain from him any hideouts in this vicinity of Campbell and Karpis.

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE at SAINT PAUL, KANSAS, will interview Mrs. JOHN O'BRIEN, another sister of Arthur Burdette, and verify with her the names and addresses of all brothers and sisters in the Burdette family and ascertain from her any information that she may have along the above suggested lines.

AT FORDLAND, MISSOURI, will interview MRS. MAY JOHNSON, Route 1, another sister. Arthur Burdette stated that this sister was very ill and any shock might prove fatal and it is suggested that her husband be first interviewed as to any information he can furnish along the lines mentioned above and if he deems it advisable, then interview his wife for information she may have.

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OFFICE at LEWISTOWN, PA. will interview Helen Hanson, 536 Valley Street, the present wife of Burdette who is at the present time residing with her mother and discreetly interview her as to her husband, Arthur Burdette and ascertain if possible if he at any time had any connection with Karpis and Campbell or their gang and if any members of this gang or Campbell or Karpis had ever visited her husband and if so, when and where. Also, any other information it is possible to obtain from her along the above suggested lines. It is believed that she has information concerning Campbell.

It is suggested that all the above mentioned interviews be made in a discreet manner, as in most cases, they are friendly with Campbell.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1935

Time - 11:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

I telephoned Mr. Coulter at the St. Paul Office and inquired whether Byron Bolton and Farmer and the others there have been interrogated relative to the Hamm Kidnaping case. He stated that all persons in custody there have been vigorously questioned about this matter, and claim to have no information whatsoever in their possession about the case; that the interrogating Agents feel that they are telling the truth in this regard.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 30, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 8:10 PM

Re: Bremer case.

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SAC Alt telephoned from Jacksonville and advised that Agent Brown had just telephoned from Havana, Cuba, and advised that the house leased by Karpis when he was in Havana was vacant; that it was learned that the house was leased for the season at \$300, about September 20, 1934, the lease to expire February 15, 1935; that Karpis and Delaney hurriedly left this place on December 11th or 12th; that they were the only occupants of the place having three servants. The place was leased through the aid of one Heller, an American, who manages the Park View Hotel in Havana and is thought to be connected with Adams and to have known Karpis. It was learned also that "Ma" Barker had visited the place the first part of December, staying several days.

It appears that no one in the vicinity of the house rented by Karpis knew who he was until a few days after he had left the vicinity, when a neighbor saw his picture in a magazine and recognized him. This lady immediately wrote to the American Vice-Consul at Matanzas, who took no action in the matter but wrote to the lady and referred her to the Ambassador at Havana, taking no further interest in the matter.

While Karpis was at the place, the Harrises and mother Barker were the only visitors. Karpis, when he left, is thought to have left the car purchased by Dolores Delaney in Havana with Heller, but this has not been located as yet.

Agent Brown is of the opinion that Willy Harrison and Harry Sawyer may still be in the vicinity of Havana and that Heller possibly knows where they are. I instructed Mr. Alt to get in touch with Agent Brown and instruct him to interview Heller with a view to obtaining all the information he may have concerning the mob; that it will, of course, be impossible to prosecute Heller on a harboring charge because of the fact that Cuba will lie outside of our jurisdiction, but that for this reason Brown should indicate to Heller that he will not be prosecuted if he will make a statement.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Brown had advised him that they are getting excellent cooperation from the police officers of Cuba.

I instructed Mr. Alt to give the above to Mr. Hanson.

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Division of Investigation

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

January 31, 1935

6:30 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALL

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Mr. Connelley called me from Toledo, Ohio, and advised that he had not yet submitted the report covering the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida; that the memoranda submitted by Agents who participated in the raid were at the Chicago Division Office, and that in the event a raid was conducted on the farm house located near Toledo, Ohio, tonight, he would return to Chicago and submit the report at the earliest possible moment; that from his observations at Toledo, that it looked pretty good; that the house is isolated and is located on a lake; that they endeavored to approach the house last night but were forced to withdraw because of some barking dogs; that he believes at least one of the suspects is located in this house.

