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

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January 17, 1934.

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Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Quinn	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Hanni called from St. Paul and advised that he had a very confidential matter to report. He stated that no newspapers had received any information in the matter and it was of such a confidential nature that he gave the name over the telephone in code, which decoded is Edward Bremer. He advised that Edward Bremer had been kidnaped this morning between nine and ten o'clock and that a demand for "two hundred grand" had been made. He states that he was notified immediately of this kidnaping; that he is in contact with the family and is working with the police in the matter; that he is receiving excellent cooperation from both sources. He stated that he is calling in two men tonight and two more will be there in the morning, but that he desired more Agents if possible to get them. Agent in Charge Hanni will call back before five o'clock to see if any Agents can be sent to assist him.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. CLEGG	_____
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MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Miss Stephens, of Mr. Gates' office, called and stated that she had a report to the effect that Edward Bremer, son of Adolf Bremer, a wealthy resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, had been kidnaped. She wanted to know if I had any information in connection with this matter. I told her that I had heard nothing about it. She stated she understood that he was being held for \$200,000 ransom.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*We can & will say nothing  
about this at present.*

*1/19/34 J. G. K.*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_  
MR. ROBER \_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Edward G. Monk, of the Washington Post, called last night and wanted to know if we were investigating the Edward T. Bremer kidnaping case. I told him that I knew nothing about the case.

Mr. Keenan also came in and wanted information concerning this case, stating that the Bremer's were personal friends of his and that he had seen in the papers about one of them being kidnaped. He wanted to know if this was a fact. I told him that I had not heard of it. He then stated that he thought perhaps it would be a good idea for him to call the family, but upon second thought stated that certainly if Mr. Bremer had been kidnaped Mr. Hanni would have the information. I told him that undoubtedly this was a fact. He indicated that he would probably call or return to the office later to see if I had any information concerning same, but he did not, however, call before I left or after, to my knowledge.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. CONLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. GLAVIN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

ST PAUL MINN

WESTERN UNION

JANUARY 19 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D C

*Edward A.*  
RE BREMER KIDNAPPING WIRES OF ALL OF VICTIMS FAMILY AND RELATIONS KEPT  
TAPPED NO WORD FROM KIDNAPPER SINCE SEIZURE TWO PERSONS LOCATED BEHIND  
TO HAVE SEEN PLACING OF FIRST NOTE GIVING FAIR DESCRIPTION OF ONE PARTY  
ALSO OF SEEING CHANGING CARS AND GOOD DESCRIPTION OF ANOTHER SUBJECT  
STOP UNABLE MAKE PRINT ON VICTIMS CAR

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MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. GUNN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOKE	_____
MR. FORBES	_____

January 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Gridley of the United Press telephoned to inquire if we are working on the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul. I advised Mr. Gridley that we are assisting the local authorities, but so far no Federal angles have appeared in the case.

Mr. Frank Aldrop also telephoned to inquire about this case.

*Interview*

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Laboratory Report

January 19, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number:  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed "Chas. McGee, Personal"  
1 note beginning "Mr. Chas. McGee"

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 19, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by C.A. Appel.

January 19. The envelope measures 9.49 by 4.13 inches, is .0047 inches thick, and weighs 5.9800 grams. There is no water-mark. It is made of white paper and is obviously of a type used in business. It is addressed to Chas. McGee, Personal, with a Corona typewriter, which is probably the machine used to write the letter.

The letter was written on white business paper such as might be purchased with the envelope, and measures 10.87 by 5.50 inches, is .0032 inches thick, and weighs 3.5240 gram. There is no water-mark. The paper was folded twice to fit in the envelope, which fits the smaller dimension of the paper. The letter was written with a Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type, such as existed in 1934. There are certain peculiarities about the writer of this letter and the address which induce the examiner to feel that the letter was not written by Mr. Bremer. These include the misspelling of a number of words, some of which appears to have been inadvertent. These include the following:

communicate spelled communcate  
consecutive spelled consequtive  
dollar spelled dolar  
column spelled colum  
responsible spelled responsable, and the phrase  
"isn't none too comfortable".

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In addition to these indications of a possible lack of education, there is a noticeable use of periods to separate words and the corresponding separation

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by a space is lacking. This indicates a lack of training in typewriting. The hand that wrote the signature was undoubtedly trembling or probably not moved as freely as it usually is in writing the signature. The pen may have been held in the fingers by someone else. A fountain pen was probably used.

In view of the fact that a Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type was used in the Hamm kidnaping, a comparison was made between photographs of the extortion letters in that case and these specimens. The typewriting in the Hamm Case was made with a very heavily inked ribbon so that it is smudged up so badly that it is difficult to distinguish the true form of letters, especially on a photograph. Notwithstanding this, some similarities were observed between alignment in the Hamm machine and these specimens. Some of the letters also slant in the same degree. The dash placed under the words, which is a characteristic in both cases, appears to be tipped off its feet similarly in both sets of specimens. In addition to these features, attention is invited to the similarity between writing habits. In the Hamm Case the letters begin with the name of the person to whom addressed without any formal opening. All sentences begin on the left hand margin. Nearly every sentence is spaced off from the others in a paragraph of its own. Many of the sentences begin with the word "you" and are written in the form of directions as to what must be done by the recipient. As in these specimens, in the Hamm Case there is no space after the periods before the beginning of another sentence. As in this case, in the Hamm Case there was given in a foot note at the bottom of the page the means of identifying the kidnapers as those who actually had custody of the captive. In both instances this was done not only by having the victim sign his name, but by signing this under a paragraph stating that he authorized the payment of the ransom under the terms of the kidnapers.

The Corona typewriter in both cases is equipped with a special figure 1. This is not true of all Corona typewriters. There are no defects apparent on the face of the typing which could be used as a ready means of identification.

A separate report regarding fingerprints will be submitted.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Laboratory.

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MR. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

SPC:DSS

Division of Investigation

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

January 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_  
MR. LOCH \_\_\_  
MR. FOWLER \_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Coffey has just advised that the ransom note in  
the Bremer case was at the Criminological Laboratory. He stated  
that he would have a photostatic copy made and sent here immediately.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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January 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

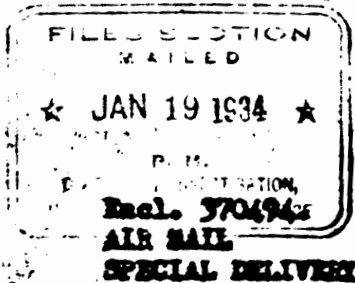
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the laboratory report made on the ransom note in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

It is noted that you requested that the original note be returned to you as soon as it had been examined by the laboratory experts. However, in view of the fact that it is desired to compare this note with those received in the Hamm kidnaping case it is not being returned at this time and will be retained until such a comparison can be made, unless there is some reason why it should be returned before that time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.



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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. FOAM  
MR. QUINN  
MR. WESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

SALT LAKE CITY

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

JAN 20 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D C

ST PAUL TELEGRAM RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS QUOTE RE BREMER KIDNAPING MAKE  
IMMEDIATE CHECK ON AND COVER OF WALK TELEPHONE TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS  
AND FROM BENJAMIN LASKA DENVER TAPPING LINES IF POSSIBLE UNQUOTE  
AGENT ZILMER DENVER HAS BEEN ADVISED STOP REQUEST DIVISION AUTHORITY

TAP LINES

WINE acting

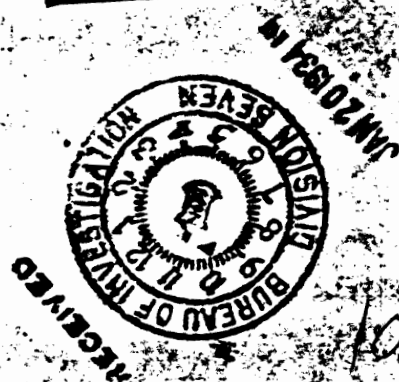
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J A DOWD  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
900 EZRA THOMPSON BUILDING  
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

RETEL ~~RECEIVED~~ REQUESTED BY SEPAUL BREMER CASE AUTHORIZED

HOOVER

*Ameylor*

*coded & sent*



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January 19, 1934.

Mr. Warner Hanni,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the kidnaping of Edward T. Bremer at St. Paul on January 17, 1934. Mr. Bremer, according to information which you have now submitted to the Division, was apparently kidnaped at about 9:00 A. M. The case was reported to you at about 11:00 A. M. You advised Mr. Cowley, of the Division, by telephone late that afternoon that Mr. Bremer had been kidnaped between 9:00 and 10:00 A. M. on that date. You gave no particulars, however, of the kidnaping or of the recovery of the car.

On the evening of January 18 newspapers in Washington carried articles advising of this kidnaping in considerable detail. Later on in the evening Mr. Cowley called you by telephone for all particulars, at which time you submitted considerable information but made no reference to the fact that Mr. Bremer's car, when located, contained blood stains, advised that you were submitting the details by air mail. Mr. Cowley later talked to Mr. Nathan in Chicago, who stated that you had advised him that the car, when located, was blood stained and the possibilities were that Mr. Bremer had been injured or murdered. It then became necessary for Mr. Cowley to call you again to verify this information, you having previously stated that you had submitted all the information in your possession concerning this case.

It appears that it is necessary for me to rely upon the press for information concerning important cases being investigated by the Division under my supervision. During the recent conference of Special Agents in Charge at Washington I stressed, with considerable emphasis, the necessity of Agents in Charge keeping the Washington headquarters promptly and fully advised of all developments in important cases. Again on January 8, 1934, these instructions not having been complied with, I wrote advising you of this fact and again requested and emphasized the necessity of the field offices keeping me advised of the developments in important cases. With such explicit, definite and repeated instructions

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Mr. Werner Hanni.

1/19/34.

It is difficult for me to understand why you neglected, in a case of such significance as the present one, to fully advise me concerning same. You are instructed that any developments and all information received in connection with this case, or any other important matter, must be immediately submitted to the Division by telephone or telegraph.

I am now in receipt of the ransom note, together with your letter of transmittal, which I assume is the letter you referred to in your conversation with Mr. Cowley last night, advising that full details were being submitted by air mail. I note, however, that the letter contains no information, it merely being a letter transmitting the ransom note. I also note that the ransom note was not enclosed in a cellophane container. The matter of sending ransom notes to the Division in cellophane containers was also discussed at length at the conference of Special Agents in Charge and there is no excuse for your failure to so transmit this letter. I also note your conclusion to the effect that there is no possibility of developing latent fingerprints from this note, and I assume that your conclusion to that effect is your excuse for not transmitting this note in a cellophane container. I submit that fingerprint experts here at the Division's headquarters are in a far better position to determine the possibility of developing latent prints from notes of this kind and are the sole judges, and will not arrive at any such conclusion until after a thorough and careful examination of the note has been made. It is also noted that the note purports to have been written by the victim and that you have submitted no specimens of his handwriting. It is requested that you immediately obtain as many specimens of his handwriting as possible and submit them to the Division by registered air mail, special delivery.

In conclusion, I must add that I am entirely dissatisfied with the manner in which you have handled this case and I must insist that my instructions be complied with hereafter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.  
JANUARY 19, 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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WASHINGTON D.C.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

*Edmond*  
BREMER KIDNAPING SEVERAL PERSONS INTERVIEWED CLAIMING HAVE SEEN TWO LARGE  
CARS TELL AND PLACE OF KIDNAPING GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS SECURED ONE STATES  
SAW SCUFFLE AND MAN TAKEN FROM ONE CAR INTO OTHER DETAILED DESCRIPTION  
SECURE RESEMBLES *Sammy* BUT FAILED IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH NO FURTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED STOP AGENTS STATIONED HOME VICTIM AND HOME  
FATHER COVERING VARIOUS TELEPHONES

HANNI

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REC:CM

January 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 18, 1934, transmitting the original extortion letter and envelope in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Innumerable latent prints have been developed on the extortion note and the accompanying envelope. In this connection it is noted the envelope was not transmitted through the mails. It would seem possible that in spite of the handling of this letter and envelope by various persons, finger impressions of perpetrators of the crime may be among those developed. A search is being conducted through the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division of such of these latent prints as it has been possible to classify. It is desired your office obtain and submit to the Division as soon as possible the fingerprints of all individuals known to have handled this note or envelope.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR MAIL

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January 20, 1934.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

In order that you may be fully advised in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul on January 17, 1934, I am submitting the following confidential information:

Edward G. Bremer, age thirty-six, is married and has a daughter ten or eleven years of age. He is the son of Adolph Bremer, who, together with his brother Otto Bremer, own and control a number of banks in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. They are among the most prominent families of the Twin Cities and are reported to be close friends of President Roosevelt. Mr. Adolph Bremer also owns and operates the Smith Brewing Company of St. Paul.

It appears that Mr. Bremer, the victim in this case, was in the habit of taking his daughter to school each morning, as he did on the morning of January 17th, leaving home at about 8:15 and proceeding to the school where he left his daughter. Soon, or immediately after leaving his daughter, he was kidnaped by individuals whose identities are not yet known. Shortly after his disappearance, Mr. Walter Hages, a prominent contractor of St. Paul and personal friend of Mr. Bremer, received an anonymous telephone call advising him that Mr. Bremer had been kidnaped; that his car could be located at a certain address, and requested him to look under the steps of his office where he would locate a note. Mr. Hages reported the matter to the Police Department at about 11:00 A.M., and the Division was advised at approximately the same time.

Mr. Bremer's car was located at the address given by the anonymous informant, as was also the ransom note, a copy of which is attached hereto. The note demanded the payment of \$200,000, to be made in \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills, "no new money, no consecutive money, large variety of issues", and requested that the money be placed in two large suit box cartons large enough to hold the full amount.

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Immediately upon being advised of this kidnaping, I instructed Mr. Harold Nathan, my assistant, and Mr. Frank J. Blake,

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The Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas office of the Division, is proceeding to St. Paul to join Mr. Warner Hanni, the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul office of this Division, in conducting the investigation.

Mr. Bremer's car, when located, disclosed a number of blood stains which indicated that some struggle had taken place, and that possibly Mr. Bremer was injured. I have no information, however, at the present time of the extent of the injury or where Mr. Bremer is being held, and no further communications have been received from the kidnappers.

The Agents of the St. Paul office are working in full cooperation with the Bremer family and the St. Paul Police Department. Agents of the Division are stationed in the residences of Mr. Adolph and Mr. Edward G. Bremer. The St. Paul office is fully prepared and equipped in man power and otherwise for any emergency which may arise.

The ransom note received by Mr. Hages has been examined by experts of the Division and discloses a number of latent fingerprints, which, of course, may prove of considerable importance in connection with any possible suspects.

I have just been advised that several persons have been located and interviewed by Agents of the Division at St. Paul, who report that they saw two large cars at about the time and place that Mr. Bremer was kidnaped, one of them stating that he saw several men scuffling and a man taken from one car to another. I am, of course, having the fingerprints of all possible suspects compared with those on the ransom note and will see that everything humanly possible will be done by the Division looking toward the successful solution of this crime.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director,

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January 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENEAN.

For your information, I am transmitting, herewith,  
a copy of a memorandum directed to the Attorney General  
in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer  
at St. Paul on the morning of January 17, 1934.

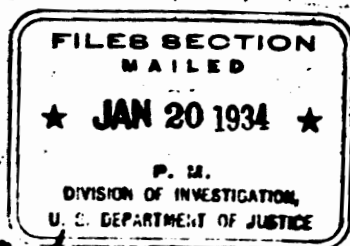
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

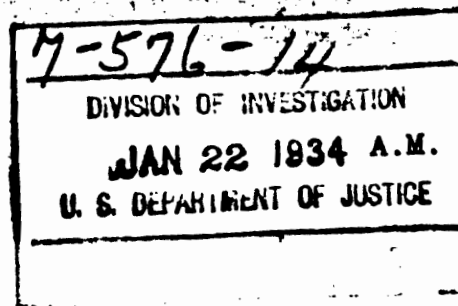
Director.

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January 20, 1934.

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

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum directed to the Attorney General in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul on the morning of January 17, 1934.

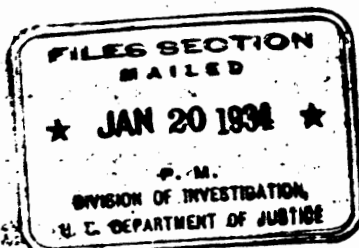
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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This is a full rate Telegram, Cablegram or Radiogram unless otherwise indicated by signal in the check or in the address.

DL	DAY LETTER
NL	NIGHT LETTER
MR	WEEK MESSAGE
LD	DEFERRED CABLE
RLT	WEEK CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	Radiogram

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DIRECTOR

DIVN OF INV US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

BREMER KIDNAPING NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS NUMBER OF RUMORS CHECKED NO  
RESULTS TWO MEN HERE KNOWN TO VICTIMS FATHER REPRESENTING TO  
BE NEW YORK ATTORNEYS SUSPECT ESTATE INVOLVING BREMER'S COX AS  
POSSIBLE MOTIVE STOP EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE REAL  
PURPOSE OF THEIR PRESENCE HERE

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MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
MR. LOCKE...  
MR. RORER...

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	
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MR. FORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. A. F. Jones, City Editor of the Minneapolis Journal, called at 11:30 A. M. He stated that they had an A.P. dispatch saying that J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, had reported today that a special detail of Agents had been sent to St. Paul to work on the Bremer case. He stated that he was asking for this information confidentially and not for quotation. He stated that they desired to cooperate with the Government in every possible way. He stated further that it was his understanding that President Roosevelt has sent two messages to Adolf Bremer, a very prominent Democrat, one expressing his condolence and the other expressing full support of Federal forces. He stated that in view of this he was wondering whether a large force would be sent to St. Paul. He was advised that Mr. Hoover would place as many men as could possibly be used and that he will exert every effort and go to any means to clear up this case as rapidly as possible and as thoroughly as possible, having in mind first the safety of the return of Mr. Bremer and secondly the apprehension of the perpetrators. He asked if there would be any objection to quoting this information. He was advised that there would be no objection to quoting the Director to the effect that every effort will be made to clear the case up and there will be no limitation on the number of Agents used. He asked whether there was any possibility of Mr. Hoover or the writer personally coming to St. Paul. He was advised that there was always a possibility of a thing of this kind in an important case of this kind, but that I did not desire to be quoted in this connection. Mr. Jones asked that his best regards be conveyed to Mr. Nathan and Mr. Keenan, he having met both of them during the Hamm trial.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With reference to the first ransom note delivered,  
there are enclosed herewith fingerprints of the following four persons, who are known to have handled said note:

Otto Bremer  
Paul G. Bremer  
Walter Magee  
Clarence E. Newcomb.

Other efforts are being made to obtain prints and  
they will be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Noonan*  
R. T. NOONAN, ACTING,  
Special Agent in Charge.

1/24/34 WH:TC  
Enc.  
AIR MAIL

*Prints delivered  
577 Section  
SLC*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

January 18, 1934.

CPC:LSS

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
MR. LOCKE...  
MR. RORER...

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Hanni again last night and requested that he submit daily telegraphic summaries of developments in the Edward Bremer kidnaping case. I advised him that Messrs. Blake and Brennan were proceeding to St. Paul. He stated that he had in St. Paul and would use on this case, besides himself, Agents Hall, Noonan and Coulter, that he believed with the addition of Agents Blake and Brennan this was a sufficient number of Agents to take care of the matter, at least for the time being.

I have been advised by St. Louis that the earliest Agent Brennan can get in St. Paul is 7:00 A. M. tomorrow by plane, which leaves St. Louis at 5:40 P. M. today.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
one of two  
F. E.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

TFB:CJ

January 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	___
MR. TOLSON	___
MR. CLEGG	___
MR. COWLEY	___
MR. EDWARDS	___
MR. GALT	___
MR. QUINN	___
MR. LESTER	___
MR. LOCKE	___
MR. RORER	___

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Miss Stephens of Mr. Gates' office 'phoned and wanted to know if you were going to St. Paul on the Bremer case. I advised her that, so far as I knew, you were not contemplating going to St. Paul at this time. That was all she desired to know.

Respectfully,

*T. F. Baughman*

T. F. Baughman.

*Interminable*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1934.

SPC:DSS

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Hughes.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Locke.....  
*Mr. Cowley*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Blake called from Dallas and advised that he would leave by plane tonight at 10:50 which would get him in St. Paul tomorrow at 12:30. He stated that this was the first plane out of Dallas and it would get him in St. Paul faster than any other means of transportation.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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January 17, 1934.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Loebe	
Mr. Cowley	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I contacted Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas and requested him to proceed immediately by plane to St. Paul. He stated that he did not know just when he could get a plane but that he would get the first one out of Dallas and advise the Division of his departure and arrival.

Agent Yearsley, of the St. Louis office, was also contacted. He advised that Agent Brennan was within a short distance of St. Louis and that he could get in touch with him immediately. He was requested to do so and have him proceed by the fastest means of transportation to St. Paul and report to Agent in Charge Hanni.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

January 19, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER-Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the telephonic communication  
had with Mr. Nathan, there is transmitted herewith the original  
three ransom notes and envelopes in the Hamm Kidnaping Case.

There is also enclosed several specimens of the  
handwriting of the Victim, EDWARD G. BREMER, as requested  
in the telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:IM  
Encls.

REGISTERED MAIL-AIR MAIL

*Copy of Specimens  
Retained in Laboratory  
1/22/34 EPC*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Confirming my telephone communication with the Division today, I am forwarding herewith the original letter which was addressed to the Postmaster, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This letter was opened by an employee in the Postmaster's office, in Minneapolis, and thereafter handed to another employee in his office, and from there handed to the Postmaster, who, upon reading it, immediately notified the Minneapolis Star, a newspaper of which he was an officer prior to his appointment as acting postmaster in Minneapolis a few months back. The Minneapolis newspaper was given the contents of the letter and also permitted to photograph it.

As soon as I heard of this letter, I called the Postmaster and requested that no one further be permitted to see this letter or to touch it. I obtained the letter from the Postmaster, had it photostated, and at the present time an Agent is at Anoka, Minnesota, where he is endeavoring to find out whether or not there is any truth to the contents of the letter. Other Agents are conducting inquiry at the Union City Mission in an effort to determine whether or not one of its inhabitants may be identified through the handwriting.

It is believed that this letter was not authentic, that is, that it has nothing to do with persons connected with the kidnaping or that the writer has any information whatsoever. However, no possibilities are being overlooked and every possible angle is being given careful attention.

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Very truly yours,

WH:TC  
AIR MAIL-SP. DEL.

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

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*1/22/34  
Plutzy copy only  
stated letter  
for the original  
enclosure  
S. J.*

*Copy & Specimen  
Retained in Laboratory  
1/22/34  
JAN 17 1935*

*Handwritten note on right margin*

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## Union City Mission

A down town Station of the Churches of Minneapolis,  
devoted to service for transient workers and homeless men.  
Conducts daily Gospel Meetings, Hotel, Lodging House  
and a Men's Club with Reading Rooms, Lounging Privi-  
leges, Laundry, Baths, and Free Employment Bureau.

HENNEPIN AVENUE at SECOND ST.

Minneapolis, Minn.



FRONTING GATEWAY PARK

To a federal officer.  
Dear Sir

Very sorry, but  
Ed. Bremer is now resting  
in Peace. - Was by accident  
bumped off. Body near  
Anoka Minn, will not be found  
until after snow goes - Contact  
all off - please forgive us -  
all a mistake by one of our  
gang been drunk. Please tell  
Walter Magee - St Paul.

One of the gang.

A/ )  
o.

UNION CITY MISSION  
THE MISSION OF THE CHURCHES  
HEBBERLY AND SECOND STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



*Foster*  
Foster

*Chimney*  
Chimney

*Torchstone*  
Torchstone

*Chimney*  
Chimney

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above matter, enclosed find original of the first ransom note, and envelope, with request that same be examined as to the make of the typewriter, or typewriters, used; the paper used for the note and envelope; and any other data that may be developed. There is no possibility of finding fingerprints of any value, however, it should be given the test the Division has been giving these notes in the past relative to fingerprints.

This matter should be expedited and the St. Paul Office notified and the enclosed note and envelope returned by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enc.  
AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY  
REGISTERED MAIL

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*1/19/34  
Original note &  
envelope detached  
in lab. photo taken  
same attached photo.*

January 19, 1934.

Edwards

MEMORANDUM

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. ROSS	✓

Handwritten initials: H.C. and J.M.

I telephoned Agent in Charge Hanni at St. Paul with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case, and expressed my displeasure at the manner in which this case is being handled at St. Paul. He stated that an air mail report on this case was mailed yesterday morning, although it has not yet been received here. I called his attention to the fact that the ransom letter contained many fingerprints, and gave specific instructions that he make arrangements to have such letters hereafter immediately turned over to the Division office and to have it transmitted to headquarters in a cellophane container. Mr. Hanni stated that the St. Paul Police and the Division Agents are working together with the Bremer family, although the family did not desire to have an Agent stationed at the house. I instructed him to take immediate steps to have an Agent placed in the home in the event of further communication from the kidnapers. I also instructed Mr. Hanni to submit daily a detailed telegraphic report.

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Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
January 21, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Frey, of the United Press, called me this evening at my residence and stated that the Associated Press at Saint Paul was carrying an article that President Roosevelt had personally taken charge of the Bremer Kidnaping and was directing same. He asked me if I could confirm this news article. I told him that I knew nothing about such information and I was sure that Mr. Hoover had no statement to make to the press in connection with the Bremer kidnaping at the present time.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley per H. L. M.*  
S. P. Cowley.

*Interview*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1934.

SPC:DSS

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Hanni called at 1:45 P. M. and advised that the Postmaster at Minneapolis, Minnesota, had received an anonymous letter this morning; that everybody there had handled it and that the newspapers had been called in and told all about it. He advised that the letter reads as follows:

"Federal Officer.

Dear Sir:

Very sorry but Ed Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minnesota. Will not be found until after snow goes. Contact off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang being drunk. Please tell Walter McGee, St. Paul.

One of the Gang."

Mr. Hanni stated that he believed this was out of the question but they were checking on it. He also stated that there was a rumor last night that a taxidriver in town had received a note to be delivered, but there is nothing to this report.

Mr. Hanni was asked whether he had done anything about getting the fingerprints of the persons who had handled the original note. He stated that he had not; that it was handled by a great number of people; that he knew some of the people who had handled it. He was instructed to get their fingerprints and forward them to the Division immediately. Mr. Hanni also advised the original note in this case did not have to be returned immediately, as requested in his letter of transmittal.

Respectfully,

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S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROSS	_____

*Holmes*

January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Othman of the United Press telephoned this morning to inquire as to developments in the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul. I advised Mr. Othman the only information I could give is that we are working with the local authorities on the matter. Mr. Othman stated he received a report from St. Paul this morning indicating that perhaps this is not a real kidnaping, but that there may be something very personal behind it. Mr. Othman also asked if we have any Agents working on the case besides Mr. Blake. I advised him that Mr. Hanni is in charge of the matter, being assisted by Agents of the St. Paul Office.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
900 EZRA THOMPSON BUILDING  
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED INFORMANT TRAVEL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST TO DESTINATION MENTIONED ADVISE HIS DEPARTURE AND TIME

EXPECTED ARRIVE DESTINATION

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*Edw. H. Brennan*

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SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

POSTAL TELEGRAPH JAN 22 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D C

[REDACTED] b7d-  
[REDACTED] STOP [REDACTED]  
BELIEVE [REDACTED] MIGHT BE ABLE SECURE INFORMATION CONCERNING SANKER WHEREABOUTS

[REDACTED] CAN POSSIBLY SERVE

ST PAUL OFFICE IN SOME WAY STOP WILL YOU AUTHORIZED [REDACTED] TRAVEL TO ST

PAUL ON GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST AT GOVERNMENTS EXPENSE EXPEDITE

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA** FILE NO. **7-120**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/22/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/20 &amp; 22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. J. O'Donnell</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping - Extortion</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Godfrey and Krselsen, subjects of Minneapolis inquiry from the St. Paul Office, are Warren F. Godfrey and Carl L. Y. Krselsen of 20 Broad Street, this city, where they are associated as "Business Counsellors" under the incorporate name of Atwater, Godfrey and Krselsen, Inc. Certificate of incorporation filed Albany, N. Y., January 2, 1934. Purposes of this corporation formed in New York, July, 1932, under name Atwater Krselsen Associates Incorporated identical. Both at same address. Krselsen originally practiced law at Chicago and Godfrey at Louisville, Ky. No criminal record for either at New York Police Department, Grievance Committee, New York Bar Association, has no record of either individual.</p> <p><b>HUC</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> This investigation is based on a long distance telephone call received from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni of the St. Paul Office, on the morning of January 20, 1934, at which time Mr. Hanni asked that all information possible be obtained concerning two individuals supposed to be New York attorneys, named respectively Godfrey and Krselsen. No first names were furnished in either case. Reference to both telephone directories as well as the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory failed to establish the existence of any law firm under the name of Godfrey and Krselsen. Likewise, no record was available of any attorney practicing law in New York by the name</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. X. Day</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 - St. Paul 2 - New York</p> <p><b>COPIES DESTROYED 20.5 MAR 17 1965</b></p>		<p>7-576-30 JAN 23 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE</p>	
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of Godfrey. There was, however, a record of an attorney by the name of Carl, L. V. Kreslman, whose address was given as 30 Broad Street, telephone number Hanover 2-7788. In the telephone directory likewise is an entry reading "Warren F. Godfrey, Inc. business given as, 30 Broad Street, telephone Hanover 2-7788. It will be noted that the address and telephone number of both of these individuals is identical.

At 30 Broad Street it was found that both of the individuals just mentioned occupy in common Suite #3901 on the 39th floor of the building at 30 Broad Street, and on the glass panel of the left door of the double entrance doors to Suite 3901, appears the legend ATWATER, GODFREY & KRESLSMAN, INC. On the glass panel of the right door the legend CARL L. V. KRESLSMAN LAW OFFICES appears.

Information obtained from the files of the Martindale-Hubbell Publishing Company indicates that in 1929 Kreslman was 45 years of age, married, and the father of five children, residing with his family at Bellerose, Long Island; that he was probably admitted to the practice of law at Chicago, Ill., about 1919 where in the same year he appears to have been a member of the firm of Kreslman, Peacock and Welleson, at 251 South LaSalle Street. Later he appears to have individually moved and become a sub-tenant at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. An investigation concerning him in Chicago made by the Martindale-Hubbell Publishing Company in July, 1929, indicated that Kreslman was known as a tax specialist and a traveling attorney. The President of the Chicago Bar Association told a representative of the Martindale-Hubbell Company that Kreslman was a member of that association in good standing, and that he bore a good reputation. Kreslman is supposed to have left Chicago in 1926, going first to Florida, where he probably conducted the re-organization of the Coral Gables Corporation. He is said also to have represented in Florida in some capacity the Manufacturers Trust Company of New York, during 1929. He does not seem to have engaged in the practice of law at Florida, devoting his entire time to re-organization activities. At Chicago he was reputed to derive a very comfortable income from his business activities. He is reported to be prompt in the payment of his rent at 30 Broad St., where the suite of offices occupied by him show a rental of \$3,600 a year.

The Telephone Directory likewise records the





shall be perpetual, the number of directors shall be not less than three and no more than fifteen, and the directors of the first meeting shall be Richard M. Atwater, C. E. V. Ekselsen, and S. E. Wiafree, of 30 Broad Street.

Also at the office of the County Clerk, file #198-1934 was examined and was found to constitute the certificate of incorporation filed at Albany on January 4, 1934, and at New York City on January 5, 1934, of Stwalley Godfrey and Ekselsen, Inc. The articles of incorporation are practically identical with those previously reported under the ATWATER EKSELSEN ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED, with the exception that the Atwater, Godfrey and Ekselsen, Inc., is authorized to issue 2000 shares of stock, of which 1000 shares of par value of \$100 each shall be preferred, and 1000 shares shall be common, without nominal par value. Preferred stock shall be entitled to receive, when voted by the Board of Directors out of profits or net assets, dividends of 7% per annum, payable semi-annually on dates to be fixed later by the by-laws of the company. Before any dividends can be paid to common stock-holders the dividends must be paid to the preferred stockholders. The Directors shall consist of not less than three and not more than fifteen and until the first meeting shall be Richard M. Atwater, Warren T. Godfrey and Carl E. V. Ekselsen. b7d


[REDACTED]

The above named corporation acts as consultants and advisors relative to the re-organization of commercial concerns, occupies Suite 3601 at 30 Broad Street. No fire loss reported.

Ekselsen, [REDACTED] b7d  
[REDACTED] refused financial information concerning himself, saying that his concern is not a credit seeking factor. It appears that such information was found to be likewise unobtainable elsewhere. [REDACTED] b7d



b7d



A search of files at the Criminal Investigation Division, New York Police Department, failed to reveal a record in the name of either Carl L. V. Hesselton, or Warren E. Godfrey.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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# WESTERN UNION

DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
 MR. TOLSON  
 MR. CLEGG  
 MR. COWLEY  
 MR. EDWARDS  
 MR. FOAN  
 MR. QUINN  
 MR. LESTER  
 MR. LOCKE  
 MR. RORER

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

THAT ATTORNEY ARRESTED

BREMER CASE

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JAN 28 1934

NEWSPAPER REPORTS  
 WITHOUT FOUNDATION=

HANNI.

THE QUICKEST, EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY THE

WRC:CKK

JANUARY 28, 1934.

WERNER HANST  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
805 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINN.

REPHONE ASSEMBLING CURRENCY NUMBERS SEND DATA AIRMAIL TO DIVISION

HOOVER

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Department of Justice  
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ST PAUL MINN  
JAN 20 1934

DIRECTOR

DIV OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC  
BREMER KIDNAPING PARTY WHO SAW MEN CHANGING CARS VICINITY LOCATION  
VICTIMS CAR CAN IDENTIFY ONE SUBJECT ONE WOMAN BELIEVED WITNESS ACTUAL  
SEIZURE UNABLE IDENTIFY ANYONE ANOTHER BELIEVES CAN IDENTIFY ONE INFORMATION

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Dear Sir:

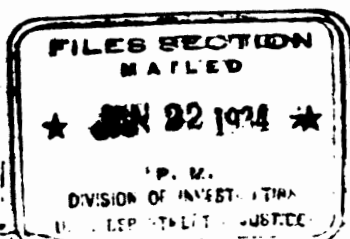
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There is transmitted herewith a copy of Edward G. Bremer's  
fingerprints obtained from the Navy Department. These prints are  
being forwarded to you with the view that they may prove valuable  
in negotiating with the kidnapers, should the kidnapers be willing  
to submit Bremer's fingerprints to indicate that they are the  
actual kidnapers and that the family is dealing with the proper  
parties.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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January 19, 1934.

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MR. QUINN	.....
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MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Kelly, a representative of the Washington Times, called at the office today and wanted information concerning the Bremer kidnaping case. He was advised that I knew nothing at all; that the Director, of course, was acquainted with all the details. I assured him that you had no statement to make to the press.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*\* Interviewed*

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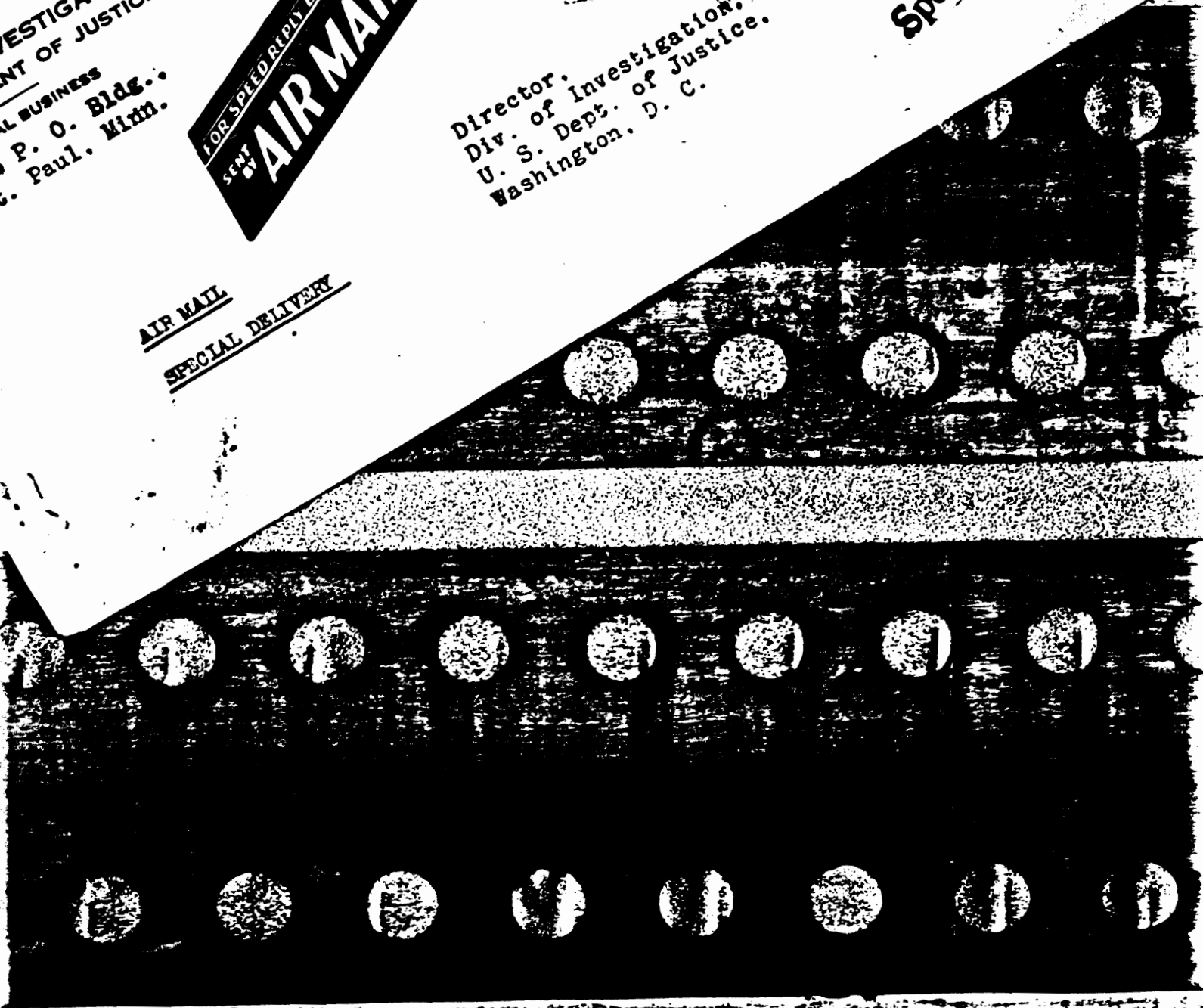
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HANNI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-20.

The victim in this case, EDWARD G. BREMER, is 25 years of age and his residence is 92 North River Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a native of the city of St. Paul and attended the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., obtaining a law degree at that institution. At the time he was kidnaped, he was President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been married for approximately ten years and has one child, BETTY, aged eight.

The victim in this case has one brother, ADOLPH BREMER, 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and three sisters, LOUISE BREMER, 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; MRS. FRANKLYN HOLLOWAY MATSON, 881 Fairmont Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; and MRS. VICTOR PHILIP REIN, New Ulm, Minnesota. ADOLPH BREMER, SR., is the father of the victim and also resides at 855 West 7th Street, and he is part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company of St. Paul. The victim's mother is dead. OTTO BREMER, 1344 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is victim's uncle and he is Chairman of the American National Bank in St. Paul and Manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. The BREMER family is considered one of the wealthiest and most prominent in St. Paul and in the Northwest.

The ad in the Minneapolis Tribune was printed January 18, 1934, as requested in the ransom note. This ad read:

"We are ready. Alice."

Up to noon, Friday, January 19th, no further word has been heard from the kidnapers.

MRS. EDWARD BREMER, wife of the victim, was interviewed on January 18, 1934, by S. A. C. Hanni but she was unable to give any information of value in this matter. It was learned that EDWARD BREMER returned Tuesday, January 16th, from a business trip to Chicago. MRS. EDWARD BREMER, victim's wife, was formerly EMILY ESSWEIN of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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WALTER W. MAGEE, the man who was contacted by the kidnappers, is a close friend of the BREMER family. ADOLPH BREMER financed MAGEE in his general contracting business, MAGEE having been stated by ADOLPH BREMER to have been at one time a saloon keeper and one man whom he (ADOLPH BREMER) helped who thereafter made good. MAGEE recently erected the new Minnesota State Office Building here.

The telephones of all the relatives of the BREMER family have been tapped and are constantly under surveillance, the police having squad cars ready to proceed at a moment's notice. The following is a list of the relatives whose telephones have been tapped:

Telephone	Name	Address
Em 2469	Claire Newcome	1435 Goodrich Ave.
Em 7780	H. Kalschauer	1354 Goodrich Ave.
Em 1159	Otto Bremer	1544 Summit Ave.
Em 1206	Paul Bremer	145 Amherst
Em 3081	Ray Rosseberg	2031 Stanford Ave.
De 3541	W. Magee	1295 Lincoln Ave.
Mi 2015	E. Bremer	82 N. Miss. River Blvd.
Co 3681	Commercial State Bank	6th and Washington
Co 0872	American Natl. Bank	7th and Robert
Co 8498	Hard Realty Co.	308 Bremer Arcade
Co 0252	Paul Bremer	8th and Washington
Da 5733	Adolph Bremer	855 N. 7th St.
El 4820	Schmidt Brewing Co.	W. 7th St.
Ne 2239	Miles Burke	1574 Ereda St.
Em 8033	Harry Johnson	1936 Berkeley
Ca 4801	Home Loan	516 Bremer Arcade
Ca 1839	Magee	118 W. Central Ave.
Mi 5007	Matson	1600 Portland Ave.

Everything is in readiness to proceed as soon as an effort is made by the kidnappers to contact the family. Full cooperation is being had from the police and the family. The information has been given to the press appearing January 19th by ADOLPH BREMER that he has requested all police agencies to refrain from action but this is not so as he is maintaining regular contact with the law enforcement agencies, including this Division.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent O. G. Hall at the Summit School; and the Chief Matron, MISS CONVERSE, made inquiry and later called this agent, stating that she had been able to locate only one young girl with any information at all and this girl was a rather excitable person and MISS CONVERSE questioned the reliability of the information. The information was to the effect that a man driving a large dark green car and believed to have light green trimmings,

approached the fence around the yard at this school, shortly before the Christmas holidays, this man being described only as dark complexioned and wearing gray spats, and he made inquiries of this girl as to who were going to this school and what the name of it was. This girl, MISS CONVERSE, stated, thought at one time she was to be kidnapped herself.

Agents Brennan and Fortenberry went to the Summit School again and MISS CONVERSE, as she had stated over the phone to this agent, refused to give the name of this girl, stating that she felt sure she had obtained all the information available and that the girl, if questioned, would be unable to give any more and might make statements which were not true. This woman also refused to give the name of this girl to the agents making this inquiry, as well as to this agent over the telephone. Further information was obtained, however, that this girl had obtained the license number on the car, which was Minnesota E71-548 or E1-584. A check at the Motor Vehicle Department revealed that E71-548 for 1933 was issued to JOHN NEWMAN, 1818 Lake Avenue North, Duluth, Minnesota; and E71-584 was issued to R. SOLEMA, Box 635, Duluth.

Special Agents Hotesteen and Fortenberry made inquiry at 1910 Edgecomb Road and there interviewed MRS. MARTIN THORNTON, who advised that about Friday, January 18th, two men parked a large dark coupe automobile with chromium side mounts, about a block from the THORNTON residence, which residence is in the south suburban district of St. Paul and entirely apart from any occupied district. The two men were observed by MRS. THORNTON parking their automobile in the early afternoon and remained there until dark and some time thereafter. MRS. THORNTON could give no further information as to the occupants of this car or a detailed description of the automobile.

MR. MARTIN THORNTON was interviewed at the Thornton Bros. Contractors' office, 1345 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul; and he advised that between 8:30 and 9:00 pm the morning of Wednesday, January 17th, he observed from his second-story window two dark colored sedan automobiles being driven at a slow rate of speed and very close together on Edgecomb Road, going west. As these automobiles passed the THORNTON residence, MR. THORNTON noted that in the driver's seat of the car in front was a heavy set man with ruddy complexion and wearing a light colored overcoat. The cars proceeded west on Edgecomb and disappeared over the hill.

MR. THORNTON stated that as these cars made the turn on Edgecomb Road near the THORNTON residence, one car swung out into the snow. Agents, together with MR. THORNTON, returned to the vicinity of the THORNTON home



and examined these tracks in the snow. Because of the fact that the wind had drifted the snow into the tracks, no detailed impression could be observed.

The two cars observed by MR. THOMSON both had V-8 type radiators and were large sedans, new, and believed by MR. THOMSON to be either Buicks, LaSalle, or Cadillacs.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOCHAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. DOWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. F. C. GINN

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (CHARLES MCKEE)  
EDWARD C. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-32.

At 11:05 o'clock A.M., January 17, 1934, Chief of Police Dahill of the St. Paul Police Department requested that the writer come to his office as he had a kidnaping case. I immediately proceeded to the Chief's office and from there to Parlor A in the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul, where I met Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney, Detective Tom Bremer, Mr. Otto Bremer, Mr. Adolph Bremer, and Mr. Walter Magee. I was informed that Walter Magee received a telephone call at about 10:40 A.M., January 17, 1934, advising him that they had his friend BREMER and to go to his office and he would find a note. The person calling gave his name as CHARLES MCKEE. He was also told that BREMER'S car would be found out near the Shelling Water Tower. The note was found by Mr. Magee and was signed by the Victim, and names him, Magee, as the go-between. The note demands \$200,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, numbers not to be given successively, and of various issues, and old bills; that they were to be placed in two suit boxes (cartons) and tied with a heavy rope and that the money is ready to insert an add in the Minneapolis Tribune. "We are ready, Alice". Immediately, the telephone lines of all members of the BREMER family and business associates, as well as the telephone of WALTER MAGEE, at his office and home, were ordered tapped and the add was ordered inserted in the Minneapolis Tribune for the morning issue of January 18, 1934. Various methods were discussed as to procedure. However, nothing definite was established except to be prepared when the next move is made.

Efforts were made to locate the automobile and same was found parked on the Edgemoor Road in St. Paul, outside of view of any residents. The car is a Lincoln Sedan and examination indicated that a struggle had occurred. There was blood on the steering wheel, the shift lever, the left door sill, and the back of the front seat; and on the right front seat a pool of blood had soaked through the seat and considerable blood was found on the floor. It is impossible to determine, at this time, whether or not that was caused by merely a nose bleed from being hit on the nose, or from a more severe blow. The car was taken to Magee's garage and given minute examination by fingerprint officers of the St. Paul Police Department. Same was examined by Agent. So far, no prints have been developed that would give some identification.

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EDWARD G. BREMER is the son of ADOLPH BREMER, owner of the SCHMIDT BREWING COMPANY, St. Paul, Minnesota, the Commercial State Bank, and the Empire National Bank. OTTO BREMER is a brother of Victim's father. The family is very prominent socially, as well as in Democratic circles. MR. OTTO BREMER being the head of the Home Loan Corporation for the State of Minnesota. The Victim is 36 years of age, married, and has one daughter about 9 years of age. Indications are that the drove from his residence at 92 North River Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Summit School in St. Paul, where he delivered his daughter between 8:30 and 8:45 A.M., the girl being a student in that school. It appears that he was approached immediately after he delivered his daughter to the school and, apparently, was immediately assaulted and then his car was driven by one of the assailants and he, apparently, was lying sideways with his head on the front seat until they reached the place where the car was found abandoned, where undoubtedly the assailants loaded him into another car.

During the entire day, and up to 2:00 o'clock A.M., of January 18, 1934, nothing further developed. However, Agent was in the presence of Chief of Police Dahill, Inspector Tierney, Magee, and the Bremers, ever since 11:00 o'clock A.M., January 17, 1934.

It may be interesting to note that BREMER has been very apprehensive regarding kidnaping ever since WILLIAM HANNI, JR., was kidnaped and rumors had it that he would be the next Victim. However, there was no actual foundation to those rumors. For the past three weeks he has been escorted to his home practically every night by a police squad car. According to information, the Victim and his wife made a business trip to Chicago, leaving St. Paul the night of January 14, 1934, and returning to St. Paul the morning of January 16, 1934.

WILLIAM HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MR. Tamm  
MR. Telford  
MR. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

It is reported that John T. Gooney of the Home Loan Association stated that about 8:30 A.M., January 17, 1934, he drove on Edgemoor Road, east from Snelling Avenue, and observed two cars at a place which is found to be the place where the victim's car was found abandoned; that it appeared to him that there were four men in this one car, and none in the other, and one man was standing out on the street; that Gooney stopped to ask the direction of the man on the street. This man failed to make any statement or a reply to the question, and Gooney drove on. He stated that this man was about 30 years of age, 5'8" or 9" tall, well dressed, with a dark coat and dark hat; that he had a round face; dark hair; and was dark complexioned. He stated that he would be able to recognize this man again if he should see him.

Information has been received that James Quinehan, 503 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a driver for the Minnesota Milk Company, had observed two large cars with four men at the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, between 8:15 and 8:30 A.M., January 17, 1934. He thought he saw one man standing on the running board of a car parked on Lexington Avenue, facing south, while two other men, who had been standing at the curb at the corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, jumped on to the running board and into the car which approached, at that time, Lexington Avenue, on Goodrich Avenue. The man, when entering the car, seemed to scuffle with a third man and the car started to turn on to Lexington Avenue, going south, and the car, on which the man was standing on the running board, and which was parked there, followed the victim's car, going south on Lexington Avenue. This matter is being further checked.

Interviews are also being conducted at the present time with one, FLORENCE MATHESSEN, in the Social Service Division of the St. Paul Public Library, who resides at 1097 Goodrich Avenue, and who is reported to have seen two cars on the corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues and saw several men in these cars.

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The telephone lines of the following people, who are either close associates of the victim, are being tapped:

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 Ea 1206 Paul Bremer  
 Ea 3081 Ray Rosenberg  
 De 3541 W. Magee  
 Mi 2013 E. Bremer  
 Co 3681 Commercial State Bank  
 Co 0872 American Natl. Bank  
 Co 8498 Hurd Realty Co.  
 Co 0252 Paul Bremer  
 Da 5733 Adolph Bremer  
 El 4830 Schmidt Brewing Co.  
 Ne 2239 Miles Burke  
 Ea 8033 Harry Johnson  
 Ga 4801 Home Loan  
 Ga 1039 Magee  
 Mi 5007 Matsen

1455 Goodrich Ave.  
 1354 Goodrich Ave.  
 1344 Summit Ave.  
 145 Amherst  
 3051 Stanford Ave.  
 1295 Lincoln Ave.  
 92 N. Miss. River Blvd.  
 6th and Washington  
 7th and Robert  
 306 Bremer Arcade  
 6th & Washington  
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 1874 Brady St.  
 1936 Berkeley  
 616 Bremer Arcade  
 118 W. Central Ave.  
 1400 Portland Ave.

A Special Agent is at the home of Victim's father, listening in on all telephone communications coming into that house. Another Agent is stationed at the residence of the Victim listening in through an extension telephone on all conversations communicating with that telephone. These Agents are instructed to observe closely any suspicious calls and advise the office thereof and take particular notice of the voice, dialect, if any, and also observe any cars or persons who might approach or loiter in the neighborhood of these residences.

Further interviews are being had and constant contact is had with the Victim's relatives and his residence and particularly his father and his father's brother, and Victim's brother. Instructions were given to all concerned that under no condition should any document, which may be received, be opened by them but that this office should be immediately notified in order that an Agent from this office may be available to open these documents in such a manner that any evidence such as fingerprints may not be destroyed. Up to this time, no further communication has been received in any manner whatsoever from the kidnapers or the Victim. The add inserted in the Minneapolis Tribune, as requested in the first ransom note, appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune during the entire day of January 18, 1934, in each issue beginning at 9:00 A.M., of January 18, 1934.

WERNER HANMI,  
 Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Miss Flora Orr, of the Washington Post, called this morning and wanted information concerning the Bremer kidnaping case. I told her that the Division had no statement to make for publicity. She stated that she had seen by the papers that Mr. Nathan was in St. Paul directing the investigation. I indicated to her that that was correct. She wanted to know if the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer was done by the same people who had been involved in other kidnaping cases. I told her I had no comment to make in connection with that angle or any other angle of the case at the present time. She left this office stating that she had gone to see Mr. Hoover.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With regard to the current kidnaping case here, it should be noted that there is considerable body of opinion in this locality that VERNE SANKY may be directly, or indirectly, implicated. This office has been approached for its views but, of course, has emphatically refrained from any theorizing along this line. It is thought that it might be advisable at this time, however, for the Division to arrange for as much publicity as possible to be given to the photograph and description of Verne Sankey. This office believes that the photograph in the possession of the Division, at the present time, is not a good one and is forwarding attached hereto a photograph believed to be better. The individual marked with an "X" is Verne Sankey. It is believed that it would be better for this publicity to be initiated by the Division at Washington, rather than the St. Paul Office inasmuch as, if a case develops involving other criminals and is prosecuted here, the fact that this office expressed its opinion that Verne Sankey might be responsible might be brought up by the defense at the trial and might militate against the Government's interests. It is felt that in giving currency, through the press, to the photograph and description of Sankey, the Division should, of course, refrain from committing itself to any theory that Sankey is responsible for the current kidnaping.

Along the same lines, the attention of the Division is respectfully invited to the case of BASIL BANGHART. It is believed that the current crime is one which Banghart might have committed; that he is one of the few criminals at large who might be considered temperamentally fitted to commit this, or similar, crime. It is believed that this might be a propitious time to give, through the press, the same currency to the photograph and description of Banghart as is indicated with regard to Verne Sankey.

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It is also suggested that each office of the Division be instructed to have written a complete set of envelopes covering all national and state banks in the respective jurisdictions so that, if it appears necessary or desirable to circularize said banks with the numbers of ransom notes, there may be no delay in writing these envelopes to the offices in question.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure 39 63

1. L. O'Reilly,  
Engineer, Melville
2. Mrs. Gilbert Coldrick
3. Miss Coldrick
4. Gilbert Coldrick, alias  
"Gillie"
5. Reo Verne Sankey

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Reo Verne Sankey*

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\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
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Walter H. H. H.