Relative to the raid at Oklawaha, Florida, I inquired as to the accuracy of press reports that the colored helper had been instructed to enter the house after the shooting for the purpose of ascertaining whether the occupants had been wounded. Mr. Connelley stated that they were partly correct; that Willie Westbury, colored, was instructed to enter the house; that the first time he attempted to enter, the doors were locked; that he made a second attempt and forced one of the doors open, went to the second floor, looked out the window and said he could find no one in the rooms, but that one of the rooms had its doors closed. Mr. Connelley stated that Westbury was instructed to enter this room and find out whether the occupants were only wounded or had been killed; that he did so and reported at the window that they were both in that room and were dead.

I also asked Mr. Connelley about the telegram which was directed to him by the San Francisco Office, dated January 26, 1935, wherein it was indicated that Charles J. Fitzgerald as C. J. Murphy was located as a patient at the Vallejo General Hospital. Mr. Connelley called my attention to the fact that I had probably misread the telegram, and upon examining it further found that I had misread "November" for "January". Mr. Connelley stated that with reference to this telegram they had checked the Illinois license mentioned therein and had found that it was issued for a Buick car, Motor No. 2,875,177, Serial No. 2,716,681, to one C. J. Murphy, 7150 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, at which address it was

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ascertained that Fitzgerald had resided from August 27, 1933 through April 1, 1934. Mr. Connelley stated that they had checked the records of the Registration Bureau in Ohio for this same automobile, but without success.

Respectfully,

Newby
R. E. Newby. *by [signature]*

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N Mr. Connelley advised that he will submit the report on the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida at the earliest possible time.

The situation near Toledo looked pretty good; the house is isolated and is located on a lake; agents endeavored to approach the house last night but were forced to withdraw because of barking dogs; that he believes one of the suspects is located in this house.

Re:raid in Florida, Mr. Connelley stated that Willie Westbury, colored, was instructed to enter the house and on the second attempt forced a door, went to the second floor, looked out the window and said he could find no one in the rooms but that one of the rooms had the doors closed. He was instructed to enter this room, which he did, and reported that both in that room were dead.

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Jacksonville, Florida
January 30, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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
RUSSELL GIBSON (deceased) with aliases; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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At ten PM on January 29, 1935, Agent R. D. Brown by long distance telephone from Havana, Cuba, advised that he had located George Harris, an American saloon-keeper, in Havana; that Harris had stated that Karpis, with his woman, Dolores Delaney, came to Havana on September 20, 1934; Karpis had a card from Joe Adams advising that the bearer was okay, "do whatever you can for him". The first three or four days in Havana, Karpis and Delaney stopped at the Park View Hotel, and while there Delaney bought Ford sedan, new, motor 18-918995, paying for same with Cuban silver. After leaving the Park View Hotel, Karpis and Delaney went to Vadero Beach, a town on the north coast of Cuba, about one hundred twenty-five miles from Havana, and there rented a palatial home, with servants, etc. This home is near the former residence of ex-President Machado. They remained at this place for a month or six weeks and left suddenly.

After Delaney bought the Ford sedan she had it serviced on several occasions. Employees of the garage where the car was serviced stated that strange men accompanied her on these visits.

While Karpis and Delaney were at the aforementioned home at Vadero Beach, they had two dogs, which are still there. The described Ford sedan may also be there. Agent Brown is of the opinion that possibly members or contacts of this mob might possibly be residing at this place at the present time.

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Agent Brown states that Willie Harrison has been identified by two employees of the Presidente Hotel in Havana, as having called there on January 22, 1935, remained for a couple of hours and departed. It is possible that Harrison is presently at this home at Vadero Beach.

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Agent Brown also stated that information had come to him that employees of the Havana Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank had located several thousand dollars, identified as the ransom money paid in the Bremer case, which consists of Minneapolis Federal Reserve notes. Agent Brown will check this information as soon as possible.

Agent Brown stated that he had made arrangements to leave Havana early during the morning of January thirtieth, with Agent McKee, two Havana Secret Service Police Officers and Willis George, of the Customs Service, en route to the aforementioned home at Vadero Beach.

The aforementioned data were furnished Mr. Tamm of the Division, by long distance telephone at ten-thirty PM on January twenty-ninth. Mr. Tamm instructed that I again contact Agent Brown in Havana, instructing him to use every precaution in Cuba for his own safety and that of Agent McKee; that while Cuban officers may manifest a cooperative attitude, they did not realize, appreciate or comprehend the danger that might be involved. Mr. Tamm instructed that I inform Agent Brown to confine his activities to reconnoitering in Vadero Beach, to ascertain and determine the identities of the persons presently residing in the house rented by Karpis and Delaney and that if he determined that members of this mob were presently residing there, the Division should be immediately advised, when arrangements would be made to dispatch Division Agents to Cuba to assist in the apprehension of this mob; that arrangements would also be made in Washington with representatives of the Cuban Government for this activity; however, Agent Brown should be instructed that if an emergency arose whereby members of the mob could be apprehended with the assistance of the officers aforementioned, this should be done.

Mr. Tamm's instructions were transmitted to Agent Brown at the Plaza Hotel in Havana, at eleven PM.

At eleven-thirty PM, Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson at Miami, by long distance telephone, was furnished the substance of the information aforementioned herein, especially with reference to Joe Adams. At this time, Agent Hanson advised

that Joe Adams believes that Willie Harrison, Cassius McDonald, and Harry Sawyer steered members of the Karpis-Barker-Campbell mob to the El Comodoro Hotel, they recommended this hotel to the mob. Harrison, Sawyer and McDonald talked to Adams in September, 1934, advising they had gambling joints in Miami, represented and controlled gambling in Cuba and had a joint in Ohio, and that they had to make frequent trips to close deals in Cuba. Adams also advised Agent Hanson that practically every day McDonald made a trip by plane to Havana, always carrying a small, tan brief bag. At this time, Sawyer and Harrison were stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel and McDonald was at the McAllister Hotel in Miami. Each evening when McDonald would return from Havana, Harrison and Sawyer would meet him at the airport and take him to Harrison's room in the El Comodoro Hotel. It is believed that at this time McDonald was carrying the hot Bremer money to Havana, where he was exchanging it and the exchanged money was returned by him to Miami to be cut among members of the mob.

Agent Hanson advised that McDonald was in Miami on January 25, 1935, with his wife, who is about thirty-five years of age, a platinum blonde and appears to be a woman of the sporting type. Agent Hanson is endeavoring to obtain photographs in Miami of McDonald. He stated that McDonald was also arrested in Havana on January 19, 1935, for investigation. He may have been photographed there.

According to Adams, McDonald stated to him that he contemplated sending friends to the El Comodoro Hotel and shortly after he made this statement Karpis, Barker and other members of the mob appeared at that hotel and they talked with Sawyer, Harrison and other members of the gang.

The aforementioned information received from Agent Hanson was transmitted to Agent McKee at the Plaza Hotel at eleven forty-five PM on January twenty-ninth. Agent McKee stated that he and Agent Brown had previously had most of this information and that investigation was being conducted in Havana to locate McDonald.

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In the event Agent Hanson can obtain McDonald's photograph in Miami, it will be immediately forwarded to Agents Brown and McKee in Havana.

Agents Brown and McKee advised the writer that the results of their investigation at Vadero Beach during January 30, 1935, would be immediately transmitted to the Jacksonville Office.

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Saint Paul (2)

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 5, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
1218 - FUGITIVE, Et Al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Division dated January 25, 1935, the palm prints of Wynona Burdett and Dolores DeLaney have been obtained and are being forwarded herewith to the Division for comparison with the latent fingerprint impressions previously found in apartment 7137 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It may be noted that Dolores DeLaney has admitted living in the apartment at 7137 Yates Avenue for a lengthy period of time with Alvin Karpis who, she stated, had rented that apartment.

It may be further noted that she has stated that numerous persons connected with the gang visited them at this address and that she specifically remembers Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, deceased, as having been there but insists that none of the parties lived in the apartment with herself and Karpis.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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January 30, 1935.

Mr. J. M. Patterson,
Editor,
The New York Daily News,
220 East 42nd Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have just seen a copy of the editorial
"More Congratulations to the Department of Justice",
which appeared in the News on January 18, 1935.