January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kelly of the Washington Times telephoned to inquire concerning developments in the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case. I informed Mr. Kelly that there is nothing we can say on this matter as yet.

Colonel Gates telephoned to make inquiry relative to the rumor that President Roosevelt is "taking a hand" in the investigation of the Bremer case. I advised Colonel Gates that there is no foundation for this story.

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MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

*edw. S.*  
Thank you very much for the Bremer  
matter, and also for your memorandum in re, the  
escape from the Kansas City Penitentiary.

*William Stanley*

William Stanley  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. FOAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

January 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Eugene Kelly of the Washington Times telephoned to obtain material to be used in preparing a story on the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul. I advised Mr. Kelly that I could say nothing further than that we are working on the case. In reply to his specific inquiries, I stated that the blood stains found in the car prove nothing definite; that I could not give the number of Agents working on the case, nor their names, but that Agents had been sent to St. Paul from other sections of the country; and that they are keeping in telephonic communication with me. He inquired if it would be all right to state that the parents did not notify us in sufficient time. I suggested that he not make such a statement, but would approve one to the effect that the "Justice Department today renewed its plea with the public to notify them immediately in such cases."

Mr. Kelly called my attention to an article appearing in the New York News (issue of January 19 or January 20) in which Van O'Farrell advances the theory that members of the Tuohy gang kidnaped Bremer in an effort to raise money to pay Tuohy's defense counsel.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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January 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN .....  
MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. EGAN .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Hanni at St. Paul last night concerning his failure to send in the fingerprints of all those who had handled the Bremer ransom notes and also concerning his failure to send in the descriptive data concerning the gangsters whose names had been furnished the Division. Mr. Hanni advised that the fingerprints had been placed in the air mail last night en route to the Division and that the descriptive data would be placed in the air mail sometime today.

Mr. Nathan came to the 'phone and requested that the Director be advised that the St. Paul News carried a story to the effect that the two additional ransom notes were delivered Sunday night and some of the details of the delivery appeared in the paper. He observed that this would obviously be very embarrassing until they had found the source of the leak and stopped it.

Mr. Nathan suggested that the proposition be put up to the Director concerning the listing of the numbers of the currency which has been prepared as ransom. \$105,000 in currency is available as prospective ransom and the numbers of the bills have been taken but they are not arranged consecutively as will be necessary in the event the full amount or any part of this money is delivered to the kidnapers. He feared temporary typists because of the possibility of a leak. He suggested the sending of the data to the Division so that it might be arranged in numerical sequence and be available ready for tabulation and printing. This information was communicated to the Director who authorized the instruction to St. Paul to send the data in to the Division at once by air mail so that it could be consecutively arranged. A wire was dispatched to St. Paul to this effect.

During the conversation with Mr. Hanni I gave him the information that the St. Paul Police Department had requested the record on Arthur O. Larson, although no record was available. I informed him that there might not be any connection with this request and the Bremer case.

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Respectfully,

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MR. EDWARDS.  
MR. EGAN.  
MR. QUINN.  
MR. LESTER.  
MR. LOCKE.  
MR. RORER.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Hanni, in Mr. Nathan's absence, at St. Paul concerning the suggestion of Agent in Charge Dowd at Salt Lake City that [redacted] be furnished transportation to St. Paul on a Government transportation request, [redacted] Mr. Hanni stated that he thought that the suggestion was a proper one and recommended favorably relative thereto. He suggested that even though [redacted] were not involved in the Bremer case [redacted] could be of assistance in the effort to locate [redacted] who is wanted on other charges. I inquired of Mr. Hanni the developments in the Bremer case. He stated that an extra edition of the local paper was carrying the story that an attorney had been arrested in connection with the Bremer case but that there was nothing to this story. He stated there were no new developments except that they were on the front line. I inquired concerning the sending of additional fingerprints of those who had handled the notes, as well as the identifying data of certain gangsters whose names had been furnished the Division. Mr. Hanni stated this information was being assembled and forwarded as rapidly as possible.

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Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. FOWARDS  
MR. GAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul at noon today. He said that immediately upon his arrival this morning he had a session with the Chief of Police and the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Kinkaid. Mr. Nathan said that they had a certain girl there who was supposed to have seen four or five men in two cars, that two of them got out of one car and transported another man into another car, beating him as they were doing it. Mr. Nathan advised that he has been in touch with the victim's family and has their cooperation. He expects to have an Agent in the home of the victim's father by this afternoon. He stated that the victim's father and uncle are getting some money at the present time and that he suggested that the bills be marked in some manner, preferably by [REDACTED] b7c

Mr. Nathan suggested that marking the bills would be better than taking the numbers. Incidentally Mr. Nathan advised that the victim's father stated that he did not believe he could raise \$200,000.00, the amount of ransom demanded. Mr. Nathan advised that he did not believe the contact man would be used again. He thought that perhaps the Agent that would be placed in the home might be the contact man; that he might impersonate the father or the uncle. He further advised that seventeen wires are being tapped and that a squad of radio cars are available. Mr. Nathan was advised that the ransom note had been received and that it was written on a Corona typewriter, pica type. He was requested to secure specimens of the handwriting of Bremer and the original notes in the Hamm case and forward them to the Division.

Mr. Nathan requested that the request of Mr. Hanni for more office space at St. Paul be expedited as the newspaper men would walk right into the office while the case was being discussed. I took this matter up with Mr. Tolson and he advised that the arrangements for the additional space at St. Paul were practically completed.

Mr. Nathan advised that the intention of the police and the Prosecuting Attorney at the present time is to "knock off" the pay-off man, and asked that the matter be taken up with the Director. Mr. Nathan advised that he was of the opinion that the wishes of the family should be followed, but that the question of what the Division should do should be submitted to you.

Mr. Nathan was advised that this question would be submitted to you but that in the writer's opinion the contact man should be unmolested so far as the Division is concerned until the victim has been returned.

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Mr. Nathan was advised that in connection with the request of Mr. Hanni that arrangements be made to have aeroplanes available had been taken up with Mr. Tolson, who advised that it is impossible to get anything out of the War Department, that the Attorney General is taking the matter up with the President. Mr. Tolson suggested that Mr. Hanni make an effort to make arrangements for aeroplanes locally, but before using same he should get authority from the Division.

Mr. Nathan advised that in the event the ransom money is paid and it is necessary to list the numbers of the notes, it will be necessary to employ temporarily six or eight typists. He was advised that this would be satisfactory unless advised to the contrary.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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Air Mail

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is attached, hereto, an article which I received from New York, appearing in the Daily News of Saturday, January 20, 1934, which outlines a theory as to the Bremer Kidnaping. You will also note that toward the latter part of the article, my name is mentioned. I don't recall having met Mr. O'Farrell.

Sincerely yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
 M. H. PURVIS,  
 Special Agent in Charge.

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# Touhy Got Bremer!—C

(Here are some startling conclusions about the St. Paul, Minn., kidnaping based on a real detective's analysis of the William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer cases. Read the deductions of Val O'Farrell, whose analysis of the Lindbergh case proved so valuable.)

By VAL O'FARRELL.  
(World Famous Ace Detective.)  
(Copyright, 1934, by News Syndicate Co., Inc.)

I BELIEVE that the real kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer is already on trial in a courtroom.

He is none other than Roger Touhy, now on trial with his faithful mobsters, Gustav (Gloomy Gus) Schaefer, Albert (Polly Nose) Kator, and Ed (Father Tom) McFadden, in Chicago for the \$70,000 snatch of the All-American snatcher, John (Jake the Barber) Factor.

How could Touhy have kidnaped the brew millionaire in St. Paul Wednesday if he was on trial in a Chicago courtroom on that day?

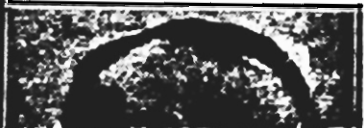


Val O'Farrell

Well, of course I don't mean that Touhy actually grabbed Bremer with his own hands, as William J. Hamm Jr. was grabbed last summer. But when I give you the lowdown on this newest kidnaping in gay St. Paul, the kidnapers' pet playground, I think you'll agree with me that tough Touhy probably is the real kidnaper, the master mind.

Here's how—

The acquittal of the Touhy mob in St. Paul last November for the \$100,000 snatch of William Hamm Jr.—significantly a multi-millionaire brewer's son, as Bremer is—did two things. First, the acquittal



William Hamm Jr. W. W. Dunn, in E. Procedure of mob identical with kidn. yesterday of Val

Touhys? In Chicago, where Illinois law provides death in the electric chair for convicted kidnapers. The lives of Touhy and his mobsters are at stake. Factor has made an air-tight identification of them. The prosecution has a perfect case. It looks like the hot seat for Touhy and his mob. Unless—

Unless what? Unless they get jack and plenty of it? They need jack for lawyers. They need jack for what is politely called "defense expenses." Will jack save them? Very likely. Jack is CM's first name.

On trial for their lives, the Touhys' problem was: Where to get the jack? The answer was easy. Why not get it where they got it before, from a St. Paul kidnaping? They had proof they could get away with murder in St. Paul.

So to get the jack for the Chicago defense of his life I'm convinced that tough Roger Touhy plotted the Bremer snatch for confederates, and ordered them to go get the jack.

There's still more evidence to show Touhy's hand in the grab. Where did Roger Touhy

(By Agnes)  
**Roger Touhy,  
likely  
instigator of  
Bremer  
kidnaping, at  
his trial in  
Chicago for  
snatch of  
John (Jake  
the Barber)  
Factor.**

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PERSONAL

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Saint Paul, Minnesota.

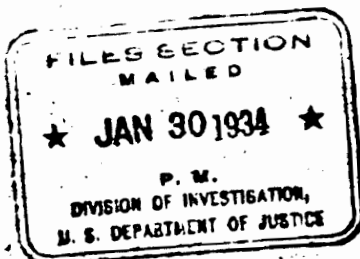


My dear Mr. Nathan:

As of possible interest to you and Mr. Hanni, I am forwarding, herewith, photostatic copies of an article appearing in the Daily News of New York City on January 20, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building

From  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To

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MEMORANDUM

With reference to your memorandum of even date transmitting a telegram from Mr. W. E. Hallberg, Northwest Manager of the United Press Associations, I attach hereto a copy of a reply which I have made to Mr. Hallberg.

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*Edward J. Brennan*

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January 22, 1934.

Mr. W. E. Hallberg,  
Northwest Manager of the United Press Associations,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Hallberg:

I acknowledge receipt of your wire of the  
21st instant.

It is very fine of you to suggest cooperating  
with the authorities in an effort to bring about a solution of the  
Bremer case. The most important matter that we are concerned with  
at present is the safe return of the kidnapped victim and unfortunately  
it does not permit of our engaging in any type of publicity whatsoever.

I assume from your telegram that you will be  
willing to communicate any information that you have at hand, and I am  
sure that you know the Agent in Charge at St. Paul will be most happy  
to receive any information or data from you.

With appreciation of your fine spirit of cooper-  
ation and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH B. KEELAN,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Laboratory Report

January 23, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 3 notes and envelopes of the Hamm Case (Kidnaping)  
Handwriting specimens of Edward G. Bremer.

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Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 22, 1934.

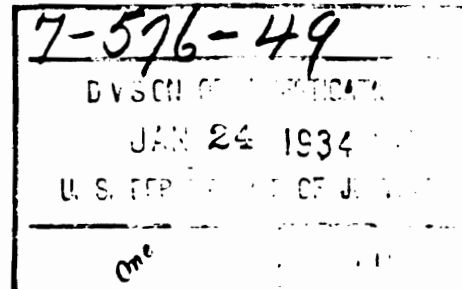
Examination requested: Typewriting, handwriting, and general.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

January 22. A comparison of the impressions of the typing in the extortion letter bearing Bremer's purported signature and addressed to Charles Magee, with the three extortion letters on which appears the signature of Hamm, addressed to William Dunn, indicate that the same typewriter wrote all of these letters. This opinion is based upon similarities of numerous characteristics such as the slant of identical letters away from the vertical, including the small r, i, f, l, t, p, and e, the unevenness of impression caused by typing "off its feet", and misalignment, both vertically and horizontally. It is difficult to compare these characteristics for the reason that in all of the letters the ink was so damp that it spread into the paper and did not leave clear impressions of the type. In the Hamm letters this is some kind of purple copying ink. It is believed that this effect was deliberately achieved. In one or two instances, however, the type went off of the ribbon and when this occurred, the impression was molded into the paper.

There appears on the Hamm letters a period which is out of alignment by being higher than it should be. This does not appear in the Bremer letter, the period of which is more normal. This is an irreconcilable difference except for the possibility that a different period was used in writing the two letters, the one being arranged for capital letters and the other for small letters. It is also believed probable that between writing the Hamm letters and the Bremer letter the typewriter was cleaned and re-aligned. While not as strong in opinion as would be preferred, the writer still believes that the typewriter was the same. As previously indicated this is a Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type and also has a figure 1. No other distinguishing characteristics would appear to the naked eye.



Handwritten notes and signatures in the left margin.

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As a suggestion regarding the location of the possible typewriter, in view of the probable realignment of the type after the Hamm letter, it is possible that the typewriter might now be in a repair shop. This thought is supported by the fact that the Bremer letter appears to be prepared in the manner of a form, in other words, a number of them might have been prepared before hand with the idea that the name would be filled in later. An examination of the name Charles Magee, however, indicates it was written with the machine which wrote the rest of the letter. Although truly a fishing expedition, it might result favorably to take specimens of all of the Corona Pica type machines in repair shops being cleaned and adjusted.

Regardless of the fact that the identification of the typewriter by physical comparison of impressions is weaker than in the usual case, it is definitely the opinion of the writer that the same individuals prepared the Hamm and Bremer letters. This is proven by the identical manner in which the letters were prepared and the arrangements made and carried out. Almost the same words were used. In all of the letters the address consists of the name placed at the upper left hand side of the sheet with no colon or other punctuation. The message then immediately starts out without indentation. The margins on all of the letters are identical and the manner of making one or two sentences into a paragraph. In ending sentences the periods are not followed by any space. In both instances there is a tendency to underscore words for emphasis. In both instances the sentences practically consist of instructions which are worded very similarly. For instance, in the Hamm Case the writer speaks of "your boy friend"; in the Bremer Case, "your friend"; in the Hamm Case, "you are to await final instructions tomorrow"; in the Bremer Case, "you will then receive your final instructions"; in the Hamm Case, "you are to pay off"; and in the Bremer Case, "I have named you as pay-off man;" in the Hamm Case, "Hamm is uncomfortable"; and in the Bremer Case, "your boy friend is none too comfortable now". In addition to the above, it will be observed that in both instances the same method of convincing the family that the letter is from the real kidnapers was used; namely, the writing of a paragraph at the bottom of the page in the Hamm Case authorizing the payment of a ransom and requesting that the instructions be carried out, and in the Bremer Case, naming the conditions. In both instances the signature of the victim is used below these paragraphs as proof that the letter is genuine.

As to the signature of Bremer, it is believed that the signature is genuine. The examination of the curves, angles, size of letters, and other characteristics indicates that it is undoubtedly Bremer's signature. The lines, however, are not normal and it is possible to reproduce the exact signature of an individual by tracing on one piece of paper through which a real signature

is projected from another paper. The indication of such a forgery is the lifting of the pen at unusual places, the uneven and "nervous" appearance, or shakiness in the lines. For this reason and in order to determine whether it was possible that Bremer's signature was traced, a very careful examination was made with the microscope. The conclusion was definitely reached that Bremer wrote this signature and it is not a tracing, but that when he did so he was under some physical or mental stress of considerable extent, in fact, he might have been almost unconscious. It appears probable that the pen was held in his hand and that those doing so were comparing the signature he was writing with a standard which they had in order to be sure it would be identified when received.

Mr. Bremer's signature is very individual in that he places the first two letters, the E. and G. of his name, inside the B. This is done with a rapid motion. In many of the signatures it might be impossible to tell that the second letter is a G. In writing the signature on this letter, after writing the E the pen wavered around until it reached the point where the B usually starts. As this would leave out the G, the pen was lifted several times and the lines indicate the difficulty which the writer was having, that is, they are in the proper direction to make the kind of G which Mr. Bremer uses, but this direction instead of being horizontally to the paper, for instance, proceeded from the upper left to the lower right because of the condition of the writer. Every one of the lines in this G are believed to be attempts to use the proper motions to produce the G that Mr. Bremer writes. They do not accomplish this because of the condition in which he was in. If the kidnapers, however, were in possession of one of the signatures in which the G was not clearly such, they would not know that the second initial in Bremer's name on the letter does not even resemble the normal one. Throughout the rest of the signature the pen was lifted numerous times, indicating the difficulty which Bremer was having in writing his name. Notwithstanding this, the examination of the curves and angles and sizes indicates the genuineness of the signature.

If police agencies in the vicinity of St. Paul or other sources are in possession of specimens of Corona, Pica size typewriting used in crimes, these should be forwarded. In this connection it is recalled that Verne Sankey was said to have used a Corona typewriter at one time.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

3 Director ✓  
2 St. Paul.  
2 Laboratory.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Enclosed herewith please find memoranda as follows, covering investigation conducted to date by this office:

Memorandum containing interview by Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry with John Cooney, who saw the automobiles in the vicinity where Victim's car was found.

Memorandum of interview conducted by Special Agent R. C. COULTER with various parties living in the vicinity of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which vicinity the indications are the actual kidnaping took place.

Memoranda by Special Agent O. G. Hall in reference to a certain

Also, investigation of a tip given by the newspapers through Reporter Thompson and information given by one, Bill Ritter, to the police, the statement to Chief of Police Dahill being to the effect that a Hudson Sedan, dark colored, was seen by Ritter to drive up in the rear of Walter Magee's office about 10:00 A. M., January 17, 1934, and a man about 30 years of age, well dressed, wearing a light overcoat and a light hat, got out of this car with a package, or a letter, in his hand and that there was something in the car which was covered up.

Information received from Postmaster Van Dyke concerning a party whom Mr. Bremer is reported to have recently hired as a guard.

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A cab driver by the name of William Mantyla was found to have written a note by himself for the purpose of obtaining publicity. This was determined as the result of information received to the effect that Mantyla had received a note from the kidnapers to deliver.

An effort is being made at the present time to [REDACTED] of Dr. Berg, the Veterinarian residing at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, there being some indication that at one time Haskell Bohn, who was kidnaped by Verne Kenney, believed that this Dr. Berg was the "finger man" in that case.

The Salt Lake City Division Office has also been requested by wire to conduct investigation at Denver, Colorado, [REDACTED] of Ben Laska as it is possible that this party may have some inside information in this case.

In reference to the letter received today addressed to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the information therein was given to Mr. Cowley over the telephone. This is being further checked but it appears to be the work of a crank. The original letter was forwarded by air mail, special delivery, to the Division this date, photostatic copies having been made and retained in this office. The letter itself contained information to the effect that Bremer was supposed to be dead and buried somewhere in the vicinity of Anoka, Minnesota.

All rumors and reports are being run down to determine their veracity. Anything appearing in the newspapers as to the release or whereabouts of the Victim and the various parties suspected have been checked thoroughly and all found to be without foundation. No further effort has been made to contact members of the Victim's family. Agents are constantly on hand at the home of the Victim and also his father.

You will be kept advised of developments in this case.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Noonan*  
R. T. NOONAN, ACTING,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RTN:TC  
Enc.

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WARNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Miss FLORENCE LATHES, 1097 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, on interview this date by Agents E.M. Notestein and R.C. Coulter, stated she was looking out of her apartment, located on the northeast corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, on the morning of January 17, 1934, between 8:30 and 8:35, at which time she noticed a young man standing on the northwest corner of the above mentioned avenues. She did not pay much attention to him, and cannot identify him. She stated that she happened to look further down Goodrich - west - and saw another man standing near the alley, which is between the large apartment house on the southwest corner of the above mentioned avenues and the Summit School, which is located further west on Goodrich Avenue. She stated there was also a large automobile, equipped with frost shields, possibly of five or six passenger capacity, parked on Lexington, directly opposite her apartment building, but she could not see how many men were in the car, but did see one; that the men on the street appeared to be paying no attention to each other, or the occupant of the automobile. A big car, which pulled up on Goodrich Avenue, headed east, and apparently having come from the direction of the Summit School, stopped at the arterial sign at Lexington Avenue. As the car stopped, the man who had been standing on the south side of the street, near the alley, on Goodrich Avenue, ran and got in the front seat of the car, and at the same time, the man who had been standing on the northeast corner got in the front seat of the car on the north side, apparently pushing the driver over, however, she saw no scuffle, but the driver appeared to resent the fact that the men were getting in the car. At that time she thought possibly they were school boys and were getting a ride to school, as such is a common occurrence. The man who had been standing on the corner wore a light colored hat with a dark band. He was of medium height and rather short - this is just an impression and she may not be correct, according to her statement. She says she is sure both got in the front seat, entering from opposite sides. The car which had been parked on the opposite side of the street, started south on Lexington Avenue, and when he got to the middle of the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, the driver stopped the car and got out and went toward the other car, but did not get to it; turning around, he got back in the car he came from. She could not identify him, but thinks he was wearing a cap. It looked as if he intended to assist the men in the other car when he got out. He then drove south toward Highland Park behind the other car, which had then turned south on Lexington Avenue. They went slowly. She stated the only thing she was sure about was that the car which the two men entered was not blue but she understands the car of Bremer is blue. She stated she does not know Edward G. Bremer. The men she saw on the street seemed to be

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in their twenties or early thirties. She claimed that she absolutely could not identify any of the parties or automobiles; that the above is all the information she possesses. She does not want to be a witness, and under no circumstances does she want her name known in connection with this matter. Miss Mathes is employed in the Social Science Room of the City Public Library.

WILLIAM WEICHERMAN, custodian, 123 South Lexington Avenue, the location of a large apartment building, on interview by the above mentioned agents, stated he had seen nothing suspicious in that vicinity in the past and could offer no information. He did state, however, that MADELINE BELANGER, a school teacher in Apartment No. 1, which lies along Goodrich Avenue, might have some information.

MRS. I.C. BELANGER, at the above mentioned address was interviewed in the absence of her daughter, at which time she stated her daughter possessed no information whatever regarding this matter. She stated she had no information as to what had occurred at the corner on Wednesday, but on the previous Monday, a little before 8:00 A.M., while she was eating breakfast, she noticed a coupe parked on the north side of the building at the Goodrich Avenue entrance, and that she noticed that the car was one which she had not previously seen at that place; that the driver, a man, was sitting in the car and the motor was running. He did not appear to notice the people leaving the building, but did appear to observe the persons passing. This automobile was a small make, possibly a Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth, or DeSoto, and was either black or a dark colored car; that the driver of the coupe appeared to be well dressed, however, his windows were somewhat fogged up and she could not see him distinctly. The car, she said, may not have been more than six months old. Shortly afterwards, another car, which appeared to be a coach, and possibly a Chevrolet, approached, going south on Lexington, but stopped just before it got to the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues. Two men were in this car, but she could tell nothing about their descriptions. Both cars remained in those positions for about fifteen minutes, and started away at the same time, and drove south on Lexington Avenue, apparently. She stated she paid particular attention to the coupe for the reasons above stated and that she watched the coach rather closely for the reason that she thought it unusual for a car to stop in such a position at the curb and for no one to get in or out of it; that the occupants appeared to be watching the movement of the people on the streets. The photographs of Verne Sankey, among others, were exhibited to Mrs. Belanger, but she stated she could not identify it as that of the person she saw in the coupe, as he appeared to have a fuller face, however, she stated she did not get a very good view of the person, and advised that she could not say that was not the photograph of the person she saw.

Making further inquiry in the vicinity, Mrs. L. Dehner, 115 South Lexington Avenue, was contacted, and stated on the morning of January 17, 1934, she saw a car parked at the front of their home, and thinking someone was at

the door, she went to the door. This was about 8:30 A.M. No one was at the door, but she noticed the car was a rather large one and that it was probably either a Lincoln or Cadillac and was black in color. She stated that the family owns a Packard and that she knows the car was not a Packard, and that it appeared to have some nickel trimming on it which was noticeable. She stated she could not tell how many men were in the automobile, but did notice that there was a man seated in the driver's seat. This man appeared to be quite tall and wore a grey cap. She stated she also noticed a man standing on the northwest corner of the street, who appeared to be in his forties, of stocky build, sandy hair, and possibly a mustache. He was wearing a dark overcoat and a light hat, kind of a tan color. He appeared to be very nervous and was swinging his hand and when a big car approached the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich, coming from the west on Goodrich, he gave his hand a big swing. The car on the corner of Lexington, in front of her house started <sup>South</sup> on Lexington, and at the same time, the man who had been standing on the corner, ran and got into the big car on Goodrich Avenue. Did not see anyone else get in the car on Goodrich. This man got in the front seat on the north side of the car, which was headed west. She stated she did not see any struggle and that both cars drove away, south on Lexington Avenue, the one which had been parked on Lexington following very close behind the other car, at an unusually close distance. She did not see anyone pass the corner at the time, whom she knew, however, she stated there may have been some boys and girls passing, on their way to school. She stated that Mrs. Crosby, who resides in Apartment 2, 123 South Lexington Avenue, saw the car parked in front of her home on the morning in question.

MISS DEHMER stated that she believes she can absolutely identify the man whom she saw standing on the corner. She stated she read of the kidnapping yesterday evening, and the thought occurred to her that the man she had seen was Verne Sankey. The photographs of Sankey, with others, were exhibited to Miss Dehmer, who stated she could not say that the photograph resembled the man she saw, although the descriptions appeared to correspond, the man's face she saw appeared to be more round than that of the picture of Sankey. From her position she could not see west on Goodrich Avenue.

It should be stated that Miss Dehmer further advised that she saw a small man about eleven in the morning of the date above mentioned, talking to the man who delivers oil to their home; that this man acted suspiciously and ran when he finished talking to the oil man. He was wearing a derby and dark overcoat. She does not know the oil man's name or the name of the company he works for but the name of the company can be secured from her brother-in-law, Mr. Rapp, whose home phone number is Midway 6993.

Numerous efforts to contact Mrs. Crosby at 123 South Lexington Avenue disclosed that she was absent from her apartment.

James Guinehan, 582 Aurora Street, who is employed as a driver for the Minnesota Milk Company, on interview, stated that he was at the intersection of Dunlap Street and Goodrich Avenue, on the morning of January 17, 1934, between 8:15 and 8:30, and he noticed a big car had stopped on Goodrich at Lexington, and another big car in front of it on Lexington, near the south intersection of Goodrich. Two men got out of the big car headed south on Lexington and walked back to the car headed east on Goodrich, and went to the driver's side of the car; that he thought there had been an accident, and that they were discussing it. He stated he saw one of the men get back in the big car, and supposed the other one got in the car to which they had walked, but he did not see this. He stated he could identify neither party, as he was a block away, which is an extra long block in this case, but did notice that one of the men appeared to have on a light tan overcoat and a light tan hat. The other man he could not see fully and paid no attention to him. He stated he thought nothing of the matter until reading of it in the newspapers yesterday evening. He stated he delivers milk to Otto Bremer's home, and this morning he told one of the Bremer women what he knew about it and at the request of Otto Bremer he went to police headquarters and made a statement this afternoon. He stated that the man who supplies ice for the Home Supply Grocery, Dunlap and Grand, told him this morning that he saw the cars, but thought it was an accident.