I appreciate the comments concerning
the effectiveness of this Division's efforts to
combat crime, and especially those following the
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

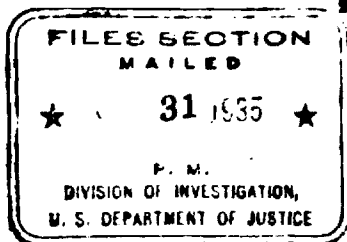
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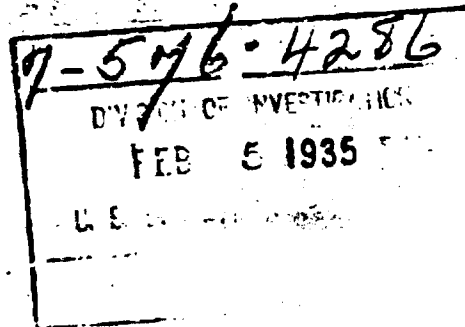
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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
January 18, 1935

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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
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MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

There is something pretty drastic about the machine gun killing by Department of Justice agents of a 55-year-old woman, Ma Barker, on a Florida lake shore, along with Ma's son Fred.

But the story sounds less shocking when you reflect that Ma died with her boots on and a machine gun in her hand, and that she and her boy were clipped off by the Federal men because they were known as members of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul a year ago yesterday.

It looks as if this is the only way to make sure that kidnapers will get what is coming to them in this country. When they are formally arrested and politely tried, their lawyers are likely to work wonders in confusing the jury and hamstringing the judge. The utter ruthlessness of the Department of Justice in tracking kidnapers down and then shooting them down gets better and quicker results.

We should think the smart crooks would be about ready to give up kidnaping and go into other kinds of crime. The stupid ones, or the morons who are attracted to any kind of crime that is getting a big play in the papers, may go on snatching people in clumsy and half-baked ways, and being quickly run to earth in most cases. But the really wise criminals ought to know by this time that the Federal Government has declared war to the death on kidnaping. The war up to this time has been going about 95 per cent, the Government's way.

Congratulations to the Department of Justice on the knocking off of Ma Barker and her son Fred. The Federal men must be coming to be as feared and hated by our criminals as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are feared and hated by the crooks of Canada.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The Russell Gibson guns were received by express Tuesday evening, January 15th, and consist of three Browning Automatic rifles with numbers removed and one Thompson Sub-Machine gun with numbers removed.

Attempts are being made to restore the numbers on these guns so far without success due to the fact that they have been removed by the use of a center punch driven deep into the metal. This indicates to me definite knowledge on the part of the criminals as to the possibilities of restoring numbers merely filed off.

In line with telephonic instructions from you regarding Mr. Nathan's letter of January 10, 1935, we are taking test shots through these guns and they will be furnished the Chicago Office to be turned over to the Cooke County Coroner's Office for use in comparison with the Valentine Day Massacre evidence. In addition, of course, the specimens will be compared with unidentified evidence in our files and a report submitted to Chicago.

Consignee's records of the express shipment are attached hereto for file.

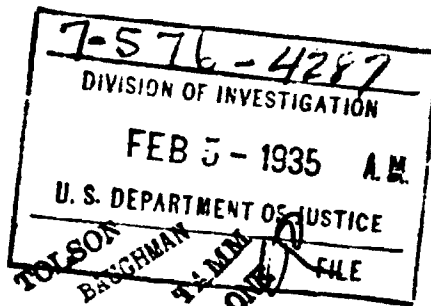
Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Special Agents R. L. Jones and W. C. Ryan of this Office con-
tacted [redacted] who has cooperated with this Division
in connection with the Russell Gibson case.

During the course of the general discussion with [redacted] in
connection with fugitive subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case, he advised
that Lewis Grossman, a Jew, 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height,
weighing 180 pounds, was formerly a very close friend of Russell Gibson,
and he was of the opinion that he had fingered several jewelry stickups
for Gibson. He stated that he had received information concerning a
jewelry stickup which was to be pulled in Detroit and he had agreed to
furnish information concerning this stickup in the event his name would
be held strictly confidential. [redacted] stated that Grossman, above
referred to, was presently in Michigan planning a holdup; that a Detroit
jewelry man had a jewelry salesman lined up to call on him in Detroit on
Wednesday or Thursday of the week of February 4, 1935, with about \$75,000
or \$100,000 worth of jewelry. The plan is for Grossman to furnish three
men to hold up this salesman and obtain the jewelry. [redacted] further states
that he knows one of the holdup men; that his name is Joe Subwareno, however,
he was unable to furnish these agents with the name of the jewelry store in
Detroit and states that it will be unlikely that he will learn of the name
of this store. However, in the event this stickup does take place, it may
be possible that he may obtain later information as to the participants, which
he will furnish to this Division.