Interviews with James Guinehan and Mrs. I.C. Belanger were conducted by Agents John E. Brennan and R.C. Coulter.

**LEADS:**

Locate and interview Ice man.  
Locate and interview Oil man.  
Interview Mrs. Crosby, 123 So. Lexington.

Very truly yours,

R.C. COULTER,  
Special Agent.

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S-Division  
9-St. Paul



MEMORANDUM for file 7-506

While talking to Postmaster VAN DYKE today, regarding office space, he brought up the subject of this case, inferring that he is a close and personal friend of the victim, that he had warned ED BREMER to be careful of kidnapers and that ED BREMER had replied: "I have no money. No one will take my life." Nevertheless, according to VAN DYKE, BREMER engaged a tough fellow to be his guard and chauffeur and retained him until about two weeks ago. VAN DYKE didn't know the guard's name.

I called Agent Notesteen at the ADOLPH BREMER residence and requested him to find out the guard's name. He called me, stating that the family knew of no guard. I had him get a number of the family to call EDWARD BREMER, and Agent Notesteen called back stating that she had heard that he had a guard, had asked him about it and had received a denial.

Later, Agent Notesteen called, stating that EDWARD BREMER had employed a watchman while they lived at 181 Woodlawn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. The watchman's name and address is:

FRANK KREJCI

219 Pleasant Avenue, Apartment 5,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Mr. KREJCI is listed as a watchman in the city directory (probably at the bank). EDWARD BREMER moved to his present home two weeks ago from 181 Woodlawn Avenue.  
I suggest that KREJCI be brought in to the office.  
Also, that some investigation be made in the vicinity of 181 Woodlawn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, BREMER's former residence.

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O.G. HALL  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WENNER HANKE:

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-50

[REDACTED]

I informed you and Mr. Nathan about this; and as instructed,  
made the following additional inquiry of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However,  
suggested that he be not interviewed unless absolutely necessary.

[REDACTED] is searching the records and will attempt to ascertain  
[REDACTED]

Upon receiving additional information, a further memorandum will  
be submitted.

Very truly yours,

O.G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANF:

Re: St. Paul file No. 9-30.

Regarding the "tip" received by THOMPSON, St. Paul Dispatch reporter, that a house long vacant had recently been occupied, etc., please be advised that I accompanied TOMMY THOMPSON and Major SHUTTLICK of the Sheriff's office to the GERONOME family's residence located between upper Afton Road and the Hudson Road, where MRS. GERONOME stated that about midnight last night she had noticed two people hurrying across the snow along one of the ridges to a Howener house which she stated had long been vacant. She stated that she had seen some large automobiles parked on the highway located about one-half mile from the house.

Investigation developed that since the last snow, which I understand has been several weeks ago, no one has walked to the house, there being no tracks. The roof is covered with snow, indicating that there has been no heat in the house. I talked to a neighboring farmer and he told me that this bottom land abounds in pheasants and rabbits and that the boys in the neighborhood are snaring and trapping the rabbits and birds, which is against the law. They follow the trap line about midnight and this is probably what MRS. GERONOME saw.

Nothing further was learned that merits any additional investigation in this case.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. E. WERTER HANSEN:

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-50

As instructed by you, I interviewed THOMAS DAHILL, Chief of Police, and secured from him a copy of the statement taken by DAHILL on January 18, 1934, from HILL RITTER, 50 Central Terrace, St. Paul, Minnesota. This statement concerns the Hudson automobile which RITTER claims he saw at Magee's garage at about the time the first ransom note was left there. The statement is self-explanatory.

RITTER is away from work because of an injury. Ordinarily, he is employed at the Armour Company, South St. Paul, as a police officer. THOMAS DAHILL is slightly skeptical of the story.

I did not go to Magee's garage to examine the premises as you instructed because THOMAS DAHILL requested that I refrain from going so at the present time as he believes any investigation or inquiry there might scare away the kidnapers in the event they wanted to use that place for the second ransom note, if there is a second ransom note. However, I intend to take this up with you later.

As you know, above Magee's place there is a speakeasy. It occurred to me that the persons who left the note (disregarding RITTER'S story) may have been in the speakeasy and had a prearrangement with the other members of the gang to receive a telephone call if they should not leave the note; and in the absence of receiving such a call, could possibly have had a prearrangement to leave the note at a certain time on their way out of the speakeasy. For that reason, I believe we should interview the owner of that speakeasy. THOMAS DAHILL, I think, knows who he is, or could find out.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
(EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim)  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

JOHN T. COONEY, 1665 Wellesley Street, stated that on Wednesday morning, January 17, 1934, he left his home on Wellesley Street about 8:10 and started to find an address on Dorr Avenue, the exact location of which he did not know. He was of the opinion that this street lead off Edgumbe Road and just before passing the house of Mr. Martin Thornton, he saw in the road two cars and three persons. Before he reached the scene, two of the people had got into the car and one was standing in the road. He thought that they were neighbors in the community and asked the way to Dorr Street and the one person in the road looked at him and got into the car without making any reply and drove away in the front car leaving the other sedan near the roadside. They drove up to Fairview Avenue and turned north on Fairview Avenue, but he doesn't know which way they turned off Fairview.

MR. COONEY described the man as follows: 5'10" tall, 140 pounds; 30 or 35 years of age; had a dark coat and hat; he was light complexioned. He stated he was reasonably sure he could identify the man should he see him again. He also stated that he did not notice the make of cars that were parked there, however, he was sure that they were both black sedans and he was reasonably sure that the car that drove away had a Minnesota license plate, however, he did not know the number. As nearly as he could estimate, the time, after he had driven over the same route again on December 19, 1934, it was approximately 8:20 when he passed the car on Edgumbe Road just west of Martin Thornton's residence at 1910 Edgumbe Road.

Very truly yours,

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3 Division  
9 St. Paul

S. L. FORTENBERRY, Special Agent.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division  
January 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director

Enclosure: #691008.  
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MR. TOLSON  
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MR. EDWARDS  
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MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSS

January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

*Edward*

Mr. Harry Gusack, Universal Service, telephoned to inquire if I thought there would be any chance of the Bremer case breaking tonight. I advised him that there is no indication that it will.

Colonel Gates telephoned to say that he has received several inquiries today relative to this case. I told him that there is nothing we can say.

*John L. ...*

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203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The enclosed typewritten letter was received by Walter Magee and it is requested that immediate inspection be made to determine whether this letter was written on the same machine as the other typewritten ransom notes, and if it is the same machine, telephonic advice should be given the St. Paul office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. FOAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago telephoned to call my attention to an article appearing in the New York Daily News for January 20 by Val O'Farrell, with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case, in which the statement is made that "J. Edgar Hoover at Washington would be wise if he would put Melvin H. Purvis of the U. S. Department of Justice at Chicago on this job at once. Nobody knows more about criminals in Chicago and St. Paul than Purvis." Mr. Purvis said he would send me a copy of this article.

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MR. NATHAN
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MR. GLAVIN
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TRACY
MR. Egan
MR. Gurnea
MR. Hendon
MR. Jones
MR. Quinn
MR. Nease
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and asked that he contact the Bremer family to secure their attitude as to whether the extortion notes should be analyzed even though in treating them with chemicals they are discolored. Mr. Nathan stated that he would do this; that he thought it would probably be late this afternoon before he could contact them; that it was his opinion that the family would make no decision in the matter but would abide by his and that he was of the opinion that the analysis should be made in spite of the fact that the notes would be discolored. He further stated that after being treated, the notes should be returned to St. Paul.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Last night the memorandum of the conversation between yourself and Mr. Nathan concerning the Bremer case was observed, wherein Mr. Nathan suggested the prompt return of the ransom notes in the event the abductors should request them. Mr. Coffey advised Mr. Cowley that these notes were in a very charred appearing condition due to the fact that they had been treated with chemicals to develop latent prints and we were further informed that the return of the originals would lessen the value of the evidence in the event the latent prints became an important link in the evidence. Of course the best evidence rule should apply but due to the charred condition of the papers it is believed that consideration should be given to the preparation of a document with the same sort of typewriter and on similar paper which might be returned for the purpose of furnishing it to the kidnapers if they should demand a note, and in this connection it appears that it might be well to consider setting up a plan whereby all ransom notes might be duplicated upon their receipt so that the duplicate could be returned and the original held. Mr. Edwards is attempting to make a duplication of the Bremer ransom note this morning and no effort has yet been made to return the original document because it has apparently been treated with chemical and it is very brown in color.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. GINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul to give me the latest developments in the Bremer kidnaping case. In regard to the notes which were sent out last night, Mr. Nathan stated that the family seems to think there is a possibility that the kidnapers will demand the original notes when the pay-off is made and therefore would like for them to be returned by this Division by air mail as soon as possible. I advised Mr. Nathan that this would be done.

Mr. Nathan advised me that it had been ascertained that information had been given to the press by Tom Brown, connected with the Police Department; that, however, Chief Dahill will take no action against him because of his political connections. Chief Dahill repeated to Mr. Adolph Bremer and to Mr. Magee that he believed Brown was responsible for giving the information out, and further stated that Brown was responsible for the Hamm and the Bremer kidnapings. However, he has no proof for this statement. The Bremer family states that it will continue to deny that they have any notes for six months. Mr. Nathan stated the morning papers in St. Paul are carrying a story to the effect that a bottle was thrown into the doctor's residence and indicate that a contact is about to be made. Mr. Nathan was of the opinion that because of the occurrence last night, the Bremer family will discontinue giving confidential information to Chief Dahill. I instructed Mr. Nathan to immediately call upon Mr. Bremer again, inform him of our distress at this occurrence, and assure him that anything given this Division will be kept strictly confidential.

I mentioned to Mr. Nathan the article by Mr. Cullen last night indicating that our Agents are contemplating discontinuing their "watchful waiting." Mr. Nathan said that of course there is no basis for such a statement.

I read to Mr. Nathan a memorandum addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. Keenan relative to making a statement to the Paramount News, as well as the Attorney General's notation thereon to me. I inquired of Mr. Nathan if there is any basis for the statement in the memorandum to the effect that investigation is being obstructed by reporters and photographers. Mr. Nathan advised me that our Agents are not hampered by reporters, and that nothing was mentioned in the kidnapers' last note about newspaper people. Mr. Nathan agreed with me that a statement of the character suggested by Mr. Keenan for Paramount News would be undesirable.

Upon my inquiry, Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Hanni's wire relative to the connection of a Mr. Goldberg with this case is just one of many possibilities.

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MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROSS	_____

January 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

During telephonic conversation with Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago today he advised me that Agent in Charge Hanni informed him yesterday afternoon of the receipt of an anonymous telegram indicating that Verne Sankey would be on a train coming into Chicago last night. Mr. Purvis stated that all of the trains were covered last night and that there would be one more this morning at eleven o'clock; however, Sankey had not been located.

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MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROSS	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He has talked with Adolf Bremer who stated that he had all the confidence in the world in the Division's representatives but none whatsoever in the local police department. He appears O. K. in his attitude toward Mr. Nathan and Division employees. This, of course, is the surface indication which is the best that they can rely upon at present. Mr. Bremer talked with Mr. Nathan yesterday he understands only after a family conference wherein all of the members of the family were opposed to him doing so. Their opposition was based in part, of course, upon the leak which occurred yesterday. However, he appeared to take Mr. Nathan into his confidence and he thinks that the Division employees are trustworthy.

There have been no further contacts so far as Mr. Nathan knows, although there have been numerous rumors, but all of them have been mere rumors insofar as Mr. Nathan knows.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

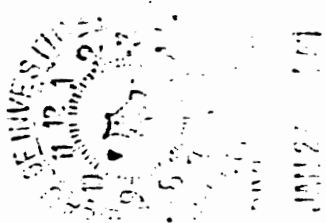
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MEMORANDUM

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. GANN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
MR. LOCKE...  
MR. ROSEN...

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul this evening to give the latest developments in the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated that on Saturday morning a large envelope was thrown through the porch of a Doctor Liebert (?), the family physician of Adolph Bremer. It contained a typewritten letter to Magee; a letter to Magee presumably in the handwriting of Edward Bremer; a letter addressed to the doctor by Edward Bremer, telling him to forward the letters; and a letter in the handwriting of Edward Bremer addressed to his wife, telling her that he was O.K. and not to worry - that he had a cut on his head. The letter instructed that they not call the Police in on anything, and the typewritten letter from the gang gave as a signal when ready, an N.R.A. sticker placed in the center of the office window. They said they would know whether the coppers were "pulled off."

This morning a letter was received which was put under the doorstep of a house about a block from the brewery, addressed to Magee, to the effect that if their instructions were not complied with, "the coppers would be heroes, but the victim would be the martyr." The letter this morning, Mr. Nathan stated, apparently called everything off. Mr. Nathan stated that he was in conference with the family about two hours yesterday; with the family's attorney for about two hours this morning; and again with the family at the brewery this morning and this afternoon. As a result the letters were turned over to Mr. Nathan and Chief Dahill, they being sworn to absolute secrecy. Mr. Nathan assured the family that our first consideration of course is for the return of Mr. Bremer. He planned to send the letters to the Chicago Office for photostating, but upon my suggestion he stated that he would have them sent directly to the Division, keeping typed copies at that office and for Chief Dahill. The letters were turned over to Mr. Hanni. I again instructed that extreme care be taken to prevent leaks. Upon my inquiry, Mr. Nathan stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief Mr. Kinkaid does not know of these developments.

Mr. Nathan said the N.R.A. sticker was placed in the window as instructed although nothing has happened of course. The family promised that no pay-off would be made without informing Mr. Nathan. Mr. Nathan stated that the newspapers have no information, but are "faking" stories to make headlines. He mentioned the fact that the Police Department originally called in the newspapers immediately and asked them to hold the information as long as possible, which was twenty-four hours. He stated that Chief Dahill seems to be nice, although he is not impressed with his brilliance.

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MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Hanni last night in connection with the kidnaping of Edward T. Bremer of St. Paul on January 17, 1934. Mr. Hanni stated that a memorandum had been forwarded to the Division by air mail containing all the information he had concerning this kidnaping, as was also the note demanding the \$200,000 ransom. He stated that the case was reported to the Police Department at about 11 A.M. on January 17th; that it was reported to him at about 11:05 A.M. by the Chief of Police; that the demand for ransom was in the form of a written note, which was not sent through the mail; that Walter Magee, a prominent contractor in St. Paul and a close friend of the Bremer family was contacted by telephone by a party who refused to give his name and was advised that Mr. Bremer had been kidnaped and told to go outside of his office where he would find a note under the steps, which he did and located the note above referred to. Mr. Hanni stated that the note was rather definite, but left an opening for negotiations, and that he is having a note prepared to negotiate with the kidnapers requesting that a written instrument be sent indicating that victim is all right before any further negotiations are entered into.

Mr. Hanni has not placed anyone in the family's home. He stated that there were three brothers besides the family, as well as the contact man, anyone of whom may get some information. He stated, however, that the telephone wires of all the brothers, the immediate family and the contact man have been taken care of thoroughly and that there was absolutely nothing to do at the present time except await developments and be in a position to take immediate action when anything happens; that there was every indication that the kidnaping was the work of a professional gang; that it was executed most perfectly.

Edward T. Bremer is the son of Adolph Bremer. Adolph Bremer has a brother named Otto Bremer. They are members of a very old and prominent family in the twin cities, owning and controlling a number of banks, and the victim's father, Adolph Bremer, operates the Smith Brewing Company in St. Paul. Mr. Hanni stated that both Otto and Adolph Bremer are prominent Democrats and very close personal friends of the President. The victim was President of the Commercial

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State Bank in St. Paul which is one of the banks owned by Adolph and Otto Bremer. He is 36 years of age and has a wife and one child, 10 or 11 years of age. The victim was in the habit of taking his daughter to school each morning, leaving home at about 8:15, which he did on the morning he was kidnaped. He took her to school, which was about a ten minute drive, and the indications are he was kidnaped soon, if not immediately, after leaving her at the school house. His car was later found about two miles from the school, within the city limits. It was located by the contact man, Mr. Magee, he having been advised over the telephone, by the same individual who told him of the note, as to the location of the car. It was in a residential section, but there were no houses in view of the car. No one has been located who saw the victim after he left his daughter.

I tried to impress upon Mr. Hanni the necessity of keeping the Division advised in minute detail of every development. He stated that he would do this.

I later called Mr. Nathan at Chicago and advised him of your desire that he proceed to St. Paul if conditions at Chicago warranted. Mr. Nathan stated that he had two or three things which he could finish in Chicago last night and then would proceed this morning to St. Paul.

In connection with the Factor case Mr. Nathan stated that they are having quite a time selecting a jury; that so far they had seven jurors; that he had been in communication with the Jacksonville Office yesterday with reference to two missing possible witnesses. One of them he said had heart disease, but at least he is walking around having a good time. He expects the other witness will be located today. Mr. Nathan stated that after he completed two or three things which he was then working on, one of which was the installment of a dictaphone, he could leave for St. Paul and that he believed the Chicago Office could get along without him.

During the conversation with Mr. Nathan he stated that Mr. Hanni had told him that blood had been found in the car of the victim. Accordingly, I again contacted Mr. Hanni and asked if this was correct, and he advised that there was quite a bit of blood in the car but that victim's family did not know anything about this. The car is in the garage of the contact man and is not being molested. The blood was found on the right side of the front seat, indicating a struggle. Mr. Nathan was quite concerned about this, as was also Mr. Hanni, although Mr. Hanni stated it might have been merely a minor injury or a nose bleed.

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Mr. Hanni stated that he needed another telephone in his office and that he was having one installed today and requested that a Government contract be forwarded to him for same. I have taken this up with Mr. Locke and he advises that he will forward a contract to Mr. Hanni today.

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Mr. Hanni also stated that there was an Army air squadron at Fort Snelling, which is located between the twin cities, and that he would like to have the Division arrange with the War Department here in Washington for authority to have the use of one or two planes in connection with this case in the event of an emergency. I advised Mr. Hanni that the Division had endeavored to make such arrangements at the time Kelly was apprehended in Memphis, but that the War Department advised they were without authority to grant the use of such planes for this purpose. I suggested, however, to Mr. Hanni that in that particular case it was possible for the Agent in Charge at Birmingham to obtain the use of a plane. I told him that this matter would be taken up with the War Department today and that if such arrangements could be made he would be so advised. I have discussed this with Mr. Locke and he stated that he would look into the matter immediately.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

Mr. Hanni stated that an Air Mail memo. had been sent in but no further contacts had been made other than those reported by telephone. They are just abiding and waiting time and checking up as much as possible.

This case was first reported to the police at eleven, and Mr. Hanni got it from the Chief of Police at about eleven five. The demands were made in a written note, which was not sent through the mails. The contact man for the family was called by telephone; was advised what had happened and was told to go outside his office and he would find the note under the steps. There is not a single indication of where victim is being held.

The note was sent to the Division today by airmail. It is rather definite, but left an opening there for negotiations. Mr. Hanni is leaving a note to negotiate with kidnapers, requesting a written instrument from them to the effect that victim is all right, before any negotiations are entered into.

Mr. Hanni has not placed anyone in the family's home. There are three brothers besides the family. The wires have been taken care of; the wires of the contact man have been covered thoroughly. Hanni has considered having an agent placed in the contact man's home, but so far has not done so, because he cannot see as anything could be accomplished by that at the present time. There is absolutely nothing that can be done at the present time except watch and wait.

There is every indication that the kidnaping was the work of a professional outfit. It was one of the most perfect things that ever happened.

The victim is Edward T. Bremer. He is the son of Adolph Bremer. Adolph Bremer has a brother named Otto Bremer. Adolph and Otto Bremer are members of a very old and prominent family. They own and control a number of banks, and the father owns and operates the Smith Brewing Company in St. Paul. Otto and Adolph Bremer are both very old and prominent Democrats and very close personal friends of the President. The victim was president of the Commercial State Bank here in St. Paul, which is one of their banks.

He is 36 years old; has a wife and one child about 11.

The Bremer family is the most prominent family circle in the Twin Cities. The victim was in the habit of taking his daughter to school every morning, leaving home about 8:15 AM. That was true the morning he was kidnaped. He took her over to school which was about a ten minute drive, and dropped her off at school. All indications are that he was kidnaped right then and there. His car was later found about two miles from the school and within the city limits. In the telephone conversation between the kidnapers and the contact man they informed the contact man where the car could be found. The car was found as directed in a residential section, however there were no houses in view of the car. No one has been located who saw anything of the kidnaping.

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The contact man is a very prominent contractor in St. Paul, named Walter Magee. He is cooperating fully with the Division, as is the entire family.

Blake is there, and Andersen will arrive in the morning. Hanni will keep the Division advised from day to day whether any developments take place.

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Hanni needs an extra telephone in the office, he is having one installed today and wants a government contract forwarded for same.

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There is an army air squadron at Fort Snelling, between the Twin Cities. Hanni would like authority to use it if needed. Hanni was informed that this matter would be taken up in the morning, and if there was any possibility of making arrangements from this end, it would be done. In either event Hanni will be advised in order that he might make local arrangements.

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Mr. Nathan said he had heard about the Bremer case. He was informed that Mr. Hoover wanted him to go to St. Paul if conditions permitted. Mr. Nathan stated that he had one or two things to clean up, and would leave for St. Paul tomorrow. It was Mr. Nathan's understanding that there was blood in the car, and he was afraid that the victim would not be brought back alive.

In regard to the Factor case, Mr. Nathan stated that they were having quite a time with the selection of a jury; that so far they had seven jurors. Mr. Nathan was in communication with Jacksonville today with reference to two missing possible witnesses. One of them said he had heart disease, but he hasn't - at least he is walking around having a good time. Tomorrow the Jacksonville office will locate the other possible witness.

Mr. Nathan said that the Chicago office could get along without him, and that he would leave probably in the morning.

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Mr. Hanni was called on the telephone in regard to the Bremer case - especially with reference to blood appearing in the car. Hanni said that there was quite a bit of blood in the car, but victim's family did not know anything about this. The car is in the garage of the contact man, and is not being molested. The blood was found on the right side of the front seat, and there were indications of a struggle.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ECKHART

In regard to the attached telegram addressed to you by Mr. W. E. Hallberg, Northwest Manager of the United Press Associations, I believe it would be entirely inadvisable to place Mr. Hallberg in contact with any representative of this Division at St. Paul. Our representatives in St. Paul are doing everything in their power to avoid the press in order that some progress might be made in the Bremer investigation. All we would want would be for the press to just leave us alone and not persistently try to follow our representatives and contact with them for the purpose of writing news stories. If Mr. Hallberg, or any other representative of the press, has any information which he wishes to give, he knows where our office is in St. Paul, and there is always an Agent there to receive such information. It is out of the question, however, to put him or any one else in contact with the men who are actually working on this case, for they have difficult time enough to keep out of sight and to try to do some constructive work.

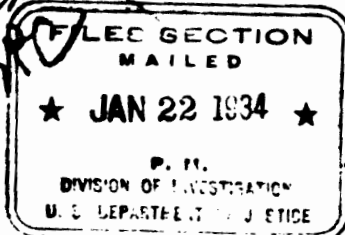
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Reference is made to telephone conversation had with Inspector Clogg requesting that identification data be obtained from the St. Paul Police Department with reference to one ARTHUR O. LARSON. Inquiry at the Bureau of Records, St. Paul Police Department, disclosed that Arthur O. Larson [REDACTED]

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MR. NATHAN  
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Eyes - Blue

Complexion - Fair, ruddy

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arrow in center, word "Eve", arrow piercing  
heart, upper left arm, from  
wound. Brows heavy and bushy.  
Long, thin face. Scar right cheek bone.  
Several moles on face.

[REDACTED]

There seems to be no indication that this individual is in any way connected with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Noonan*

R. T. NOONAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

There are transmitted herewith memoranda submitted by various agents in connection with the above matter.

With reference to the fictitious letter the postmaster at Minneapolis, Minnesota, received, indicating that the body of the victim would be found near Anoka, Minnesota, please be advised that Sheriff Olson of Anoka, at the request of this Division, made a thorough search of the countryside and was unable to find any trace that would indicate any truth to the letter.

For your further information, the National Broadcasting Station at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the morning of January 21, 1934, appealed to all people within hearing distance to report immediately any suspicious activities in their respective neighborhoods and particularly observe suspicious new tenants moving into their respective neighborhoods and any cars that appeared to be of suspicious character.

Agents are stationed at the residence of victim's father as well as the victim's residence, and the agents are keeping very close contact with the family as well as reporting to the office any suspicious telephone calls. Considerable fake information was received by this Division as well as by the various law enforcement agencies, all of which, of course, is given attention immediately but, so far has proved without foundation.

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Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (CHARLES MOORE)  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

At approximately 10:00 a.m. this morning, Agent went to the Homeless Men's lodging house, located at 204 North Second Street, Minneapolis, and interviewed MR. FRANK NICHLOW, who is employed as a registrar of the Civilian Works Administration in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Agent exhibited photostatic copies of the letter received by the Postmaster at Minneapolis the morning of January 20, same having been placed in the mail January 19. MR. NICHLOW advised that he had spent the entire evening of January 20 examining the registration cards of the above mentioned address and had compared them with newspaper copy of the above mentioned letter, and that he was unable to find any handwriting that was at all similar. On further examination of the photostatic copy exhibited to him by this Agent, he stated that he was not at all familiar with that type of writing and was unable to identify it as any that he had ever seen in his official capacity.

T. J. Dodd,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (CHARLES McKim)  
EDWARD A. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Agent, in company with Special Agent E. G. Coulter, acting on information received at the St. Paul office on this date, went to Dooley's Drug Store, located at 429 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and there interviewed MR. RICHARD DOOLEY, son of the proprietor, who is employed as a clerk. RICHARD DOOLEY advised that at approximately 11:00 a.m. this morning MR. OTTO NELLERMOE, of 1819 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, came into the store and asked RICHARD DOOLEY to call MR. ADOLPH BREMER. Young DOOLEY accordingly placed a call through the public telephone located in the store and was connected with MR. ADOLPH BREMER, and NELLERMOE talked to MR. BREMER and stated that he had been in touch with the kidnapers of EDWARD BREMER and that Victim is still alive. RICHARD DOOLEY stated that he believed that NELLERMOE had been drinking at the time. Acting on this information, Agents proceeded to 1819 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, and there interviewed MR. OTTO NELLERMOE, who first appeared reluctant to discuss the matter, but finally stated that he was a friend of the BREMER family for many years and that some time on January 20, 1934, a note was left at the above address where he resided, advising him that Federal Agents had been called into the case; further, that Victim was alive and that contact would be made with the family tomorrow (i.e., January 21). Despite many requests on the part of the Agents that he produce the above mentioned note, NELLERMOE refused to do so, explaining that he had company in his house and that he could not conveniently get the note without causing considerable disturbance. He stated, however, that he would produce the note before MR. ADOLPH BREMER some time during the first part of this week. It was apparent to Agents that NELLERMOE had been drinking considerably as he talked most incoherently. It may be noted that NELLERMOE is a member of the lower house in the Minnesota State Legislature.

T. J. Dodd,  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C.  
WERNER HAMM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-86

MAJOR SHUTTLEWORTH, Deputy Sheriff in charge of Criminal Investigation of Ramsey County, says Dodge Coupe #502-420, issued to FRANK JONES, 457 Wabasha, visited farm of HARRY SAWYER last night. Left man on road near house, and picked him up when he came out. According to confidential informant, SAWYER may own car and be the contact man. Also, one CARL might be contact man. He is supposed to be in charge of the bar fixture department of Schmidt's Brewery, and is supposed to be a friend of SAWYER. Informant says he believes that HERMAN, "KID GANN" and TOM BANKS are in on the kidnaping. Will continue watching SAWYER's place for developments. It is also his opinion that some of these men had some connection with the HAMM kidnaping.

R. G. Coulter,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANNI

St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1934

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

With reference to the telephone call to this office on January 19 by JOHN KORN, 829 University Avenue, St. Paul, please be advised that Special Agent in Charge Frank J. Blake and myself interviewed KORN at his shoe shop on the following day. KORN stated that some months ago, he had prepared a pair of boots for a lumber jack. This lumber jack had told him that at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, which is near Cable, Wisconsin, there is a place where the lumber jack thought hoodlums would go as the house he had in mind had flood lights lighting the grounds and that there were other suspicious actions concerning the persons about this place at Spider Lake. This matter seemed to have no connection with this case. b7d

MR. KORN also stated that on Wednesday afternoon, January 17th, two cars, one containing seven men and one containing five men, stopped at 829 Sherbourne Avenue, St. Paul, and after surveying the street, etc., the men entered the house. KORN stated that his informant is [redacted]

The City Directory shows that PHILIP J. BYRNE resides at 859 Sherbourne Avenue, St. Paul. The City Directory shows that BYRNE is the Chief Smoke Inspector of the City Department of Public Utilities in St. Paul.

It was gathered from KORN'S narrative that 859 Sherbourne Avenue might be a speakeasy. He stated that the persons who live at 859 Sherbourne often visit a small night club two doors from KORN'S shoe shop.

It is not believed that any of this information has any bearing on this case.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HANKE:

St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1934.

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

On Sunday, January 21st, Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, and myself interviewed Chief of Police JOHN HART, Minneapolis, Minnesota. MR. NATHAN discussed with MR. HART and Captain of Detectives FRITZ OEHMAN the advisability of having known underworld characters of Minneapolis brought to the police department to account for their movements during the period of the kidnaping. It was agreed that they would be done. There was some talk regarding the jealousy that is said to exist between the two police departments in St. Paul and Minneapolis; and MR. NATHAN assured Chief of Police HART and his Captain of Detectives that they need have no concern regarding any activity they would perform in this case in behalf of the kidnaped victim at our request as we were assuming that this case is one involving the interstate transportation of the victim. Full cooperation of the Minneapolis Police Department was promised.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-50.

On January 20th, Chief of Police GIELLIS of Dubuque, Iowa, telephoned and stated that MR. SCHUP of the Dubuque Fire Marine Insurance Company, Dubuque, had contacted him and advised that WILLIAM REILLY, CHARLES KUNZ, and two other employees of the Dubuque Fire Marine Insurance Company had on Wednesday night, January 17th been to a joint in East Dubuque; that while there, CHARLES KUNZ, whose telephone number is 1866 and address is 820 West 5th Street, Dubuque, Iowa, thought he saw ED BREMER. KUNZ stated to SCHUP, who in turn related it to GIELLIS, that the person he thought was BREMER came into the joint, and when KUNZ looked at him closely, this man appeared to be very excited.

GIELLIS then interviewed REILLY and the other two employees and was informed by them that the man KUNZ had seen at the joint was a fellow from Cascade, a little town near Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minn.:  
January 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S. S. WERNER HANKE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
RE: EDWARD S. HANKE  
MINNEAPOLIS  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Mr. T. E. Gallagher, 94 North Wilder Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., was interviewed and stated when he was on his way home from work, either Wednesday or possibly Tuesday, the day not being clear in his mind. He was driving East on South 5th Street in Minneapolis, and as he passed along the eight hundred block, he noticed a car which had been standing along the side of the house on the South side of the street start up at a high rate of speed and drive east about two and a half blocks on 5th Street in the same direction he was going, but the other automobile was going down the sidewalk. When the car got to an old building, which sits off the property line in the middle of the eight hundred block, it turned in at that place and he did not see it again. He stated the car appeared to be rather heavily loaded, being occupied by possibly five or six men, however he did not get a good view of them and could not possibly identify them. He stated he was driving at a good rate of speed and the motion of the other car rather excited him and he allowed them to let it get ahead as it was travelling at about the same speed his car was going; that he noticed the automobile was a sedan, possibly dark green or black colored, and that it had a double tail light, apparently of the Hudson design, and from the view he got of the car it appeared to be a last year's model. He stated he gave the matter no further thought until yesterday morning.

A physical inspection disclosed the house in question is located at 817 South 5th Street, and that it is an old three story red wooden building in an undesirable neighborhood. The building in the ten hundred block is apparently a body and fender shop, and is not numbered. There is evidence in the snow to indicate an automobile did drive down the sidewalk as indicated above, but the tracks are no longer distinct.

Fred Oehlman, Captain of the Minneapolis Police Detective Bureau, stated he knew nothing about the matter as it apparently was called to the attention of Night Captain of Detectives Mullen, who will not be on duty again until about 3:45 P. M. tomorrow.

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During the time Agent T. J. Dodd and this Agent were in the vicinity of South 5th Street, three drunk men were noticed the second house tested to determine what action was taken, and if it appears desirable investigation should be undertaken.

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W. C. Gault

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD S. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-20.

On telephonic request, Agent called at [redacted] telephone, [redacted] for the purpose of interviewing [redacted] who advised he had some confidential information.

[redacted] introduced Agent to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has reason to believe that MORRIS GOLDBERG, operating the Tom City Bonding Company, has something to do with the kidnaping of BREMER. MORRIS GOLDBERG, it is understood, was involved in the kidnaping of one HUTMAN in St. Paul two years ago. [redacted] states that MORRIS GOLDBERG had a heated argument with Victim BREMER about three weeks ago in the bank relative to some money matters, at which time GOLDBERG threatened BREMER stating that he would get him and that it would cost him plenty. [redacted] states that during the Bremer trial, GOLDBERG made a statement that the TOUHY Gangsters were not the right persons in that case and that shortly after BREMER was kidnaped, GOLDBERG invested a large sum in the markets; that GOLDBERG gave the market under the name of MEYER; SAM MILLER; HATTIE S. BAINT and MRS. G. S. BAINT; that GOLDBERG also borrowed \$10,000. from WALTER MAGEE, who has been the contact man in this case, a short while ago and that MAGEE, when demanding the return of the money, GOLDBERG was unable to pay, but that MORRIS MOISNER, another underworld character, who is alleged to be using the name of TOM NEWMAN, raised the money for GOLDBERG to repay MAGEE; that between 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. of the morning after the kidnaping of BREMER occurred and before the press appeared with the kidnaped story, GOLDBERG and one MAX BINDER appeared at the office of THOMAS NEWMAN; that GOLDBERG and BINDER were very much agitated and excited and that they knew at that time that BREMER had been kidnaped. [redacted] states that GOLDBERG formerly officed with Attorney TOM NEWMAN, but that TOM NEWMAN no longer has GOLDBERG around his office; that NEWMAN is thoroughly displeased with GOLDBERG and that it is believed NEWMAN is absolutely on the straight.

[redacted] and that any further information [redacted] is able to obtain [redacted] will convey to this office through [redacted]

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states that the following are connected with GOLDENBERG:  
MORRIS and HARRY GOLDENBERG;  
MAX AND BEN KRONICK;  
SAM KOZNEB;  
BARNEY BERMAN;  
KID GAN, HONOLULU;  
SKELLY and BARKS, in addition to MORRIS GOLDENBERG.

It is recalled here that MORRIS GOLDENBERG interested himself in SAM KOZNEB and SAM KRONICK and he caused KRONICK to admit at that time that the \$500.00 of the UNSCHUL money he had was obtained from SAM KOZNEB.

Very truly yours,

VERNER HART,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Division  
St. Paul

Mr. Bremer, Assistant Director, and Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia office, and Mr. Trotter, Special Agent in Charge of the New York office, were present. The purpose of the visit was to secure the fingerprints of ADAM BREMER. Mr. Bremer was very glad that Mr. Trotter was in Philadelphia. Mr. Trotter was very glad to see Mr. Bremer. Mr. Trotter was very glad to see Mr. Bremer. Mr. Trotter was very glad to see Mr. Bremer.

half hours:

Mr. HUBNER stated he wanted to talk to Mr. Nathan because he was concerned about the story appearing in the paper as he might be worried about the story that the Mr. Paul Magatch had quoted Chief Merrill as the saying that EDWARD HUBNER was O.K. and that there was nothing to worry about Sunday or Monday. MR. HUBNER then launched into a criticism of political controlling police departments and inquired of Mr. Nathan and myself if our positions were political and the impression was created with him that they were not.

MR. BREMER and MR. GOTTFROID then brought up the matter of contacting the kidnapers and attempting to barter with them as to the ransom and it was understood by Mr. Nathan and myself that in the event a smaller sum is paid, MR. BREMER would assure the kidnapers that whatever information he might obtain as result of the contact would not be given to law enforcement officers, MR. BREMER would keep such a promise. Mr. Nathan informed

that certainly he would not gamble with his reputation but that he would  
very careful as to what he would promise and that it probably would be  
necessary to promise some form of immunity or security.

MR. BREMER then asked Mr. Nathan what kind of cash reward he  
thought should be paid. After some discussion, Mr. Nathan suggested  
a figure \$50,000. MR. GORTERD then insisted to give that \$50,000 would  
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a figure \$50,000. MR. GORTERD then insisted to give that \$50,000 would  
be outside figure.

The impression left with Mr. Nathan and myself is that the BREMER  
family had been in negotiation with the kidnapers, although there was nothing  
said to definitely prove this belief.

Another matter brought up during the interview was that on Friday  
last, MR. BREMER and MR. GORTERD went to the scene where EDWARD BREMER'S  
was held, with the hope of finding something that may have been left  
BREMER or left there in the struggle. They found nothing. In their search  
of the scene, they saw two cars parked in front of BREMER'S residence but  
they were unable to get in and search for anything. They also saw a car  
parked in front of the house and saw a man standing near it. They also  
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Very truly yours,

W. J. Davis  
S. J. Davis



St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 22-1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S. L. C. WINTER HAWK

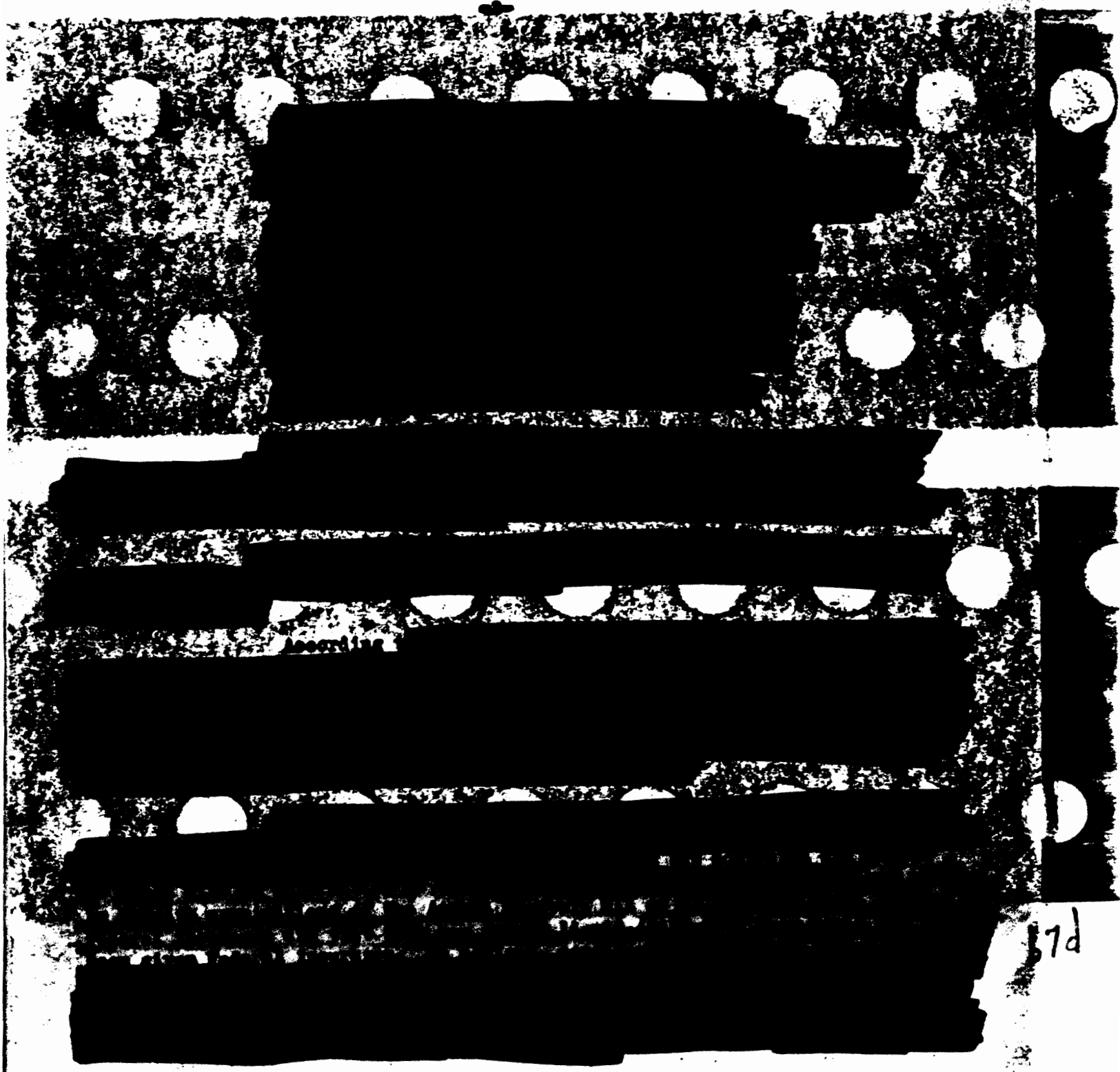
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EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim  
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In conclusion [REDACTED] requested that under no circumstances should he be repeated in connection with the foregoing information.

Very truly yours,

R.C.COULTER, SPECIAL AGENT.

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625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

JAN 25 1934

January 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
205 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I recently interviewed Kathryn Kelly, wife of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, at Milan, Michigan with a view to securing any possible information which she might have regarding the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer. It was known that Mrs. Kelly has visited the Twin Cities on several occasions, and that she is acquainted with certain underworld characters there. It was also thought that perhaps at one time or another, she might have overheard someone talking about kidnapping Mr. Bremer.

Mrs. Kelly informed me that she had never heard the name of any victim's name mentioned, and stated that she was unable to give any information concerning same. She did advise, however, that Verne Sunkay might be a good suspect, as he is alleged to be well acquainted around St. Paul and Minneapolis, where it is presumed that he has several connections. She believes that Verne Sunkay is well-known to Tim Banks and Jack Phiffer, whom she states have had her husband in exchanging ransom money. She feels that both Banks and Phiffer would not hesitate to negotiate a kidnapping, if visiting, however, that she did not believe that they perhaps would do the job themselves, but would handle negotiations.

She further advised that Edward G. Bremer, who is at the present time wanted for a kidnapping in Chicago, might also be a good suspect in the Bremer case, stating that he was to take part in the kidnapping with Bates and Kelly, and that Kelly had talked to him regarding that proposition. It seems that it was in Mrs. Kelly's plan to travel to Chicago to transport the victim to Bureau, Illinois, where he was to be kept in the house occupied by a crippled man. She advised, however, that because Ed Bremer did not arrive at a designated spot in Texas at a certain time prior to the kidnapping, that Kelly and Bates got tired of waiting for him, therefore he was not taken in Texas.

She states that it is her belief that Ed Bremer is still in contact with Banks and Phiffer, and that it would not be unlikely that the Bremer kidnapping was negotiated by these three persons. She states that in New York and other locations at the time of the kidnapping.

ates, including Ed Bantz, use the Hays Hotel, 757 South State Street, Chicago, as a contact point, and that the proprietor, Frank Hays, who has the confidence of the gang, is furnished information by the individuals where they can be located in the event that he receives any calls for them. Mrs. Kelly stated that on one or two occasions she called Frank Hays at the above address from Texas, when she was attempting to locate her husband, George Kelly, during the time he was a fugitive in the Urshel case, and that he (Hays) furnished her correct information.

It was her belief that La Rue spent a good deal of time around Aurora, Illinois.

Following a long interview with Kathryn Kelly, she was unable to furnish any information of value other than that set out above. I am transmitting herewith a bulletin prepared by the Chicago Police Department, in which is set out a photograph of Edward La Rue, with description.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Division  
Chicago

301 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
January 25, 1934

AIR MAIL  
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JAN 25 1934 PM  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation this morning relative to the possible identity of the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer, you are advised that Mr. F. Cole, of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Louis, Missouri, called at this office on January 22, 1934 and advised that he had been conducting an investigation regarding the Shelton "mob" of East St. Louis, Illinois, reputed bootleggers and alleged kidnapers, during which time Mr. Cole has had open access to the local telephone company's records.

Mr. Cole advised that Bernie Shelton, St. Louis Police Department No. 11795, whose descriptive photograph is attached, resides at 720 N. 39th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, telephone number East 3339. An examination by Mr. Cole of telephone calls made to and from this number reflects numerous calls prior to December 26, 1933, many of which were made to Mr. James E. Bandy, a well known criminal lawyer of Madison County, Illinois, who represented defendants in the Luer kidnaping case at Alton, Illinois, and who does not bear the best reputation and character, and on December 30, 1933 telephone East 3339 was disconnected. Some of the calls made from East 3339 were made to Forest 5053, which number is assigned to Florence Moore, 4909 Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and to Golfax 6224-J, assigned to Thomas McAnuliffe, 3035 New Ashland Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

An examination by Mr. Cole of the McAnuliffe telephone calls reflects two calls to East 3339 on December 9 and 15, 1933.

On December 27 and 29, 1933, two telephone calls were made from St. Louis telephone number Forest 5053 to Carl Shelton, 1708 Weimar Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, telephone East 5667. On January 3, 1934 a call is recorded from Forest 5053 in St. Louis to East 9160, the latter number several months ago being assigned to Albert Barth, 601 Trendley Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. At the present time telephone number East 9160 appears to be listed in the name of J. C. Cooper, 500a Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, which is a rooming house and known Shelton Gang hang-out.

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Further, telephone number Forest 8083 at St. Louis communicated with telephone East 8869, East St. Louis, Illinois, which is an unpublished number, the telephone contract reflecting the name of Thomas Kevin, of 704 N. 41st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. In all probability this last mentioned telephone is in fact that of John Keaney, also a known gangster in East St. Louis, Illinois.

An examination by Mr. Cole of the telephone calls made from East 8869 reflects that calls were made from this number to 881-W, St. Louis, Missouri, which is the telephone number of one Bart Davitt, Jean Drive, Ferguson, St. Louis County, Missouri.

The records further reflected that telephone East 8869 also communicated with Evergreen 8467 at St. Louis, Missouri, which number is assigned to Eugene Teben, 6504 West Florissant Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

It appears that the Moore and McAuliffe telephones have been exceptionally quiet during the last two weeks. In fact, only one call was made from the Moore telephone, and none from the McAuliffe telephone.

The residence at 4906 Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, where the Moore family resides, is also occupied by John Dee, a Post Office clerk in St. Louis, Missouri, whose father is a policeman.

Mr. Cole further advised that he had learned from rumors that the Shelton Gang had about two weeks ago disappeared from their usual haunts in East St. Louis and Madison County, Illinois, and were supposed to have gone to Davenport, Iowa, taking with them several of the service cars operated by their cohorts. At the present time investigation is being made by this office, both in St. Louis, Missouri, East St. Louis, Illinois and Madison County, Illinois, in an endeavor to ascertain the present whereabouts of members of the Shelton Gang, and also the individuals referred to in the body hereof, since about January 1, 1934, and at such time as additional information is received, your office will be notified immediately.

Reference is also made to a letter received from the Chicago Division Office on January 12, 1934, in the case entitled Eddie Boll, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, b7d

[REDACTED] are close associates of the Shelton Gang, in view of which it is apparent that Eddie Boll is likewise associated, such rumors having reached this office on previous occasions.



The Hyde Park Gambling Club in Venice, Illinois and also the "Maples" on Collinsville Road, Madison County, Illinois, are both frequented by the Sheltons, and probably by Eddie Boll, and investigation will be made at these points, seeking the desired information.

This office has also ascertained that one "Red Eye" Smith of East St. Louis, Illinois is a known associate of the Shelton Gang, and about one week ago moved into the second floor of a building at 1752a State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, accompanied, as far as known to this office, by two red-headed women. No other occupants of this address are at present known to this office.

It is further known to this office that Monroe Arms, alias "Blackie" Arms, is a close associate of the Shelton Gang, as is Frank Wortman. It has also been ascertained from the Alcoholic Beverage Unit at St. Louis that on

Descriptive photographs of the following individuals, known to be associated with the Shelton mob, are being transmitted herewith to your office for such value as they may have in connection with the instant matter:

Name	St. Louis, Mo. P. D. No.
Monroe Arms, alias "Blackie" Arms	21542
Edward Wortman	22528
Frank Wortman	22501
Wm. Smith, alias "Red Eye" Smith	22525
Thos. McAnuliffe	22525
Bernard Shelton, alias Bernie Shelton	21765
Eugene Tebeau	20825
Donald Barth Davitt	22525
John Kenney	1422
Raymond P. Fishell	27921

This office does not possess any definite information which would connect the individuals referred to in this letter with the instant kidnaping. However, inasmuch as they are the type who would commit such a crime and apparently disappeared from their usual haunts around the first of the year, it is believed that the necessary investigation should be made to establish their actual whereabouts during the period of this kidnaping.

It is also suggested that inasmuch as Special Agent John E. Brennan is familiar with the activities of the Shelton mob and their hang-outs in Madison County, Illinois, that he may be able to elaborate upon their activities.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 25, 1934.

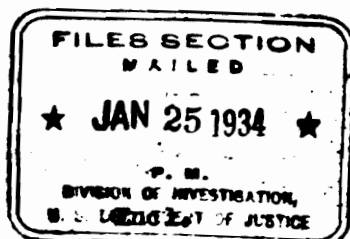
Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There are transmitted herewith  
a copy of a letter addressed to "Chas McGee" signed by E.G. Bremer,  
a copy of the unsigned letter addressed "Chas. McGee", and a copy of  
the letter dated Friday evening addressed to "Dear Walter" and signed  
"E.G. Bremer", for your observation and such use as you care to make  
of them.

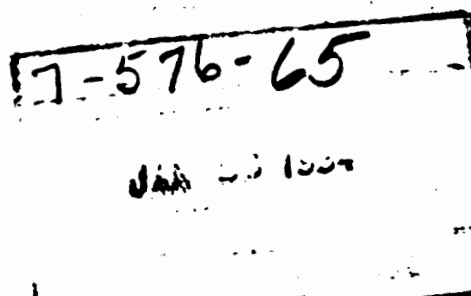
Very truly yours,

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MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. HUBER

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January 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Confirming conversation between Mr. Nathan and  
Mr. Clegg today, there is enclosed herewith a duplication  
of the first ransom note in the Bremer Kidnaping case which  
has been prepared by employees of the Division in Washington.

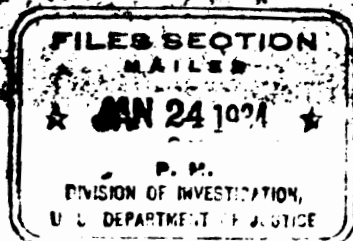
Your views concerning this note and its possible  
use, in the event the kidnapers should demand the return of  
the original notes, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

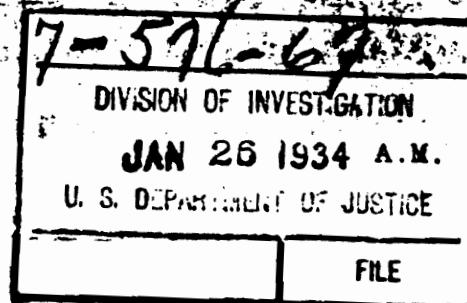
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MR. NATHAN.....  
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MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. ROGER.....

January 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of January 24th transmitting duplication of the first ransom note in the Bremer kidnaping case. I think this is a splendid piece of work and it certainly seems to answer every purpose of substitution. I believe that the same procedure should be followed in the other typewritten document that you have. I am beginning to feel that our Scientific Unit may really do some good work if they continue along these lines. Whoever did this, at any rate, is entitled to an orchid.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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Laboratory Report

January 25, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 note addressed to Dr. H.T. Hippert, Lowry Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.,  
1 note and envelope addressed to Mrs. Bremer beginning "Dear Patz", the envelope  
was not postmarked, 1 letter addressed to Charles Magee and signed "Ed", 1  
envelope addressed to Charles Magee or Arthur Bremer, 2 fingerprint cards of  
Thomas Dahill and Charles J. Tierney, 1 typewritten letter received by Walter  
Magee beginning "Put stated ransom in two suite cases", 1 envelope addressed  
to W. A. Magee and postmarked St. Paul, Minn., dated January 23, 1934.  
Examination requested by:

St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 24 and 25, 1934.

Examination requested: General, Typewriting, and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel, *SPC*

January 24. The physical measurements and characteristics of the stationery  
have been recorded for comparison purposes. The two typewritten letters ad-  
dressed to Charles Magee, starting "You must be proud of yourself by now" and  
"If you can wait O.K." were written with the Corona typewriter equipped with  
Fica type which was used to write the original extortion letter addressed to  
Magee, starting "You are hereby declared in". One of these letters is also  
written on typewriter bond paper which is known as 8 1/2 by 11 size and which is  
identical with the extortion letter beginning "You are hereby declared in".  
The other letter, which is the one beginning "You must be proud of yourself"  
was written on a similar typewriter paper but one which has a grained appear-  
ance. This consists of very fine textured lines running the length of the  
paper, being caused by the finish on the paper.

The personal letters written to Mrs. Bremer and Magee in ink  
script are unquestionably in the handwriting of Bremer, also, the signature  
on the typewritten letter beginning "You must be proud of yourself" is un-  
questionably the genuine signature of Bremer. It will be noted that the  
handwritten letters indicate Bremer was in better physical condition when he  
wrote them confirming his statement concerning this. However, it is possible  
to observe various weaknesses in his writing which indicate that he is hurt.

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The typewritten letter received by Magee beginning "Put stated ransome in two suite cases" is not written on the same typewriter. It was written on an L. C. Smith typewriter equipped with Pica type, such as was in use about 1922 or earlier. This is determined by the shape, particularly of the g. This letter is written on lined note paper, machine cut on all four sides, which has no water-mark. Its dimensions and other characteristics have been recorded. In the absence of some information extraneous to this letter it would appear that it is not from the real kidnapers. Forgeries of the typewritten letters have been prepared.

The ink script letters written by Bremer were written on paper which has the water-mark "Lord Baltimore This is paper which is sold in Rag Content".