It is suggested that you furnish the above information to the
local Police Department and it is believed that if they desire to obtain
additional information concerning this robbery that they may be able to
secure same by making inquiry at some of the large jewelry stores in Detroit
to ascertain whether they have a jewelry salesman who is to call on them
Wednesday or Thursday of this week with a large amount of jewelry. The
name of [redacted] should under no circumstances be furnished to the Detroit
Police Department or any other individual.

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Very truly yours, [redacted]

L. H. FURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

N. Y. FILE NO. 7-123

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/4/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/29/35	REPORT MADE BY: BRYAN PARRELL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1222; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Colt Automatic Pistol #93719 shipped on 12/14/34 to the Ft. Budge Co., Miami, Fla. Winchester Rifle #154112-A shipped to the Swank Hardware Co., Johnstown, Pa. on 10/25/19. No record available in regard to Winchester Model .03 Automatic Rifle #124132.

Search & indexed 3-5-35 E.A.H.

REFERENCE: Letter from Philadelphia office, dated 1/26/35.

DETAILS: The letter of reference requested that this office conduct an investigation at the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut, and the Colt Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut, to determine what records these companies have of the sale of three guns hereinafter mentioned, which guns were abandoned by fugitives Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at the time of their recent escape at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mr. Robert Courtney of the Colt Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut, was telephonically contacted and he advised that the .22 calibre long barrel Colt Automatic Pistol, Woodman model, with partridge sights, the number of which is 93719, was on December 14, 1934, shipped to the Ft. Budge Company, Miami, Florida.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. X. Fay</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4289	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 6 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAR 18 1935 JACKETED:
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3- Division 3- St. Paul 2- Jacksonville 2- Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chic. Ill. 2- Pittsburgh	UNITED STATES FEB 6 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT. <i>RM LAB E.A.H.</i>	

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Mr. A. C. Curtis of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut, was telephonically contacted and he advised that the Winchester Rifle, Model 1896, lever action, #154112-A was of .33 calibre and was on October 25, 1917, shipped to the Swank Hardware Company of Johnstown, Pa., for a customer by the name of A. A. Dietrich of Nanty Glo, Pa. In reference to this gun, the letter of reference states that on the barrel thereof appear the figures "33, W.C.F." and that near the trigger on the middle part of the stock appears the figure "32". In this connection, Mr. Curtis advised the meaning of the former figures to be .33 calibre Winchester center fire while as to the latter figures, Mr. Curtis stated he had no knowledge or opinion. Mr. Curtis further advised that the records of the Winchester Company reflect no information in regard to the .22 calibre Winchester Model .03 Automatic Rifle #124138. It was Mr. Curtis' opinion that the reason for this lack of information would arise from the fact that this gun was shipped from the factory before records of such shipments were maintained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: JACKSONVILLE OFFICE.

At MIAMI, FLORIDA, will contact the Ft. Budge Company, and ascertain from their records any information in regard to the subsequent sale or disposal of the Colt Automatic Pistol #93719, which was shipped to this company on December 14, 1934, by the Colt Manufacturing Company.

PITTSBURGH OFFICE.

At JOHNSTOWN, Pa., will contact the Swank Hardware Company, for the purpose of ascertaining from their records any information in regard to the subsequent sale or disposal of the Winchester Rifle #154112-A which was shipped by the Winchester Company to the Swank Hardware Company on October 25, 1917. Will also ascertain from the records of the Swank Hardware Company any information in regard to A. A. Dietrich, the customer for whom this gun was shipped to the Swank Hardware Company.

At NANTY GLO, Pa., will interview A. A. Dietrich for information as to his knowledge of the gun in question.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 4, 1935.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE #7-82

In connection with the various guns and ammunition shipped January 22, 1935, from the Jacksonville office to the Division for suitable examination in the Laboratory there, it is noted that there was included in this shipment .45 calibre shells, which were taken from the loaded drums recovered. There will also be found included in this shipment a number of exploded shells of .45 calibre bullets which were those found in the house and which were undoubtedly fired from the machine guns being used by Kate and Fred^CBarker.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 5, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Et Al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that it appears necessary to make thirty-nine copies of the report in connection with this matter.

The report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2-5-35, is 48 pages in length. Due to the stenographic congestion in this office, it appears practically impossible at the present time to make more than one run of eleven copies.