Washington, D. C. in the Liggett's Drug Stores. A package of paper identical in every way except for fractional differences in size, was purchased for 39 cents. The sheets are attached in a pad. The water-mark is very visible and the home of any suspect should be searched for this paper. The paper is distributed throughout all of the chain of Liggett's Drug Stores and affiliated chains, it being understood that this water-mark and package for social or other note purposes are probably manufactured exclusively for these associated chains and distributed through the United Drug Company. The names of the stores in St. Paul or the Middle West may be different from those in the East.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN APLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

January 24, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are memoranda submitted by  
the Agents of the St. Paul Division Office relative to  
the above matter.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

While on duty status in the EDWARD G. BREMER residence, 92 North Mississippi River Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday evening, January 19, 1934, one, JOHN WARREN GODFROY, an attorney from New York City, and a MR. KIGELSON (phonetic), from Chicago, appeared at the BREMER residence and had a conversation with FRANKLIN G. MATSON, who is married to EDWARD G. BREMER'S sister, and who resides at 1800 Portland Avenue, St. Paul. This conversation was also held with MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER, and other members of the family. MR. GODFROY and MR. KIGELSON came to the BREMER home in a yellow cab and members of the family did not want to disclose the nature, or purpose, of their visit. About 8:00 P.M., on January 22, 1934, MR. GODFROY again appeared at the BREMER home in a yellow cab. Then, he had a conversation with MR. MATSON and MRS. BREMER, the nature of same unknown. Subsequently, MRS. WILLIAM VON der WEYER, a sister of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER, advised agent that she thought "there was something funny about the whole matter". She stated that her sister usually told her all about her business but that since some time in the fall of 1933, when EDWARD G. BREMER was in the eastern part of the United States, he met MR. GODFROY; and that MR. and MRS. GODFROY visited the BREMER'S home before Christmas, 1933; that they did not tell her what the purpose of the GODFROY visit was, except that it was for business; that she has been suspicious of these visits but has not been able to figure out anything in regard to them. She also advised that the Sunday before EDWARD G. BREMER was kidnaped, MR. and MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER made a trip to Chicago, and stayed at the Blackstone Hotel; that, while at the hotel, MRS. BREMER lost a hat and while she was alone in the hotel, a bellboy walked into the room unannounced and finding MRS. BREMER there stated that he had merely come to find out whether anyone was occupying the room as they did not know at the office. She stated that the BREMER'S arrived home the day before EDWARD G. BREMER was kidnaped.

FRANKLIN MATSON, upon agent's first visit to the BREMER home

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advised that he had been unable to figure out the matter; that there were five or six of the relatives as well as himself who believed that EDWARD G. BREMER would not be returned alive; that, as president of the Commercial State Bank, EDWARD G. BREMER had been very nervous for the past three years, always living in fear that the bank would be robbed. He advised that LEON GLECHMAN, as well as the hoodlum element in St. Paul, does his banking business at the Commercial State Bank.

On Friday evening, January 19, 1934, one, DR. JENES of the WOOD Radio Broadcasting Station, Minneapolis and St. Paul, called FRANKLIN MATSON at the BREMER home and advised that he had heard from an authoritative source that the body of EDWARD G. BREMER had been found. He insisted that the information came from a reliable source and, after some questioning by MR. MATSON, DR. JENES did advise that the information came from the police, not however, the chief of police, but a police officer. This information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni at the St. Paul Division Office.

On Sunday afternoon, January 21, 1934, one, H.J. GUNTHER, put in a long distance telephone call for the BREMER residence from Princeton, Minnesota. He advised that he is a school teacher at Foley, Minnesota; that he could be reached through one, JOHN URBANSKI, a storekeeper at Morill, Minnesota. He advised that at about 3:45 on Sunday, January 21, 1934, he had seen a Cadillac Coupe parked about three miles from Elk River, Minnesota, and that it was filled with gasoline and had been run about 88,000 miles. He advised that he called Sheriff Newman at Elk River, Minnesota, and he made an examination of the car and took the license number. He stated that the car appeared to be very suspicious looking and might have some connection with the BREMER kidnaping. GUNTHER also advised that a Lincoln Coupe had been seen in the neighborhood. This information was relayed to the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Division Office.

In the Saturday noon edition of the Minneapolis Journal, January 20, 1934, there appeared an article stating that the Postmaster at Minneapolis had received a letter written on the stationery of the Union City Mission, Minneapolis, in substance as follows:

That EDWARD G. BREMER had been accidentally killed by one of the gang while this member of the gang was in a drunken condition; that the body was buried and would not be found until the snow had gone from the ground in the spring. This was signed, "One of the gang". On the corner of this letter was a rough sketch resembling an arrow, or three roads coming together with a curve and a small dot with the letter "A", possibly, standing for Anoka, Minnesota. At this time, there had been numerous reports that BREMER was dead. Agent proceeded to Anoka, Minnesota, inter-

viewing the sheriff, OSUAR OLSON, who advised that two reporters from the Minneapolis Star had interviewed him earlier that afternoon in regard to this letter and rough sketch and that he, his son, and J.H. WESTLAKE, the game warden at Anoka, Minnesota, had searched all the possible roads that had any resemblance to the sketch but that nothing was found. He stated that he was of the opinion the letter was the work of a crank and there was nothing to it. He advised that he was unable to figure out the sketch and that there was no road in the county that he could think of that resembled the markings on the sketch. He advised that intensive search would be made the next morning, which would be January 21, 1934, and if anything was found he would notify the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Division Office.

J.H. WESTLAKE, game warden, advised that he knew every road in the county; that, after examining the sketch, he could think of no road or place that resembled the drawing. He advised that some five or six miles east of Anoka, on highway #62, which leads into St. Paul, there is a river road that goes into Minneapolis. He advised in this particular section bodies are found every year; that, upon examining this sketch, search was made in this vicinity immediately. He advised, however, that nothing was found.

On January 22, 1934, late in the afternoon, DR. JENES of Radio Station WOOO, called the BREMER residence and asked for MR. MATSON. MR. MATSON was absent at the time and agent talked to DR. JENES. He advised that the St. Paul Daily News had just put out an extra which announced that contact had been made through DR. NIPPERT, family physician of EDWARD G. BREMER; that a bottle with a note had been thrown through the window. DR. JENES wanted to verify this. This was the purpose of his call. MRS. WILLIAM VAN DER MEYER, sister of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER, was listening on the telephone and she stated at the time that DR. NIPPERT was the family physician of EDWARD G. BREMER. She immediately called the NIPPERT residence and she informed agent that she had been informed that a milk bottle had been thrown through the window but there was no note in same. She advised that this information had not been given out by DR. NIPPERT but one of the neighbors had seen the occurrence and notified the police.

Very truly yours,

JOHN V. ANDERSON, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-55.

Upon advice received from Mr. Randall, President of the Tri State Telephone and Telegraph Company, Agent interviewed CHARLES ARTHUR BRUNN, chauffeur for Mr. PHIL RAY, 908 Summit Avenue, who states that the morning of January 17th, he drove the RAY children to the Summit school; that while he was parked in front of the Summit School to discharge the RAY children, MR. EDWARD BREMER drove up in front of his car to discharge his daughter; that thereupon MR. BREMER proceeded towards Lexington Avenue, and he (BRUNN) followed within a few yards behind him; that when BRUNN approached the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, he saw what he believed to be two men, one on each side of the car, which he knew was MR. BREMER's car, which had come to a stop at that intersection; that he did not observe or could give a description of either of the men; also, that the men were talking in a loud voice but he could not understand a word that was said for the reason that the car windows were closed; that the man standing on the left side of MR. BREMER's car, that is the driver's side, had the door partially open and his head and upper part of his body inside of the car. He could not state whether or not MR. BREMER was sitting up in the car or not. He could give no descriptions of either of the two men, except that the man who had the car door partially open, leaning, with his head inside the car were either a medium or dark overcoat and a medium or dark Fedora hat; that he would judge the man about five feet, ten or eleven inches tall and weighing between 140 and 165 pounds; that he did not get a view of the face of this man nor of the other man; that he also saw a large dark sedan, which could have been anything from a Studebaker to an Cadillac or Packard, parked immediately next to the corner where BREMER's car was standing, facing south and on Lexington Avenue; that in view of the fact that a small car came up Lexington Avenue at a rather fast rate of speed, his particular concern was traffic and his (BRUNN) observation was this approaching small car in order for him to turn on to Lexington Avenue. MR. BRUNN will not be able to identify either man or state the make of car that was parked there, but his information is valuable in respect to time and place where MR. BREMER was seized. He stated that the time would be anywhere between 8:25 and 8:35 A.M.; that there was no one anywhere in the vicinity except a milk truck about a block away parked on Goodrich Avenue. BRUNN is familiar with the identity of MR. BREMER and his automobile.

Very truly yours,

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WEHNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR H. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-20.

Acting on information received at the St. Paul Division office from Deputy Sheriff SEMPLE, Minneapolis, Minnesota, agent interviewed WILLIAM KETTNER at the Sheriff's office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. MR. KETTNER stated that he resides at the Union City Mission in Minneapolis, is 33 years of age, born in Germany, and at present is unemployed. He advised that on 1-13-34 he met a man known to him as "OLAF" on a street in Minneapolis; that he first knew this individual at Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1925 at a gambling place there.

OLAF asked KETTNER if the latter was working and on being advised that he was not, he said that he might be able to find a job for him. Accordingly, he made an appointment with KETTNER to meet him in front of the Andrews Hotel on 4th and Hennepin Avenue on 1-14-34. KETTNER did so meet OLAF and he stated that the latter was driving a silver-gray Willys-Knight car with only one license tag, which was on the front of the said car. At this meeting, OLAF asked KETTNER if he could drive an automobile and how well he could drive, and he was told by KETTNER that he had driven for many years and was very capable. OLAF then gave him \$2 and instructed him to meet him at the Union Station in St. Paul at 2:00 p.m., on 1-15-34. KETTNER went to this station and there saw OLAF talking to two men whom he did not recognize. OLAF alone approached him and asked him if he would take a driving job and he could promise no definite salary. Because of this indefiniteness, KETTNER refused the job and conversation was held between the two in the midst of which KETTNER happened to produce some official stationery of the Union City Mission. OLAF asked him if he might have a piece of this paper and an envelope to go with it and KETTNER gave the same to him and also handed him stationery from the St. James Hotel in Minneapolis and one from the Albert Hotel at Albert Lea, Minnesota. OLAF promised to meet KETTNER on Thursday, January 18, 1934, but failed to do so and KETTNER has not seen him since.

KETTNER further stated that the two strangers who were talking with OLAF at the Union Station drove off in a large dark sedan but he could not tell the make or the license number.

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KETTNER described OLAF as 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 190 pounds, dark complexion, full face, well dressed. He described the two strangers, No. 1 as 40 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, husky build, light complexion, wearing fur cap and dark clothes; No. 2 as 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, slender build, light hair, wearing a derby and dark clothes.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNEY

Re: St. Paul file No. 233

MR. GEORGE E. KREMER, attorney, 324 Baker Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was formerly engaged in the automobile business, telephoned the St. Paul office this morning advising that he had information which might prove of value in the BREMER kidnapping case.

MR. KREMER was contacted at his office and he advised that he has a client, HARVEY E. MORGAN, who resides at Paynesville, Minnesota, who informed him some time ago that there were some men who frequently patronized a garage at Paynesville, Minnesota, operated by JACK HOEPPNER, formerly a Chevrolet dealer; that MR. MORGAN stated that these men used to leave their car at HOEPPNER'S garage for service and spent quite a bit of their time in a beer parlor located next to the garage; that these men were known to have occupied a cottage located at Rice Lake, Minnesota, and spent most of the summer there last year; that MR. MORGAN informed him that on one occasion, he walked into the garage and observed these men and confidentially told JACK HOEPPNER, the proprietor, that he believed one of the men greatly resembled VERNE SANKEY, for whom a nation-wide search was being made; that following this, MR. MORGAN, accompanied by JACK HOEPPNER went to the Post Office nearby and examined the wanted notices which have been distributed for VERNE SANKEY and then returned to the garage where they both closely observed this particular man again and both were of the opinion that this man was VERNE SANKEY; that MORGAN and HOEPPNER did not attempt to apprehend this man or question him but immediately telephoned the Minneapolis Police Department, informing them that they were of the opinion that SANKEY was present in their town; that the Minneapolis Police informed them that they would immediately dispatch a squad car to Paynesville and investigate but that the police did not send a squad car and took no action whatever. MR. KREMER stated that this information was furnished him by HARVEY MORGAN around the 15th or 14th of November, 1933, when he (KREMER) was in Paynesville on business.

According to MR. KREMER, both HARVEY E. MORGAN and JACK HOEPPNER are now residing in Paynesville and JACK HOEPPNER will be able to give the exact location of the cottage where these men held forth at Rice Lake.

Very truly yours,

R. L. WALLS,  
Special Agent.

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CHAS. O. SNIDER  
1014 Main Street  
Phone 2763  
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Gentlemen:-

Am reasonably sure Verne Barker was here in Richmond just before  
Christmas, see attached clipping.

Man who was here was about 6 feet 10 in height and medium build  
rather quiet in action and looked very like the attached cut.

Very truly yours,

Chas O Snider

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Saint Paul, Minnesota.

January 23, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-50.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your coded telegram dated January 22, 1934, requesting resubmission of fingerprints for OTTO BREMER, WALTER MAGEE and C. E. NEWCOME, please be advised that same are enclosed herewith, also prints of MR. ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., which may appear on first ransom note.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 25, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find fingerprint cards of Doctor  
H. T. Rippert, whose impressions possibly may appear on the  
various ransom notes forwarded to the Division.

There is some indication that the Barker-Karpis  
Gang again has been in the vicinity of St. Paul during this  
kidnaping and it might perhaps be advisable to examine their  
prints in connection with any prints found on any of the  
documents that have been forwarded in connection with the  
above matter. It is suggested that the prints of the follow-  
ing be kept in mind:

Volney Davis, McAlester, Okla. Pen. #12808;  
Harry Campbell alias Dave Campbell, Sheriff's Office,  
Tulsa, Okla. #9420;  
Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker, McAlester, Okla.  
Pen. #11906;  
Fred Barker, Lansing, Kans. Pen. #9856;  
Alvin Karpis, Lansing, Kans. Pen. #1530.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

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EDWARD G. BREMER
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Transmitted herewith is a memorandum in the above matter, prepared by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen, under date of January 24, 1934. There are also transmitted herewith numerous phoney ransom notes as well as letters containing alleged information. Copies of these notes have been prepared for the St. Paul Office. There is further enclosed the original phoney note which was taken from the person, Bill A. Mentyla, a cab driver in St. Paul, in which matter previous correspondence was had with the Division. There is also transmitted with this note a signed statement taken by the police from Mentyla, which bears his signature. This statement was taken by Chief of Police Dehill, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 19, 1934 at 4:15 P.M., and therein Bill Mentyla states that he resides at 133 Iglehart Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that he is single; that he is a cab driver and has been so employed for about three months by the City, Yellow, and Blue and White Cab Companies and presently is employed by the Blue and White Cab Company; that he was born at Sebeka, Minnesota; that he has no relatives living; that he made some statement in regard to the delivery of a note supposed to be given to him by two men on a trip from Seven Corners to Fifth and Robert Streets, and giving a description of the men and also the car they were supposed to be in; that he gave this information to a day cab driver and to a man on St. Peter Street. He also told these men that the persons giving him the note to be delivered had given him \$1.00, and that the note was addressed to 92 North Mississippi River Boulevard and was in an envelope bearing the stamp of the cab company with the note on fragments of paper inside, reading: "You make payment soon, huh?" and signed, "Kip"; that he had no intention of delivering this note; that his object was to get his name in the paper as he never had any publicity; that he wrote the note himself; that he has never been in any trouble before.

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There is also transmitted herewith a postal card written in Brooklyn, New York, January 23, 1934, addressed to the Postmaster, St. Paul, Minnesota, written in English and reading in print, as follows:

"We have Ed G. Bremer very safe in Brkyn. Everything 'll be alright if you do what we want... the cash. Our gang is very strong and we have branche in all the biggest cities in U.S.A.

^ One member."

There is further enclosed a letter containing a drawing and written in some foreign language, apparently attempting to give some information as to the whereabouts of the victim. This letter is written in pencil and is unsigned and was addressed to the Post Office Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, and mailed at Blairstown, New Jersey, January 23, 1934, at 2:30 P.M.. The contents of this note are not understood here.

For your further information, there is attached hereto copy of statements made by L.J. Murnane and Conrad Erickson of the Minnesota State Highway Patrol, made at the Record Division of the St. Paul Police Department on Tuesday, January 23, 1934, at 7:35 P.M.; also, a question and answer statement forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office by Chief of Police Robert A. Donaldson, concerning the same matter, and Mr. Donaldson's questioning Harry Bachman.

All Governmental agencies located in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, have been instructed to convey immediately any information that may come to their attention relative to this case and they all have pledged to do so. The Postmasters of the two cities are under instructions to have all mail carriers carefully observe, in particular, anything unusual transpiring on their mail routes.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WEBSTER HANNI:

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

On January 19, 1934, in connection with the EDWARD G. BREMER kidnaping case, agent went to the ADOLPH BREMER home, 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, at about 5:00 p.m., and remained there until the following morning at about 9:30 a.m., when he was relieved by Special Agent Walls.

At the BREMER home, agent met the following persons:

ADOLPH BREMER, SR., father of EDWARD BREMER, the victim.  
ADOLPH BREMER, JR., the brother of the victim.  
LOUISE BREMER, sister of victim.  
WALTER MACKIE, contact man for the kidnapers.  
G. E. NEWCOMB, Assistant Brew Master, Schmidt Brewing Co.  
MISS WILL SURESEN.  
OTTO BREMER, uncle of the victim.  
CARL L. V. ECKELSEN, attorney and business counselor for ADOLPH BREMER, with offices at 30 Broad Street, New York City.  
W. T. GODFREY, also an attorney and business counselor for ADOLPH BREMER with offices at 30 Broad Street, New York City.  
Lieutenant ROY COFFEY, Lieutenant Detective, St. Paul Police Department.

Agent again went to the BREMER residence on Sunday morning, January 21st, and remained until Monday morning, January 22, at which time he was relieved by Special Agent Fortenberry.

On Saturday morning at about 7:30 a.m., DR. NIPPERT, family physician, came to the BREMER home, apparently on an emergency call, and word was given out after DR. NIPPERT had visited ADOLPH BREMER that ADOLPH BREMER had suffered a heart attack. It was noted, however, that ADOLPH BREMER appeared about nine o'clock and showed no particular indication of having been ill.

On Sunday, agent had a long visit with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised agent confidentially that there is little affection between the ADOLPH BREMER family and the victim, EDWARD BREMER; that a short time ago, EDWARD BREMER, against instructions of

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his father, purchased his, EDWARD BREMER'S present home on the River Road for about \$35,000 and that ADOLPH BREMER paid for this home.

It was also noted that ADOLPH BREMER is not at all friendly with the KISWEIN family, into which EDWARD BREMER married. EDWARD BREMER married EMILY KISWEIN. MR. KISWEIN, SR., and MRS. KISWEIN have been residing with the EDWARD BREMER family for some little time.

Concerning the "attorneys" CARL KISSELSEN and W. T. GODFREY, it may be noted that according to ADOLPH BREMER, these gentlemen have been business counselors and apparently lobbyists for ADOLPH BREMER during the past 25 years. They were received as members of the family and are apparently very close friends of ADOLPH BREMER. Both MR. KISSELSEN and MR. GODFREY, according to ADOLPH BREMER, have taken a distinct interest in this case, although they were not solicited by MR. BREMER as to do.

MR. BREMER further stated, in a rather disparaging way, words to the effect that he did not see what they thought they could do in the case.

During the course of agent's stay at the BREMER residence, it was noted particularly that ADOLPH BREMER repeatedly brought up the matter of MR. KISWEIN having abused his, MR. BREMER'S daughter LOUISE over the telephone.

ADOLPH BREMER inquired of agent as to whether or not in agent's opinion the full \$200,000 should be paid. Agent replied that an arrangement might be made with the kidnapers whereby a smaller sum would be accepted.

On Sunday afternoon, MR. BOHN, the father of HASKELL BOHN, who was previously kidnaped in St. Paul and later released after the payment of a ransom reported to have been \$12,000, visited the BREMER family and endeavored to give ADOLPH BREMER his, MR. BOHN'S opinion as to what should be done in this case. MR. BOHN very specifically stated that ADOLPH BREMER should have nothing to do with the police or other authorities. It was apparent that there was some antagonism between MR. BREMER and MR. BOHN, and MR. BREMER handed MR. BOHN his overcoat and indicated that he should leave, although he had not finished his conversation.

MR. G. E. NEWCOMB, the Assistant Brew Master and also a very close friend of the family, came to the BREMER residence from time to time but as far as agent could ascertain, his conversation with the family was only general.

Many phone calls were received at the BREMER residence, the majority of which were from relatives or well-wishers inquiring as to the status of the case.

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Both ADOLPH BREMER and the rest of the immediate family were very friendly to the Division and apparently were giving their cooperation to agent and withholding no information. It was noted that when a telephone call would arrive at the residence, the family would wait for agent to answer the extension line before beginning the conversation so that agent might listen in on any message which might be given.

At about three o'clock in the morning of Saturday, January 20th, agent observed a large, black coupe automobile circling the house. This car eventually stopped in front of the Schmidt Brewing Company, which is located directly across the street from the house. A door was slammed and the car sped away. Examination was made at the brewery mailbox and in the immediate vicinity and no note or communication of any kind was found. Because of the speed of the car and its distance from the house, the license number could not be obtained. Agent was later advised, when talking to ADOLPH BREMER, JR., that some persons go off duty at the brewery at 3:00 a.m., and that this car may have called to pick up one of the employees, although no person was seen entering the automobile.

Lieutenant ROY COFFEY of the St. Paul Police Department was also placed at the BREMER residence and no information was furnished to MR. COFFEY which agent did not also receive.

At about 1:00 a.m., on the morning of Monday, January 22nd, the lights in the BREMER residence suddenly went off although it was noted that the lights in nearby residences and in the brewery were on. The lights remained off for approximately five minutes and then came on. No unusual circumstance was noted in the neighborhood during this period. Lieutenant COFFEY called the St. Paul Police Department and requested that squad cars cruise the neighborhood.

At 6:50 a.m., on the morning of Monday, January 22nd, telephone call was received by agent at the BREMER residence, this call being from a woman, who inquired for MR. MATSON. Agent advised this woman, after waiting for a few seconds in order to give opportunity to check the call, that the call was to the wrong BREMER family and that MR. MATSON was not at 855 West 7th. The woman immediately hung up, and a check-back made through the St. Paul Police Department reflected that this call was from an automatic telephone.

During the course of agent's stay at the BREMER residence, it was noted that a call was received from Washington, D. C., indicating that the President of the United States made the statement that "It was certainly deplorable that the son of his best friend should be the victim of a kidnapping."

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Agent was asked on several occasions up until Monday morning, at which time he was relieved by Agent Fortenberry, whether or not in agent's opinion a contact would be made with the kidnapers in the near future.

It was noted that on Monday morning at about 8:30, MR. HENOCHE, MR. WALTER MAGKE, and MR. ADOLPH BREMER, JR., came to the BREMER residence and went upstairs to ADOLPH BREMER, SR.'s quarters and had a conference with him lasting for approximately twenty minutes. Agent was advised by these men on their return that there was, "nothing new".

Reference was made from time to time during the course of conversation with the family that EDWARD BREMER at the American National Bank had considerable contact with underworld characters during his business activities at the bank; that EDWARD BREMER had made the statement concerning this contact with the underworld that he was perfectly willing to do business with them. b7d

It is further noted through information furnished by [REDACTED] that the victim EDWARD BREMER is very much disliked not only by his family but generally; that he has an uncontrollable temper, is very selfish and inconsiderate and has few friends. It was further learned that on many occasions, EDWARD BREMER and LOUISE BREMER, daughter of ADOLPH BREMER, had violent misunderstandings at the BREMER home; that EDWARD BREMER has always been jealous of LOUISE BREMER and her close friendship with her father; that EDWARD BREMER desired to leave the bank and work at the brewery but because of his inability to get along with other employees, he was removed by ADOLPH BREMER and returned to the bank.

Concerning the background of WALTER MAGKE, agent ascertained through members of the BREMER household that WALTER MAGKE had come to St. Paul in 1914 and at that time was penniless; that he obtained work in what was then known as the old TOBIN saloon; that MRS. TOBIN, the wife of the proprietor, became somewhat enamored of MR. MAGKE and shot and killed her husband and is now serving a life sentence in Stillwater Penitentiary. It appears that WALTER MAGKE obtained control of the TOBIN saloon, and through a large stock of liquor found to be on hand, realized a considerable sum and later, after prohibition, engaged in bootlegging on a large scale. It was further ascertained that WALTER MAGKE and the Magee Construction Company is a "front" for ADOLPH BREMER, who has furnished the capital for that institution. Agent was further advised that the Magee Construction Company, through the mismanagement of WALTER MAGKE, lost \$100,000 on the contract for the building of the Minnesota State Office Building and lost a further \$50,000 in connection with the contract for the removal of the old Court House in St. Paul. However, in spite of the above circumstances, WALTER MAGKE apparently enjoys the faith and friendship of ADOLPH BREMER.



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It may be further noted in connection with the background for these parties, all of which possibly has no great bearing on this case, that ADOLPH BREMER and OTTO BREMER came to the United States from Germany some time prior to 1896 and settled in South Dakota near Aberdeen; that they left Aberdeen together in 1896 and came to St. Paul; that OTTO BREMER obtained a position in a general store and ADOLPH BREMER went to work as a truckman for JACOB SCHMIDT of the Schmidt Brewing Company.

ADOLPH BREMER later married JACOB SCHMIDT'S daughter, and through a disagreement with JACOB SCHMIDT, started independent brewing in his own home; that on the death of JACOB SCHMIDT, ADOLPH BREMER acquired control of the Schmidt Brewing Company and has operated this concern ever since. OTTO BREMER, through his close association with his brother ADOLPH became connected with the banking business and various real estate projects.

From conversation with ADOLPH BREMER, it is noted that through his, ADOLPH'S association over a long period of time with saloon keepers, and local politicians, he became a power politically and is very well known throughout the St. Paul, particularly with the past generation. Apparently, through ADOLPH BREMER'S close contact with the people and his friendliness with all persons with whom he comes in contact, he has built up a large following. MR. BREMER advised agent that in forty years, he had never found occasion to discharge but one man in his employ.

Agent was further advised by members of the household at the BREMER residence that the payment of \$200,000 ransom would place ADOLPH BREMER in dire financial straits; that because of the fact that all of his ready capital had been required to liquidate banks in which he was interested after the bank holiday, he would certainly lose the brewery if the ransom were paid.

All telephone calls received by this agent while at the BREMER residence which contained any information other than of a strictly personal nature were relayed by telephone to the St. Paul Division office.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTRUP,  
Special Agent.

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Statement of BILL MANTYLA made in the office of Thomas E. Dahill, Chief of Police, St. P. on Friday, January 19th, 1934, at 4.15 P.M. with Lt. Frank Cullen questioning and Robert Dunning acting as stenographer. In the presence of Lt. Thomas Grace.