I would like to request that the Division prepare thirty photostatic copies of this report and forward them to the various field offices as follows:

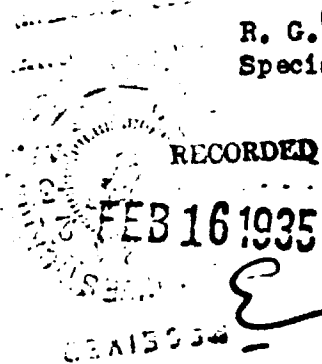
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- 1 - Each Other Field Office except Jacksonville.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosures



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Post Office Drawer 1457
St. Louis, Missouri
February 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 836,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219
JOHN DILLON, with aliases, I.O. #1220
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1221, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. J. Shivers rendered at St. Louis, Missouri dated February 3, 1935. Your attention is particularly invited to the information in that report relating to the airplane trip Willie Harrison is thought to have made from Los Angeles, California to St. Louis, Missouri arriving in the latter city around October 29, 1934.

I have been informed by representatives of the American Airways in St. Louis that a ticket #OW 3-12340 was purchased in Los Angeles, California on October 29, 1934 by Elmer Howe 6715 8th Ave. Los Angeles, California for passage to Chicago, Illinois with stop-over privilege in St. Louis, Missouri. It is believed that the person who purchased this ticket is the subject Willie Harrison of this investigation. Accordingly, you are therefore requested to conduct appropriate inquiry in Los Angeles in an effort to ascertain if Harrison was staying at 6715 8th Ave. at the time this ticket was purchased, as perhaps he may have returned to that address, and information may be secured there concerning him and other members of the Barker-Karpis mob who are still at large.

There is being forwarded herewith, a photograph of William J. Harrison for use in the investigation, which should be returned to the St. Louis Office when it has served its purpose. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

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Very truly yours,

FEB 7 1935

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
St. Paul
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BREKID AGENTS ,. J C WHITE, JL MADALA, A P BARBER, T M MCDADE AND
CONNELLY RETURNED FROM TOLEDO TO CHICAGO 6 AM TODAY. COLIN MUNROE AND
WALTER BERPASH, NILES, OHIO, LIVING COTTAGE ON LAKE ERIE NEAR COTTAGE
BERT ANGUS TOLEDO BROUGHT TO HOTEL TOLEDO FOR QUESTIONING NIGHT FEBRUARY
FIRST. BERPASH ASSOCIATE ANGUS BROTHERS, ET AL, WOULD FURNISH LITTLE
INFORMATION. MUNROE, BARTENDER CASINO CLUB OPERATED BY ANGUS, FORMER
CONVICT, IDENTIFIES DOC AND FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS,
PAULA HARMOND AND DOLORES DELANEY AS BEING AROUND CASINO CLUB TOLEDO
LAST SPRING AND ALSO VISITED MIDDLE ISLAND LATER CLAIMS NO INFORMATION ON
PRESENT LOCATION. MUNROE AGREES TO RETURN TO WORK CASINO CLUB AND ACT
AS INFORMANT IN HOPE OBTAINING SOME REWARD ON CAMPBELL AND KARPIS IF HE
CAN GET INFORMATION THEIR LOCATION. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS TOLEDO DEPENDENT
ON RESULTS ON TELEPHONES COVERED SAME AS TO CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JOTIL DETAILED LETTER AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY SENT TODAY REFERENCE
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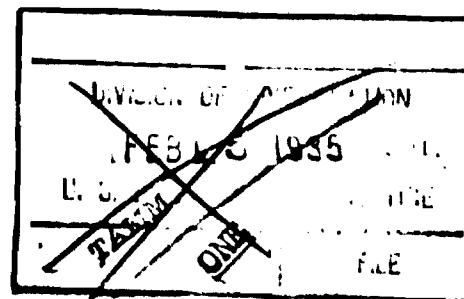
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MONDAY. AGENTS MELVIN, LAFRANCE, MUZZEY AND SULLIVAN REMAINED TOLEDO
TEMPORARILY TO ASSIST SAC LARSON ON TAPS THERE.

MY PRESENT ADDRESS IS HOTEL BREVOORT TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 2363.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 5, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 -
FUGITIVE, Et Al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on January 30, a letter was sent from this office to the Division requesting that a letter, addressed to Dolores Delaney, Danmore Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J., be examined and that handwriting comparisons be made.

It is intended that the comparison be made with handwriting specimens of other members of this gang in order to ascertain whether the letter might have been written by one of them.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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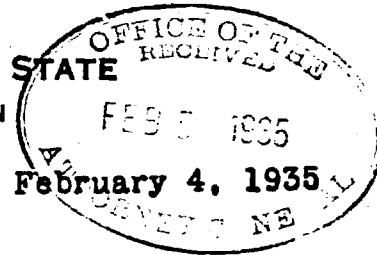
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

With reference to telephone conversations of Mr. Newby, of the Division of Investigation, with an officer of this Department on January 22 and 23, 1935, concerning the examination of a safe deposit box at Habana, which is rented by an alleged kidnaper, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a despatch, dated January 25, 1935, from our Embassy at Habana, concerning the result of the agent's investigation, and reporting the agent's failure to identify himself to the Embassy in accordance with the instructions which may be assumed to have been given upon this Department's request.

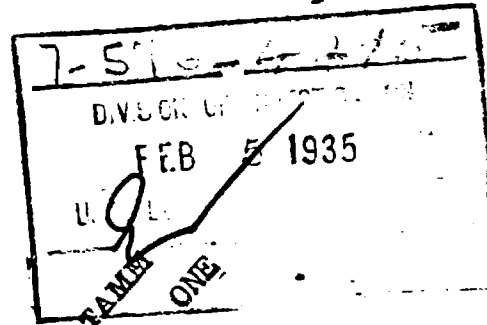
Sincerely yours,

Enclosure:
From Embassy, Habana,
No. 2504, January 25,
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The Honorable
Homer S. Cummings,
Attorney General.

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No. 2504

Habana, January 25, 1935

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: {Opening of safe deposit box in Habana
bank in connection with kidnaping case

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's
rush telegram No. 14, of January 22, 1 p.m., to the
Embassy's rush reply, No. 16, January 22, 6 p.m.,
and to the Department's further telegram No. 15, of
January 23, 2 p.m., with respect to the desire of
the Department of Justice to have a representative
of that Department examine the contents of a safe
deposit box of the Habana branch of the National
City Bank in connection with a kidnaping case. The
Embassy has been informed that Mr. Brown, referred
to in the Department's aforesaid telegram as pos-
sessing

essing the keys to the box in question, and another Department of Justice representative duly examined the box and found it empty.

I desire to report, however, as a matter of record that this information was received from the Manager of the Bank in question and that neither Mr. Brown nor any other representative of the Department of Justice presented himself at the Embassy in connection with the case. On Sunday, January 20, Mr. Brown telephoned the First Secretary of the Embassy and requested an appointment to meet him at the Chancery. Shortly before the appointed time, however, Mr. Brown called again to say that he had obtained the information he desired. Upon receipt of the Department's first telegram above mentioned, the Embassy immediately requested the Manager of the National City Bank to call. He did so promptly and readily gave his permission for the examination of the box, as the Department was duly informed by telegraph. The Manager of the Bank, Mr. Schellens, stated that representatives of the Department of Justice had already been in communication with the Bank officials; that the case involved was an exceedingly "tough" one and that he was not at liberty to reveal its nature. He added that Mr. Brown had

was so confidential that he did not communicate with the Embassy concerning receipt of instr.

to in the Department's telegram No. 15, Mr. Brown made his own arrangements directly with the Bank for the examination of the box alleged to contain ransom money. Whether or not he is still in Habana neither the Embassy nor the Bank is aware.

Respectfully yours,

A true copy of
the signed original
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JEFFERSON GAFFNEY

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File No.

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February 14, 1935

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your communication, your file LA 102.8/1007, dated February 4, 1935 with which was transmitted a copy of a dispatch dated January 25, 1935 from the American Embassy at Habana, Cuba, reporting the failure of a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation of this Department to properly identify himself to the American Embassy.

I regret that the Special Agent took it upon himself to disregard the instructions which emanated from the Department of State at Washington, D. C., and which were telephonically relayed to him at Habana, Cuba. Appropriate action has since been taken in the premises and the matter has been taken up by a representative of the Division of Investigation and fully explained to the American Ambassador at Habana, Cuba.

I appreciate the cooperation which has been extended to representatives of the Division of Investigation during the recent investigations which were conducted in Cuba.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General.

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