Q. what is your name.  
A. Bill Mantyla.  
Q. Where do you live.  
A. 133 Iglehart.  
Q. Married or single.  
A. Single.  
Q. Do you room at that address.  
A. Yes.  
Q. What is your occupation.  
A. Well, I am a cab driver right now.  
Q. How long have you driven a cab.  
A. About three months.  
Q. Whom have you been employed by.  
A. City, Yellow, and Blue and White.  
Q. Your present employer is the-----?  
A. Blue and White.  
Q. Where has your former home been, Bill.  
A. Sebeka, Minnesota.  
Q. Your folks just reside there.  
A. No, I haven't any.  
Q. You made some statement in regards to the delivery of a note supposed to be given you by two men on a trip from 7 Corners to 5th and Robert, giving description of the men and also the car that they were supposed to be in. You gave that story when you first came in didn't you.  
A. Yes.  
Q. How many people did you speak to in regards to that note.  
A. The day driver and a man on St. Peter St.  
Q. You told them these fellows had given you the note and \$1. to make delivery.  
A. Yes.  
Q. The note was addressed to 92 North Mississippi River Blvd. that was displayed.  
A. Yes.  
Q. And on the inside was "You make payment soon HUH" signed "Kip". Did you have any intentions of delivering that note.  
A. No.  
Q. What was the object of its being concocted.  
A. Well, because I wrote it myself.  
Q. What was the object of your concocting it.  
A. To get my name in the papers. I never had any publicity.  
Q. Did you notify the papers.  
A. No, I did not.  
Q. Do you know who did.  
A. No, I don't think nobody did.  
Q. Your sole object was to get your name in the papers for a publicity stunt.  
A. Yes.  
Q. Have you ever been in any trouble before.  
A. No.  
Q. Ever been confined to any asylum or institution, have you.  
A. No.  
Q. This note in regards to this is entirely fictitious, concocted out your own mind.  
A. Yes.

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*Bill Mantyla*

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- Q. And you are now telling the truth about it.  
A. Yes.  
Q. There has been no threats and you haven't been abused in any way.  
A. No.  
Q. No promises made you. 86668  
A. No.  
Q. And this statement you are now giving is the truth.  
A. Yes.  
Q. And you are willing to sign it after it is drawn up.  
A. Yes.

Bill R. Mantyla

January 23, 1934.

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Mr. Donaldson: My name is R. E. Donaldson, Chief of Police of Duluth. I have been asked especially to question you by Mr. Werner Hanni, Chief Special Agent for the United States Bureau of Investigation, 306 Federal Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. This inquiry is about what it is reported that you experienced on Highway No. 1 today about 1.30 p.m., January 23, 1934, which experience involves two other cars and your own, - suspicion at this time being that the information you have to offer is material to the United States Government in its investigation of the recent kidnaping at St. Paul.

Q. What is your full name?

A. Harry Bachman

Q. What is your address?

A. 3132 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis.

Q. What is your telephone number?

A. Regent 4326.

Q. With whom are you employed?

A. C. A. Pearson, Inc., Wholesale Grocers, 8th and John Avenue, St. Paul Minnesota. I am a salesman

Q. In connection with your duties as salesman for your employer I presume you frequently come to Duluth.

A. Yes, sir; every two weeks.

Q. You were about your business today?

A. Yes.

Q. What time did you leave St. Paul?

A. I left St. Paul nine a.m. today.

Q. On this day, which is?

A. January 23, 1934.

Q. What kind of a car do you drive?

A. I am driving a Ford V-8, 1933 model, coupe.

Q. In your trip from St. Paul to Duluth did you have anybody accompanying you?

A. No, sir.

Q. You were alone?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was your trip uneventful up to about Hinckley?

A. I made a couple of stops before - calling on grocery stores. Made one call at North Branch, one at Pine City; then I stopped at Hinckley and had a little lunch around 12 or 12.30. After I got through it, eating my lunch, I went outside to my car and I got started to go towards Duluth. Before I got started a big black sedan started ahead of me and I was following him about two or three

and I made up my mind to pass him. When I stepped on the gas he stepped too on the gas and did not let me get by him at all. This was a big black sedan. The plates were covered with a lot of mud and I could not see the license number at all. I think there were five or six figures in the number on this plate, but I couldn't see as it was covered with mud. In my opinion they were Minnesota plates. The color of this car was black. It was an old car. There was no peculiar mark noticeable. It had a spare tire on the back, but with no tire cover.

Q. At this time did you observe how many persons were in this car?  
A. There was one person - was driving that car.

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Q. Can you describe him in any way?  
A. He was a slender fellow and had a cap.

Q. Did he have an overcoat?  
A. Yes.

Q. Light or dark color?  
A. Light-colored overcoat.

Q. Can you remember the color of his cap?  
A. No, sir.

Q. Was there anything else about the contents of the car that attracted your attention?  
A. No, I was anxious to get by. Passing about two blocks from Hinckley I made up my mind to pass him, and he stepped on the gas to do the same thing. Finally, I reached him, just shortly afterwards, about a mile or two I came near him and wanted to pass him but I noticed in my rear view mirror a coupe was going at high speed behind me. Before I had a chance to pass the black sedan the coupe was behind me and I was figuring to let the coupe pass me and then I will pass the black car. But the coupe did not pass me but crowded me between the black car and the coupe and I was in the center - one in front of my car and the coupe to the rear of my car. They made me drive an average of 40 miles an hour, and I could not get away from them at all until I came to an "S" corner and I made up my mind to get by him on the corner. I had my car in second gear and I passed him and I glanced on the black car and noticed that there was a lot of blankets and something covered by the blankets.

Q. What color were those blankets?  
A. Light gray color.

Q. What did they seem to be covering? What did it remind you of?  
A. I couldn't tell you.

Q. About how far above the windows did they seem to extend?  
A. About 5 or 6 inches above the windows.

Q. At the time you were looking in your rear view mirror and you observed the coupe following you, what did you particularly notice?  
A. I noticed there was two fellows in that car. One fellow - the driver - had a gray cap, gray overcoat, and had a pair of sun glasses.

Q. Have you any idea of his age?  
A. Around 35 or 37.

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- Q. That is the driver?
- A. Yes, sir. But the second party I could not see his face, but I noticed he had gray hair and was well dressed. He turned his face away so I could not see him.
- Q. Can you recall what kind of clothing this second person had on?
- A. I think he had on a brown overcoat and a hat.
- Q. For this mile or mile and a half I understand you to say that these two cars had you in a pocket?
- A. Yes, sir; that is right.
- Q. Do you have an idea where you were on the road - at what point?
- A. I must have been around 4 or 5 miles from Hinckley.
- Q. North of Hinckley?
- A. North - going towards Duluth.
- Q. About what time of day was this?
- A. It must have been between 1.00 and 1.30 p.m., January 23, 1934.
- Q. At this point in the road you mentioned - where there was an "S" curve and you tried to get by this first car - did you get by?
- A. Yes, I did. Then I ~~mmmm~~ noticed what I said a while ago about the blankets.
- Q. Before we leave this coupe - do you recall what kind of plates that car had?
- A. Yes, Minnesota license.
- Q. Have you any idea whether it was a large number?
- A. Four or 5 numbers.
- Q. Do you recall what kind of a coupe that car was?
- A. No sir; it was a small coupe. When I passed the black sedan and came to near Sandstone I decided to see if I could see the license on the coupe. I slowed down my car and let them two cars pass me, and in the meantime that coupe was always following that black sedan. When they passed me at Sandstone I could not notice it - the license - on account of it was full of mud. As soon as I left Sandstone I made my decision to get away from him altogether - I had a funny feeling that there was something wrong. I stepped on the gas but the coupe did not let me get by and crowded me to the ditch on the left side. Finally I came to a curve and tried to pass him and he got me - came close to my car - opened his window and he said to me, "You son of a bitch, beat it," and I stepped on the gas and went to Rutledge and I still noticed in the back of my mirror for 6 or 8 blocks both cars following each other. I run to Willow River at a Ford garage and I told the man that I wanted to see a constable or Sheriff or anyb and told him regarding what happened to me on the road. He ~~mmmm~~ ~~mm~~ advised me to go to Moose Lake and get hold there of the Highway Patrolman. When I was back of that coupe he had a spare tire - wire wheels painted green and the coupe was gray color and the license plates were very dirty but the car was clean.
- Q. What was the color of that coupe?
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Highway Patrolman because he was at Carlton, and I got hold of the Constable and I told him the whole story about it. He telephoned to the Highway Patrolman's wife to come at once, but the Patrolman passed Moose Lake and went right ahead to Willow River. The Constable jumped in my car and we followed the Patrolman. Finally we found him at Willow River and I told him the whole story as I am tell you gentlemen right now.

Q. Did you get the name of the Patrolman?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you get the name of the Constable?

A. No, sir; I did not. The Patrolman told me in front of the Constable that he saw that car a night or two nights before - the same description, the big black car - with some four fellows in it. He said he was going to St. Paul to report this whole matter and I left to go to Duluth to work. I stopped in at Cloquet at the Community Market.

Q. Did you telephone Duluth?

A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. Did you tell anybody the story there?

A. Yes, I told my experience in the Community Market at Cloquet, and I report to the Lieutenant Schulte of the Duluth Police Department at 6.45 p.m., today, January 25, 1934.

Q. Is there anything that is in your mind that has not been brought out by the questions I have asked you that might be material?

A. Nothing at all, Chief.

*P. E. Donaldson*

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Statements of L. J. MURPHY and CONRAD ERICKSON, Minnesota State Highway Patrol, made in the office of the Record Division, Police Headquarters, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Tuesday at 7:35 P.M., Jan. 23, 1934. E. M. Michel typing.

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The Minnesota Highway Patrolmen report as follows:

We were traveling south on Highway No. 1 coming from Duluth and at Carlton, Minn. we met a third Highway Patrolman, whose name is Lawrence Thrun. Thrun received a call for a Highway Patrolman, and this call came from the Moose Lake operator. The report was that there was an accident south of Moose Lake. We remained in Carlton for about a half hour after that, in which time Thrun went south and found out that there was no accident south of Moose Lake. He continued on his way to Sandstone. At Sandstone he met Harry Bachman, whose address is Spalding Hotel, Duluth. This man was highly excited. After we left Carlton, Minn. toward the Cities, we met Thrun who gave us the information we have. Bachman reported to Officer Thrun that he (Bachman) was traveling north, south of Sandstone, when he came across two cars traveling the same direction, one a black sedan, possibly a Lincoln, the back end of car muddied, license plates covered with mud, with one man driving the car, and another man in the back seat covered with a blanket. Following the Lincoln car, there was a Ford V8 coupe, license unknown on account of the muddied plates. This Ford had green wheels and the color of the Ford was black. The driver had a gray coat on, was under 40 yrs., had sun glasses. The man who was with him was an elderly man with gray hair. Both cars had Minnesota plates. He had no descriptions of anyone else. As these three cars were traveling North, Bachman in attempting to pass these cars had to pull in between them. They tried to edge him out. He noticed this and finally he pulled ahead of the Lincoln. He then became suspicious of these cars after he got ahead; so he decided to try to get back between them. He did get between them and this Ford V8 pulled up alongside of him and one of the men in the Ford V8 hollered to him, "You son of a bitch, beat it." He then shot ahead of these cars and went as far as Sandstone from which place he called for the Highway Patrol. The last he saw of these cars was at Sandstone and thru some arrangement unknown to us he called Rutledge, 8 miles north of Sandstone, and had them be on lookout for these cars. These cars were not seen anymore; so evidently they turned off the main highway. It is not known which way. This is the story told by Bachman to Officer Thrun, and on our way down from Carlton about a half hour after Thrun met Bachman, we met Thrun and he gave it to us. Thrun was going to call the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and as long as we were on the way to the Twin Cities, we said we would report this to the St. Paul Police Dept. Bachman was very nervous when he reported to Officer Thrun. We continued in and arrived at St. Paul at about 8:45 P.M.

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January 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

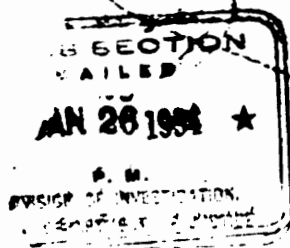
There are attached hereto duplicates prepared in the  
Division's Technical Laboratory of two additional letters  
which were received from the victim in the Bremer kidnaping  
case.

These letters are being sent for your observation and such  
use as you may have occasion to make of them.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 370506.



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January 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
335 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letters submitted by your office for laboratory examination in connection with the case entitled EDWARD G. BREWER, victim; Kidnaping. After laboratory examination with regard to typewriting and handwriting appearing on these letters and after they had been accurately measured and this data recorded, the letters were treated for the development of latent prints with a five per cent solution of silver nitrate with the following results:

Letter #1, typewritten with a Corona typewriter and beginning "You are hereby declared".

Approximately twenty latent prints were developed on the front and back of this letter. Of these seven were in sufficient detail to permit classification. The remainder are fragmentary but will be valuable for direct comparison with the fingerprints of suspects. Of the seven first mentioned, five have been identified as follows:

One latent print found to be that of Paul G. Bremer.

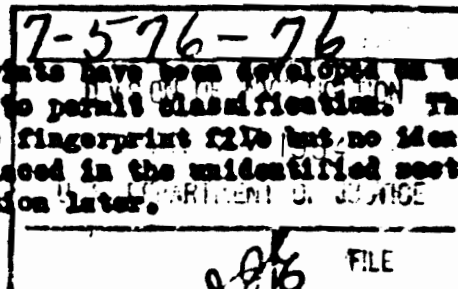
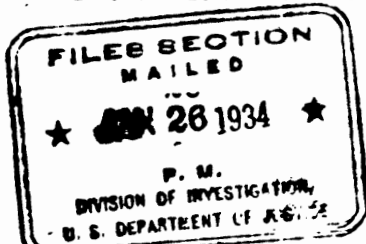
Four latent prints found to be those of Thomas Dahill.

The remaining two latent prints which could be classified have been searched through the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division but no identification has been effected. These are being placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to possible identification at a subsequent time as additional fingerprints are added thereto.

Envelope accompanying first letter and addressed "Charles Magee, Personal".

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A total of approximately ten latent prints have been developed on this envelope, of which two are in sufficient detail to permit classification. These two prints have been searched through the single fingerprint file but no identifications have been effected. They are being placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to possible identification later.



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Letter #2, typewritten with a Corona typewriter and beginning "You must be proud of yourself --".

About twelve latent prints have been developed on the two sides of this letter. Of these, five have been found to be those of Thomas Dahill and one latent print has been found to be that of Walter W. McCoo. Of the remainder three may be classified and they have been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. These three are also being placed in that file for future reference. Of the above mentioned three, one was quite indistinct and the classification attained is approximate. The remaining prints are of a fragmentary nature and cannot be searched through the single fingerprint file but may prove of value for comparison with the finger impressions of any named suspects.

Envelope addressed "To Walter McCoo, Very Important",  
Adolph Bremer

About six latent fingerprints have been developed on this envelope and one very good quarter section of the palmar surface of the hand. Of the fingerprints, two are in sufficient detail to permit classification and these will be searched through the single fingerprint file. The remaining are of a fragmentary nature and will prove of value only for direct comparison with the fingerprints of suspects.

Letter #3, typewritten with a Corona typewriter and beginning "If you can wait O.K. with us --".

Approximately six fragmentary latent prints have been developed on this letter, one of which is in sufficient detail to permit classification. This one latent print will be searched through the single fingerprint file. The remaining fragmentary prints will prove of value only for direct comparison purposes.

Envelope written with Corona typewriter and addressed "Dr. H. T. Nippert, Personal, Please deliver at once".

Three fragmentary latent prints have been developed on this envelope and may prove of value for direct comparison with the fingerprints of named suspects.

Letter #4, written in handwriting of Edward G. Bremer and beginning "Dearest Pat, Please do not worry --".

Approximately twenty latent prints have been developed on this letter. Of these eleven have been identified as those of the victim, Edward G. Bremer. None of the remaining prints can be classified but may prove of value for direct

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comparison. In addition to the above, there are at least three imprints from the palmar surface of a hand.

Envelope addressed in handwriting of the victim to "Mrs. Edward G. Bremer".

About seven fragmentary latent prints have been developed on this envelope and they may prove of value for direct comparison with the fingerprints of any suspects.

Letter #5, written in handwriting of victim and beginning "Dear Doctor, I am enclosing herewith --".

About twenty one latent fingerprints have been developed on this letter, as well as four imprints which appear to be of the palmar surface of the hands. Of these latent fingerprints, eight have been identified as the fingerprints of the victim. The remaining latent prints are too fragmentary to permit classification but may prove of value for direct comparison purposes.

Envelope addressed in handwriting of victim to "Dr. E. T. Hippert, Lowry Building".

Approximately nine latent prints have been developed on this envelope, of which one has been identified as that of the victim. One print can be classified and will be searched through the single fingerprint file. The remainder are of a fragmentary nature and cannot be classified but may prove of value for direct comparison purposes.

Letter #6, written in handwriting of victim and addressed to "Walter McCoy".

About fifteen latent prints have been developed on this letter but they have not yet been compared for elimination purposes or searched through the single fingerprint file.

Letter #7, written in pencil on stationery of the Union City Mission and addressed to "Federal Officer".

A number of latent prints have been developed on this letter. However, unless advice is received from your office that this letter has been connected with the case, it is not being considered immediately until complete examinations have been made of those listed above known to be authentic.

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Letter and envelope written with L. C. Smith typewriter and beginning "Put stated ransom in two suite cases --",

A few fragmentary latent prints have been developed on this letter and accompanying envelope, but unless advice is received from your office that it is believed to be directly connected with the case, consideration of the same is being held in abeyance while preference is given to the authentic letters.

In addition to the single fingerprint searches already made and those pending as reported above, direct comparisons are being conducted with the finger impressions of the following:

For Elimination Purposes

Ralph C. Vogel (Division employee)	Dr. H. T. Nippert
Edward G. Bremer	Paul G. Bremer
Werner Manni	Otto Bremer
Charles J. Tierney	Adolph Bremer
Walter W. McGee	Clarence E. Housman.
Thomas Dahill	

For Criminal Purposes

William Eagler, our file 481444	Clara Evans, our file 445378
John Roland, our file 818120	Ray D. Sherrill, our file 89480
Stewart Lambert, our file 649501	Thelma Collins, our file 743478
Jack E. Griffin, S.O., Los Angeles, Calif.	Paul Baughart, our file 48784
Charles Arthur Floyd, our file 84458	Walter O'Malley, our file 489741
Lloyd Doyle, our file 889844	Sam Turrin, our file 198578
Charles Jerabek, our file 808370	Reece De Grazia, our file 388499
Chester Eckert, our file 874574	Edward La Rue, our file 876128
Alvin Karpis, our file 198217	Albert Kerschner, our file 724981
Jack McGurn, our file 703481	George Hansen, our file 724980
Earl Courtney, our file 718395	Louis Stacey, our file 493801
Jack Thompson, our file 155308	Joseph Bannan, our file 724918
John Rooney, our file 718371	Otto Pulaski, our file 724918
John F. Lanza, our file 881713	Hugh Bannan, our file 724917
Frank Dillon, our file 718340	Sam Tarley, our file 141888
Sam Kronick, our file 701031	William Leonard, our file 724924
Lillian Holden, #80398, P.D., Kansas City, Mo.	Ludwig Schmidt, our file 68210
Bertha Hagler, #80406, P.D., Kansas City, Mo.	Hubert Bleigh, our file 842514
	Leon Clickner, #27307, U.S.P., Leavenworth, Kansas.

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F. G. Ward, our file 39163  
 Harry Campbell, our file 418336  
 Volney Davis, our file 400441  
 Dock Barker, our file 289428  
 Peter Valder, our file 700872  
 Frank McCormick, #3309, Ft. Leavenworth,  
 Kansas.

Thomas V. Filbin, our file 731433  
 Charles Albert Welk, our file 700886  
 Wilbur Gardner, our file 47641  
 Luckin A. Jones, our file 336386  
 Eddie Curran, our file 406431  
 Ben Wilson, our file 418400  
 Jack Lally, our file 149068  
 Isadore Blumenfeld, our file 700949  
 Harry A. Sawyer, #29022, U.S.P., Leaven-  
 worth, Kansas.

Barnet Berman, #2908, U.S.P., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Hotley Berman, #24336, P.D., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Tom Sullivan, #89, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
 Ivanhoe Silva, our file 176270.  
 Marjorie Keating, #20397, P.D., Kansas City,  
 Mo.

John H. Lager, our file 518301  
 Clyde Champion Barrow, our file 147077  
 William Trotter, our file 238668  
 Eddie Baker, our file 463668  
 Fred Cant, our file 182712  
 W. C. Wieseman, our file 60906  
 George Wilkie, our file 692116  
 Albert Katerbus, our file 643326  
 Frank Mulloy, our file 392709  
 James Clark, our file 182706  
 Edward Wilkita, our file 75884  
 Joseph Ryan, our file 160472  
 Adam Richetti, our file 174842  
 Martin O'Leary, our file 800109  
 Ed Davis, our file 281040

Richard F. Galatas  
 Earl H. Doyle, our file 111174

Charles Connors, our file 411644  
 Patrick Fraime, our file 677543  
 Mrs. George M. Chase, our file 29294  
 Carl Fontana, our file 361956  
 Alvin Peyton, our file 676985  
 John Nolan, our file 125426  
 George E. Snyder, our file 406385  
 Larry O'Keefe, our file 40771  
 Jess Doyle, our file 130403  
 Edward Gorman, our file 7987  
 A. J. Rankin, our file 36129  
 John B. Rees, our file 125235  
 Sam E. Cook, our file 172081  
 Dave Gifford, our file 342951  
 M. A. Pruitt, our file 685259  
 Thomas L. Gilbert, our file 7181  
 William Moten, our file 96394  
 Elvina Ruth Kohler, our file 647309  
 Fern May Sankay, our file 647901  
 Harry Sandovich, our file 421336  
 James Welch, our file 36780  
 Edward Darrow, our file 745946  
 Robert Schmidt, our file 36635  
 John B. Davenport, our file 126820  
 Olin Brummer, S.O., Edwardsville, Ill.  
 Grace Jones, Division Office, Chicago,  
 Ill.  
 Julius Augustus Jones, our file 726880  
 Ben Harris, #328, P.D., Minneapolis,  
 Minn.  
 Tommie Russell, #11457-1, P.D.,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Florence V. Casey, #390-2, P.D.,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.  
 John Peter Peiffer, our file 70018  
 George Austin, our file 163538  
 Frank Souders, our file 685480  
 Sam Cain, our file 299774  
 Morris Roisner, our file 328039  
 Bernard Phillips, our file 328705.

It is requested your office carefully examine the list of criminals given above and promptly submit to the Division names and identification data of any additional suspects whose fingerprints may be of record in the Division.



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In addition, your office is urged to make a careful recheck as to persons known to have handled these communications and submit the fingerprints of these persons in order that the remaining unidentified prints may be definitely linked with the kidnapers. In this connection it is noted the fingerprints of Mrs. Edward G. Bremer have not yet been submitted by your office.

Further advice will be furnished your office as the examination progresses.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cable-gram unless the dis- tinguished character is in- dicated by a suitable sign above or preced- ing the address.

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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NATHAN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

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MR. NATHAN  
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MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

January 27, 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

VERIFY FOLLOWING CURRENCY SERIAL NUMBERS FIVE DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS ALL  
READING FROM TOP PAGE THREE A COLUMN FIVE ITEM THREE TWO PAGE FIVE  
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AND SIX SIX PAGE EIGHTEEN COLUMN THREE ITEM ONE PAGE TWENTY COLUMN FOUR  
ITEM THREE FIVE TRANSMIT COMPLETE SERIAL NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/23-25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. J. DOWD.</b>
SUBJECT: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer (Victim).</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Post Office Box 2363, Dallas, Texas, in name of Eugene B. Miller. All mail received therein is being forwarded to Franklin A. Miller, alleged ex-convict, who formerly lived in Denver, Colo. Miller now said to be located at Navarro Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, where mail is being sent to him care General Delivery. <div style="text-align: right;">R.U.C.</div>			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Salt Lake City Division Office, dated January 23, 1934, to Dallas Division Office.			
DETAILS: Upon receipt of the telegram of reference, reading: <b>BENJAMIN LASKA ATTORNEY FOR BATES SANKY RECEIVED LETTER FROM POST OFFICE BOX TWO THREE SIX THREE DALLAS TEXAS POSTMARKED JANUARY TWENTIETH STOP CHECK BOX DETERMINE IDENTITY RENTOR OTHERS RECEIVING MAIL FOR ANY VALUE TO SUBJECT OR BREMER KIDNAPING STOP FURNISH OKLAHOMA ST PAUL OFFICES MYSELF YOUR FINDINGS,</b> the writer interviewed Postmaster W. B. Luna at the Dallas Post Office, and ascertained that Eugene B. Miller, 2615 Shelby Street, Dallas, Texas, rented box 2363 on February 17, 1933. The application was signed by one F. A. Miller, attorney in fact; references: Hume Kirkguard; Prather Cadillac Motor Company, Dallas. The rent on box 2363 was paid by applicant to December 31, 1933, although the box was discontinued upon request early in December and reopened on December 26, 1933.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-79</b> JAN 29 1934 4 M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Initials]</i>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division.....3 St. Paul.....2 Okla. City.....1 Salt L. City..2 Dallas.....2		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JAN 28 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>JAN 30 1934</b> JACKETED:	

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in accordance with letter directed to the Postmaster as follows:

OLD ENGLISH GARDEN COMPANY  
Distributors of  
HIGH GRADE LAWN ACCESSORIES  
Since 1880  
P. O. Box 2363

Dallas, Texas  
12-24-33.

Postmaster,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly re-open Post Office Box 2363 and  
issue Key for same. This change will be greatly appreciated.

The Wife will have full charge of the mailing and  
collecting of mail and hereby give you full authority recognize  
this little woman as the Boss.

The Mail has been going to Westbrook Hotel, Ft.  
Worth, but has been ordered changed to your office.

Old English Garden Company  
English Garden Company  
Eugene B. Miller  
Franklin A. Miller.

Eugene B. Miller  
By Franklin A. Miller  
Atty in Fact

(signed) Eugene B. Miller  
by Franklin A. Miller.

This letter was written on the letter head as above.

Through Sam Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Mail, Dallas, Texas,  
Post Office, the writer learned that the Post Office Records reflect from time  
to time instructions have been received from Franklin A. Miller by telegraph and  
letter to forward mail to different places in Texas and also general delivery  
Denver, Colorado. Until recently mail from box 2363 has been forwarded to

Franklin A. Miller at the Westbrook Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas. The latter hotel is known in the past to have been a stopping place for confidence men and high-powered crooks. According to Mr. Berry all mail now deposited in box 2363 is being picked up by a young man who states he resides in Dallas and is the son of Franklin A. Miller.

Mr. Berry informed the writer that sometime ago Franklin A. Miller was taken into custody by two Dallas Detectives while taking mail from box 2363 that he was brought to the office of Post Office Inspector Long, located at that time in the Federal Building in Dallas. After questioning Miller he was released inasmuch as it was determined that he was not the man the Government was looking for. It appears that one Franklin Miller was wanted by the Government for mail fraud, and Franklin A. Miller was suspected. Mr. Berry stated that he recalls at the time that one of the detectives told him that Franklin A. Miller was an ex-convict, having served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary; that an admitted Post Office Box 2363 was taken out in the name of his son Eugene Miller who lives in Colorado. At the time of the writer's inquiry letters in box 2363 were found as follows:

1 letter from Kilgore Independent School District, Kilgore, Texas, addressed to Franklin A. Miller.

1 letter from United Telegraph Company, Llano, Texas, addressed to the English Garden Company.

1 letter from Carr & Young, 301-3 South 29th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, addressed to Old English Garden Company.

At the Dallas Police Department the records in the Bureau of Identification failed to disclose anyone by the name of Eugene B. Miller or Franklin A. Miller.

Capt. Dunch, in charge of the Detective Bureau, and his assistant, Roy Richburg, stated that they have no record of Eugene B. Miller and Franklin A. Miller, and the detectives consulted by them did not remember any such persons.

The writer interviewed Hane Kirkguard, a salesman employed by the Prather-Cadillac-LaSalle Company, 1515 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Kirkguard stated he gave no one authority to use his name as a reference for renting any post office box; however, he recalled one Franklin A. Miller who purchased from him a second hand, 1929 model, Pierce Arrow Automobile during February 1933, for \$350.00 - terms, \$100.00 cash down payment and \$50.00 per month. He states that the car was paid for in full although Miller owes his company \$10.00 for repairs. He furthermore stated that he does not know the present whereabouts of Franklin A. Miller but from an automobile mechanic named J. M. Pierce he learned that Miller married a Mrs. Franden of Dallas, Texas, over a year ago, and that her son Clifford Franden is a musician in an orchestra now playing at the Golden Glow Night Club in Dallas.



At the Golden Glow Night Club operated by Mr. J. E. Holling, Dallas, Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, the writer interviewed Clifford Franden, who stated that Franklin A. Miller married his mother in June 1932. That Miller is a landscape artist. He travels throughout the States of Texas and Colorado; that at one time his mother and Miller lived at 2615 Shelby Street, Dallas, but on account of Miller being obliged to travel they had to give up their home at that address, and at the present time have no permanent residence. The last address was care of the Westbrook Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Clifford Franden states that several days ago his mother and Miller were at the Navarro Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Franden resides with his mother, J. E. Spencer, 4926 Ash Lane, at which address his mother also makes her home when in Dallas. In addition to being a landscape artist, Mr. Franden stated that Miller sells imported garden seed; that in connection with the sale of this seed in the State of Illinois several years ago, Franklin A. Miller got into trouble and was extradited from Texas and taken back to Illinois for trial; that he was convicted of the charge and sentenced to serve one to ten years in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill. The exact nature of the charge is unknown to Franden. He states that at the present time Franklin A. Miller is out on parole; that Miller formerly lived in Denver where Miller's daughter, Mrs. Jack Smith, and son Eugene Miller, still reside.

According to Clifford Franden, the only mail received in box 2363, Dallas, Texas, is addressed to the following:

Old English Garden Company  
English Garden Company  
Eugene B. Miller  
Franklin A. Miller

This mail is collected from time to time by Franden, who stated that he forwards it to Franklin A. Miller, Miller's last address, according to Franden, is General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas. This address will probably be good for the next ten days.

The records at the office of the Tax Assessor and County Tax Collector of Dallas, Texas, disclosed that 1929 Pierce Arrow Sedan, motor #009525, was registered on February 1, 1933, in the name of Eugene B. Miller, address 2615 Shelby Street, Dallas, Texas. On March 24, 1933, this car was transferred to the name of Alice Miller, and on September 3, 1933, transferred to C. D. Franden, 3407 Lancaster Street, Dallas. There was no record of the new 1934 license plates.



The records in the County Clerk's Office, reflect that on Nov. 7, 1933, Franklin A. Miller, 2615 Shelby Street, Dallas, Texas, registered the name English Garden Company, Certificate No. 6151.

A description of Franklin A. Miller as furnished by persons interviewed is as follows:

Age: about 62  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 220  
Complexion: ruddy  
Eyes: blue  
Hair: dark  
Face: thin  
Marital status: married  
Nationality: American  
Occupation: landscape artist.

Copies of this report are furnished to the offices designated in reference telegram.

No leads are set out by the Dallas Office, this matter being left to the discretion of the Salt Lake City Office in the event it is deemed necessary to conduct further investigation.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

St. Paul, Minnesota

January 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.

KIDNAPING.

St. Paul File 7-88.

With reference to the information furnished on 1-23-34 by Special Agent Fortenberry regarding a letter received at the Bremer residence, Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake and this Agent made a physical inspection around and about the pump at Lake Sakonnis, Minneapolis, but failed to find any indication that a note was tied to any of the many trees surrounding the pump. This investigation was conducted on the afternoon of January 23, 1934.

On the same date these Agents, in company with Detectives Moserock and Sarrow of the St. Paul Police Department and Detective Lindholm of the Minneapolis Police Department, acting on information furnished by JOHN MILLER, 4201 Dupont Avenue, North, who is an employee of the Cedar Ice Company, to the effect that he had seen a yellow or light colored small coupe at the city limits of the northeast end of Minneapolis the afternoon of the kidnaping and one of the occupants, a man, asked him which way was down town Minneapolis; however, after he had directed this man, he drove in the opposite direction, made an investigation east of the river and just off Second Avenue, in a small settled district, just outside of the northeast Minneapolis City Limits, which failed to reflect that anyone else in that vicinity had seen the car in question; or that anyone had moved in within the past six months with the exception of one family, whose name was not known, but the man apparently works everyday, leaving his home walking to town. A young woman with a baby was noticed in this house and there is no evidence that an automobile had driven in the yard or about the premises. In view of the above, no further investigation was conducted.

During the afternoon of 1-23-34, Agent Coulter confidentially contacted DR. ALBERT G. SCHULTE, Lowry Medical Arts Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is Secretary of the Ramsey County Medical Association, and inquiry was made of him as to whether he had received any information from doctors of his acquaintance that had treated a man in the past few days for head or face wound. DR. SCHULTE advised he had no such information, although he had the day previously attended a meeting of all the doctors in the Ramsey County Association, and talked with a great number of them about various matters. He promised to keep the inquiry absolutely confidential.

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This Agent also on January 24, 1934, contacted Detective A.M. Maroon of the Minneapolis Police Department for any information he might be able to furnish this Division which would be of use in this case. He stated, however, that he had received no ransom notes and that he did not have any information of value. He promised his full cooperation as he receives any information which may be of value to this Division.

Very truly yours,

R.S. Coulter, Special Agent.

ROC:IM

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9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WESNER HANKE:

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-80.

This agent, accompanied by Agents Hall and Brennan and Deputy Sheriff SHUTTLEWORTH, drove to the building now known as the "Brook", formerly the "White House" and last operated by one BOB HAMILTON, located on the corner of Larpesteur and Snelling Avenues.

A watchman allowed us to enter without objection and stated that he would show us through the house. The building, which had last been operated as a gambling establishment, was unheated and the furniture had been piled up in the rooms and most of the equipment stored in storerooms. Examination was made of all rooms from basement to attic and nothing of interest to this case was found.

The four-car garage and storeroom in the rear of the building was also inspected with like results.

Deputy Sheriff SHUTTLEWORTH drove from the Brook Tavern past the farm known as the Harry Sawyer farm and pointed out same to agents for possible future reference. The Sawyer farm may be reached by going straight north on Rice Street and following the paved highway past the farm. It is located approximately ten miles from the downtown St. Paul district.

Very truly yours,

E. H. MOTTEN, Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HANKE:

WENNER KIDNAPING.

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

The night elevator operator at the St. Paul Hotel informed me that on Wednesday morning, about 2:30 or 3:00 a.m., a dark, Lincoln sedan with light wooden wheels drove up near the St. Paul Hotel and he believed that there was a smaller car, possibly a Ford, with the party that stopped some distance up the street from this car; that four men got out of the Lincoln car and went into the St. Paul Hotel where they did considerable telephoning; that they remained in the vicinity of the St. Paul Hotel until around 5:30 a.m., and during the period while there, these men were awaiting a telephone call from Austin, Minnesota. This elevator boy copied the license number on the Lincoln car, which is Illinois 1933 No. 649,923. It appears that it may be advisable to have a check made on this license number since there is a possibility that it may have some connection with the WENNER case.

Very truly yours,

R. L. HALLS,  
Special Agent.

RLH:HVS

ADDENDUM:

This license number was checked through the records at Springfield, Illinois, by the St. Louis office and it was determined that this was issued to LAWRENCE J. HENSON, R.F.D. 2, Hawthorne Boulevard, Mendota Lake County, Illinois, for 1933 Lincoln Sedan. It develops that LAWRENCE J. HENSON is Chief Special Agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad and is well known in this vicinity.

R. T. NOONAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St Paul, Minnesota  
January 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-50.

Agent Fortenberry called at 9:50 A.M. advising that a call had just been received at the Bremer residence from Mrs. Magee who had received a note mailed at Minneapolis, 5:50 P.M., Tuesday, January 22nd, 1934, addressed to Walter Magee, note read:

"Go to Lake Wakarusa Minneapolis where the old pump is. Will find note tied to a tree that will tell you where to put the money Monday afternoon at three. We will return your man Bremer Wednesday night.

Signed: The Gang

Very truly yours,

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R.T. Noonan, Special Agent,

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANSEN:

Re: St. Paul file 7-30.

On the morning of January 24th, Inspector TIMMEY of the St. Paul Police Department called this office and requested that an agent accompany one of his men on an investigation relative to the instant case. Accordingly, this agent, in company with Assistant Inspector McMULLEN of the St. Paul Police Department, proceeded to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and Night Officer CUMMINGS was met; and in company with him, [REDACTED] was interviewed.

[REDACTED] stated that he wished that any information he might give be treated strictly confidential.

He advised that on January 18th, three men, all of whom were suspicious looking characters, [REDACTED] that they made inquiries concerning the possible opening of a liquor warehouse in the vicinity [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but they appeared to know nothing whatever about the wholesale liquor business. They inquired for a man by the name of FRYOR who formerly resided at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and who is reputed to have a criminal record in both St. Paul and Minneapolis. Subsequent to their departure, three more individuals arrived, all of suspicious appearance, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they were in the vicinity for the purpose of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but at no time did they carry any weapons. [REDACTED] Fish, nor did they appear to have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] supposed to be the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] identify him as such, as being his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that it has come to the attention of a number of citizens in Detroit Lakes that a cabin located in the northwesterly end of Bad Medicine Lake, which is approximately 40 miles outside of Detroit

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Lakes, has been occupied by a man and a woman so far this winter. This is considered most unusual as the country is entirely isolated during the winter months. The woman recently was in the Graystone Hotel and at that time showed the effects of liquor, and she passed the remark that although she knew she was isolated, it would be well worth her while as she would receive a good sum of money in the near future.

[redacted] further stated that an individual known to him as [redacted], who has been in the vicinity of Detroit Lakes for some time and is reputed to have underworld connections in Chicago, has been a frequent visitor at the above mentioned cabin on Bad Medicine Lake.

It was [redacted] suspicion that possibly there might be some connection between the instant case and the cabin referred to above.

Officer GUMMINGS supplemented remarks of [redacted] by stating that he had noticed two or three strangers in town in a large dark sedan during the past week.

Deputy Sheriff OLSON was contacted and he advised this agent that he too had recently been suspicious of the cabin located on Bad Medicine Lake; that a young man, whom he had met in the Graystone Hotel, had stated to him that there was a private telephone line running to this cabin and that the whole layout was of a very suspicious nature. This individual identified himself to Sheriff OLSON as a MR. THOMPSON. He is a total stranger in the vicinity and could not be located in Detroit Lakes on January 24th.

Deputy Sheriff OLSON further stated that reports have been flying around town that there was some connection between the BREMER kidnaping and this cabin on Bad Medicine Lake. However, he was unable to definitely give the name of any one individual with whom he had talked or from whom he had obtained this information.

MR. B. A. BRADFORD, investigator of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, residing at the Graystone Hotel, called this agent on January 25th and stated that Deputy Sheriff OLSON had advised him of agent's presence in town. MR. BRADFORD advised that he had information concerning the aforementioned cabin that he was positive that a still was located there; that the man who occupied it was known as MR. D. A. WALLACE; that he had described himself to inhabitants in that vicinity as a salesman, an engineer, and an artist; and that he had reason to suspect that the whole situation would merit investigation.

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On January 24, 1934, Special Agents Gaultier and Noonan, in company with St. Paul Police officers, arrived in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and Deputy Sheriff OLSON agreed to drive the whole party to the cabin on the northwesterly end of Bad Medicine Lake. The Deputy Sheriff procured the services of an Indian inhabitant who agreed to point out the cabin. During the course of the trip to Bad Medicine Lake, this Indian guide stated that an airplane had been seen in the vicinity of this cabin during the past week.

On the evening of January 24th the whole party set out and proceeded some 25 miles through country roads that were almost impassable and arrived at a point somewhere north of Bad Medicine Lake; and an attempt was made to reach the cabin of D. A. WALLACE but because of the impassable roads and the temperature, which had dropped to approximately 22 degrees below zero, after four hours of exploration in this vicinity it was found to be impossible to reach the cabin that night.

Accordingly, on the morning of January 25th, the party set out again, accompanied by the Indian, and after considerable searching, the cabin was finally located on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake. It is a very well furnished stone residence. The man who identified himself as MR. D. A. WALLACE of 4940 East 84th Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was found residing there with a woman who he stated was his wife and a small baby that he stated was his child. MR. WALLACE stated that he is an engineer; that he has been living on the premises for approximately one and a half years; that he has not been away from the premises since before Christmas of 1933. This statement appeared to be true as investigation of the premises developed the fact that no tracks appeared on the highway leading to or from the cabin, and examination of the lake reflected the fact that the snow was approximately one foot deep and that there were no tracks such as would be made by the landing of an airplane either with skis or wheels since the last snow storm, which was approximately three weeks ago.

MR. WALLACE readily agreed to a search of the house, but nothing of an unusual nature could be found. There is no telephone located in the premises and the nearest phone is some five or six miles away.

On returning to Detroit Lakes, the party passed through a town known as Ponsford, Minnesota. Inquiry was made there concerning this D. A. WALLACE, and information was received to the effect that he kept a Lincoln Coupe, 1930 model, in the garage in that town. Special Agent Noonan, in company with the St. Paul Police officers, visited this garage and examined the aforementioned Lincoln Coupe. He found it bearing Illinois 1933 license plates 5139-8; that the motor number is 53372, and in the car was found a 1930 Chicago City license bearing the name of D. A. WALLACE.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

A reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press called and said that there was a suspicious character at the Lowry Hotel. He seemed to be from Milwaukee and his name is KAIBER and he weighs about 275 pounds and he is in the real estate business and has a lot of money. His identity should be checked.

The reporter also said that a number of shady characters, who have been out of town, are returning; among them he mentioned FRANK MCCORMICK and BENNY HARRIS.

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-80.

A reporter from the Minneapolis Tribune called and said there was a lead in connection with the gasoline station at Excelsior Boulevard just west of the city limits. He said that there is a row of six houses, five of which are vacant; that at the sixth one yesterday afternoon there was seen an automobile, a large car, and four men in the car who had a couple of machine guns. The license number of the car shows that it is owned by J. A. JAMIESON, 4509 Vallance Avenue.

The newspaper man's informant in this case is [REDACTED] b7d

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-55.

MR. OTTO BREMER said that he had information that E. E. SINDERSON  
of the bank at Clear Lake, Wisconsin, had some information.

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

• KIDNAPING.

St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Forwarded herewith please find various memoranda showing developments in the above case to date. These memoranda include:

3 by Asst. Director Harold Nathan dated 1-26-34  
1 by Sp. Agt. T. J. Dodd dated 1-26-34  
1 by Sp. Agt. R. T. Noonan dated 1-23-34  
1 by Sp. Agt. R. C. Coulter dated 1-26-34  
1 by Sp. Agt. E. N. Notesteen dated 1-25-34  
1 by Sp. Agts. R. L. Nalls and R. T. Noonan, 1-25-34.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Noonan*  
R. T. NOONAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

January 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

There are transmitted herewith numerous letters received from various sources relative to the above entitled matter, copies of which have been made and are in the files of the St.Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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January 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. MORER.....

Reference is made to the attached letter from the St. Paul Office dated January 27, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. There were transmitted with the reference letter 16 anonymous, crank and information letters, which are listed below for record purposes.

They will be examined in the Laboratory to determine whether the handwriting or typewriting in any of them is similar to the handwriting of Edward G. Bremer or to the handwriting or typewriting in any other matters received in regard to this case to date. Unless otherwise instructed no fingerprint examination is being made.

1. Anonymous letter postmarked St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Just overheard a conversation that might give the police another clue - \*\*\*\*"
2. Letter postmarked New Salem, N. Dak., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Adam Sumann."
3. Letter postmarked Delaware, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mrs. Dennis Lewis".
4. Letter postmarked Nazareth, Pa., Jan. 22, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Herbert H. Griffith".
5. Letter postmarked Albany, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Elizabeth Bremer".
6. Letter postmarked Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "J. H. McCormick".
7. Letter postmarked Iowa City, Iowa, Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to W. C. C. Radio Station, Minneapolis, Minn., and signed "Mrs. I. E. Adams".
8. Letter postmarked Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 20, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "A. F. Beach".
9. Letter dated Jan. 21, 1934, postmark illegible, return address on envelope Willard, O., addressed to Mr. Adolf Bremer, and signed "E. A. Carpenter".
10. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mrs. Grace Mulvey".
11. Special delivery letter postmarked Harvey, N. Dak., Jan. 22, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Mrs. L. Mills".
12. Airmail letter postmarked Portland, Oreg., Jan. 20, 1934, addressed to Adolph Bremer (personal), and signed "Benj. F. Atherton".

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13. Anonymous letter postmarked Duluth, Minn., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to "Schmith Brewing Company. Jacob Schmith Brewing Company, Saint Paul MINN.", the first sentence of which reads "The writer thinks that if you got the Mid Paul Gang, with all of the Ostrov Boys, the gamblers and pimps, with the two Green Boys \*\*\* "
14. Letter postmarked Amesbury, Mass., Jan. 22, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Etta L. Sanborn".
15. Special delivery letter postmarked Hayfield, Jan. 24, 1934, return address New Hampton, Iowa., addressed to Adolph Bremer and signed "L. J. Dee".
16. Anonymous letter dated Jan. 24, Glenwood, Minn., the first sentence of which reads "Just a hunch 2 suspicious large sedans seen drive in at wide open rode house which has bin in operation here for the past 2 years \*\*\* "

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

January 25, 1934.

HHC:DSS

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROHR	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Edwards advised that he is in receipt of a note postmarked the 23rd. and addressed to W. A. Magee in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, advising that the money was to be put in two suitcases and delivered at a mail box in a yellow cab. Mr. Hanni had requested telephonic information as to the kind of typewriter with which this message was written. Based on information furnished by Mr. Edwards Mr. Hanni was telephonically advised this morning that it was written on an L. C. Smith typewriter of a manufacturing date of approximately 1922.

In accordance with Mr. Edwards' observation some of the numbers of the currency available to be used as ransom money in the Bremer case have a letter in the middle of the series of numbers. Mr. Edwards sought verification as to the correctness of these numbers. Mr. Hanni was requested to verify same and advise telegraphically.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

January 26, 1934.

JAN 30 1934 PM

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find note received this date addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, 92 N. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota, postmarked Minneapolis, 9:30 P.M., 1-25-34. This is being submitted for examination for fingerprints and comparison with other notes which have been received in this case.

There is also enclosed herewith original letter and envelope, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, 7:30 P.M., January 23, 1934, addressed to Miss Louise Bremer, 855 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minn. This address is placed on the paper with pasted newspaper strips; also letter postmarked St. Paul, Minnesota, Jan. 20, 1934, 10:30 A.M., to Mr. Adolph Bremer, 885 West 7th Str., St. Paul, Minn.; and letter postmarked Thief River Falls, Minnesota, January 24, 1934, 9:00 P.M., addressed to H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Copies of these letters have been made and are retained in the file of the St. Paul Division office.

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Very truly yours, JAN 31 1934

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*R. T. Noonan*  
R. T. NOONAN, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge. JAN 29 1934 P.M.

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January 25, 1934

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
209 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the handling of the Bremer kidnaping case there are some matters concerning which I desire to speak very frankly because of indications that there has developed, in a few instances at least, a laissez-faire attitude in the handling of certain leads in the case and in the general attitude surrounding its development.

As an example I wish to comment upon the paragraph appearing in a letter signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Noonan, of the St. Paul office, wherein he refers to a note which had been found in a taxicab and there was an indication that the note might have some connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, although the conclusion appeared in the communication from the St. Paul office that the note was written because of a publicity seeking desire of the taxicab driver. Upon telephoning the St. Paul office it was ascertained that the employees of this Division had made no investigation of this note and that they had accepted the comments of the police department. In fact, the existence of such a note had apparently not been verified by Special Agents of this Division. Information has been received by the New York City office to the effect that the note had been compared by an alleged document identification expert and the opinion was expressed that the note had been written by a New York criminal who has been identified as "The Three X Murderer". The probability of the taxicab driver being "The Three X Murderer" or, in fact, a participant in the Bremer kidnaping, existed yet, although our St. Paul office was aware of the existence of the note and of the circumstances relating to it, it had not conducted any investigation but was merely accepting a conclusion which had not been verified by our own personnel. You can readily realize that such an attitude toward an existing lead might prove disastrous and that the attitude might easily be interpreted as confirming allegations appearing in newspapers that the "Federal Investigators are adopting an attitude of watchful waiting". I desire that every potential lead in this case be given thorough and vigorous attention; that any disposition to treat lightly any actual or potential lead be dissipated at once and that the development of this case proceed along more enthusiastic and vigorous lines.

Mr. Harold Nathan.

2/25/34.

I am again unable to understand the apparent inconsistency in one memorandum which the Division has received relating to a telephone call showing that Mr. Adolf Bremer would probably rely upon any suggestion or recommendation which the Division's representatives might make and yet when the time came for obtaining the consent of the Bremer family for the extortion notes to be treated scientifically it became necessary to wait more than a half a day before this information could be obtained. I understand that a Special Agent of the Division is in the Bremer household and that contacts might easily be made by representatives of the Division and yet the procedure of scientifically examining the extortion notes for latent evidence had to be delayed an entire day because of the delay in getting the consent of the Bremer family to treat the notes with chemicals.

As you have been advised by telephone, some rumors have reached the Division in Washington to the effect that the Post Office Inspectors have developed information in some case which apparently will lead to its successful conclusion, and that there exists the probability that the case referred to is the Bremer kidnaping case. Confirming the oral suggestion made by telephone last night I desire that all the local officials of the Federal investigating agencies in St. Paul and Minneapolis be specifically informed that if they receive any information relating to the Bremer case they are to transmit such information immediately to you or the St. Paul office in order that there might be no delay in developing any leads arising therefrom.

I have likewise been somewhat distressed by reports which I have received here to the effect that Mr. Cullen is being accorded privileges not taken advantage of by other newspaper men covering the Bremer kidnaping case. You can readily observe the position in which such a situation would place the Division if the allegations were true. Therefore, it is suggested that a great deal of discretion be exercised in order that there may be no basis for the fear expressed by some newspaper men in Washington that Mr. Cullen will receive the inside story because of his relationship and close social contact with the Division's representatives in St. Paul. Of course, I am not desirous that anything be done to place Mr. Cullen in a disadvantageous position as compared with other representatives but if he should assume privileges which other newspaper men are not assuming, it is believed that this would lead to an unwholesome situation.

Will you please give these matters your personal attention and convey to the Special Agents working on the case the Division's attitude toward these various matters so that they might have no misunderstanding as to the proper procedure to adopt in this or in any similar situations which may arise.

Very truly yours,

AIR MAIL

Director.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. GAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSEN

January 24, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
(KIDNAPING).  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In the above case, there is forwarded under separate cover by special delivery, registered mail, box containing broken glass, which is glass from the bottle that had contained ransom note.

It is desired that efforts be made to find some fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

*glass rec'd but in  
very bad condition*



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JAN 24 1934

*Letter in mail  
1/27/34  
E.G.C.*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

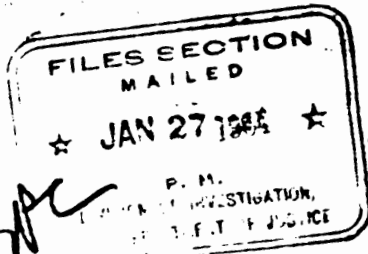
Reference is made to the letter of the Assistant Director,  
Mr. Nathan, dated January 24, 1934, in connection with the transmittal  
by special delivery, registered mail, of a box of broken glass from the  
bottle containing ransom notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised when this material was received in the Division  
it was found the glass was completely shattered with the exception of the  
bottle neck containing the cork. A fragmentary latent print of doubtful  
value was developed on this bottle neck. No fingerprints could be  
developed on the remaining small pieces of glass.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL.



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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINN

PREMER CASE SUGGEST TRANSMIT HERE BLOODSTAINS FOUND IN CAR FOR  
ANALYSIS SEE IF HUMAN BLOOD

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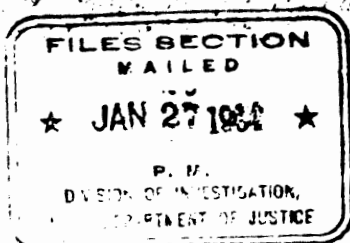
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to the attached memorandum addressed to the Attorney General under date of January 22, 1934 by Assistant Attorney General Keenan, I informed Mr. Carusi on January 23 that it was my opinion that the least said about the Bremer case by any person at this time, the better. I stated that I did not believe there should be any statements, either to the press or to the news reels, or through any other medium concerning this case. Until the case is concluded, I think the less said by the authorities, the better.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JANUARY 19 1934

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Press reports announce another kidnaping in St. Paul and while I have no information in reference to it, my intuition tells me that Leon Glickman is just raising a fund to defend the Criminal proceeding which the Government has recently instituted against him-It is difficult for me to conceive of a kidnaping taking place in St. Paul without Glickman's approval.

The Government files will disclose how unjustly and severely I was punished for having entered a protest against Glickman's release (See Glickman vs U. S. Fed Rep 8th Circuit for a history of the case) Later when all my efforts failed to secure an exoneration of the vile and contemptible conspiracy which had formed and executed against me I was about to start a civil action against some of those whom I believed responsible for their acts against me when I was informed that if I persisted in that course of action against Glickman, et al, that I would be taken out for an unreturned ride-which of course forced me to abandon the proposed action. If I can be of service to you or your department in helping to bring the kidnapers to justice, please command me.

Respectfully yours,

A. J. Hertz  
6011 Plankinton Bldg.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

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Mr. A. J. Nerts,  
6011 Flankinton Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 19, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer has been referred to Mr. M. M. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated January 19, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, by Mr. A. J. Merts, 6011 Franklin Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, concerning the above entitled case.

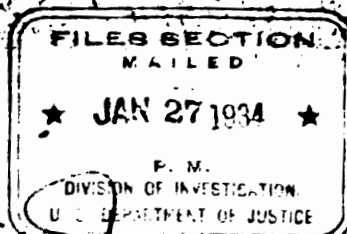
It is requested that an agent of your office interview Mr. Merts at the earliest possible date and obtain from him any information he may have concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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c/s St. Paul



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January 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Dear Sir:

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

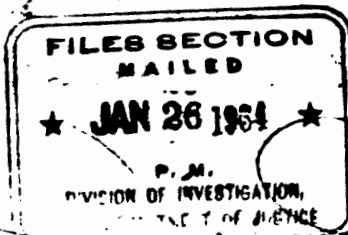
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

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