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

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P. O. Box 515.

St. Paul, Minn. February 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDW.G.

BREMER, victim, kidnaping, I enclose photograph of a finger print

taken off the Chevrolet coupe which was used by the pay off man, furnished by the kidnapers and previously stolen. For elimination purposes the pattern of Agent Fortenberry and Walter Magee should be searched.

I feel it advisable to compare prints of

- Alvin Karpis #1539 KSP Lansing
- Harry Campbell #9420 S O Tulsa Okl.
- Fred Barker #9836 KSP Lansing
- Arthur R. Barker # 11906 O S P McAlister
- Volney Davis #12808 SPO McAlister.

Very truly yours

Werner Hanni
Werner Hanni,

Special Agent in Charge.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
EDWARD BREMER - MURKIN
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter dated February 11, 1934, in the above
entitled case, you are advised that there is located in your district
an additional manufacturer of wall paper in Beverly, New Jersey,
trading as the Beverly Paper Company.

R. S. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1405, 220 Lexington Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

February 14, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation with Special Agent J. E. Martin of your office yesterday afternoon, in connection with the flashlight known as the LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN, which was used in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim, Kidnaping, you are advised that our information obtained from the Niagara Searchlight Company is to the effect that this light is exclusively distributed by Sears-Roebuck & Company. This particular light has been carried in the Sears-Roebuck & Company's catalog since May of 1933, under No. 30 3 1781.

The Division desires that the distributors and dealers who may have handled the light in the states given you over the telephone, be obtained and followed out by appropriate leads in order to determine where the particular light was purchased.

Attention is called to the fact that the flashlight in question was equipped with a special red lens bearing the name FILMOLENS. Inquiry has developed that this lens was probably manufactured by the FILMOLENS SALES COMPANY of Detroit, Michigan and the Detroit Division Office is making inquiries in this regard.

The manufacturers of the flashlight advise that lights are never equipped by them with a red lens and it is accordingly assumed that the lenses were installed in the lights after their purchase.

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cc:St.Paul
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Very truly yours,
F. L. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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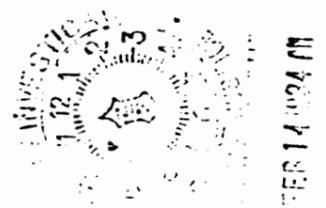
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WERNER HANNI,
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
 203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,
 ST. PAUL, MINN.

BRIEFER CASE THOMAS STRAHAN COMPANY CHELSEA MASS REPORTS NEVER MADE WALLPAPER OF DESIGN DESCRIBED STOP TRANSMITTING AIRMAIL THIRTY NINE WALLPAPER MANUFACTURERS NAMES STOP FURTHER INQUIRY BY THIS OFFICE PRAGER COMPANY WORCESTER MASS

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fay telephoned and stated that, in connection with the "Three-I" case in which Mr. Lou Wedemar was interested, a report had been received from the laboratory that the handwriting in the "Three-I" murder was found not identical with the note written from the Union Mission in connection with the Bremer case.

He inquired whether Wedemar should be informed that this was the case and I advised him that it would be O.K. to do so.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 10, 1934.

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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Cowley	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____
Mr. Rorer	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During a conversation with Mr. Larson by telephone he advised that he had learned from the Sergeant of State Police in Michigan that the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery get-away charts were prepared by Jack Davenport, well-known in St. Paul and Minneapolis, who prepared these notes on a Corona Typewriter at either the Admiral or the West Hotel in Minneapolis. This information has been telephonically made known to Mr. Appel.

Respectfully,

HHC
H. H. Clegg

memo Mr. Clegg

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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FEB 16 1934

With reference to your memorandum of February 10th, concerning a conversation had by you with Mr. Larson of our Detroit Office, giving the identity of the writer or preparer of the charts in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery of Jack Davenport, I believe that this should be immediately relayed to our St. Paul Office if it has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter of February 11, 1934, in the above entitled case, there is attached hereto, in triplicate, a list of the wholesale wallpaper distributors in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. As you were informed previously, this list was obtained from Mr. Justin P. Allman, president of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association of Philadelphia, and, according to Mr. Allman, contains the names of the majority of the wholesalers in those states.

There are transmitted herewith, also, three copies of the list of members of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association. You will note that there are members of this association listed in the pamphlet in the states aforementioned, and Mr. Allman advises that the names of several of these wholesalers who are members of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association are not listed in the typed list transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. O. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of even date
there is attached hereto memorandum outlining information which
will be of value in conducting investigation at the

Century Wallpaper Company,
Decatur, Illinois

which is the only wallpaper manufacturing company in your district.

As suggested it is requested that samples be obtained
of all wallpaper in any way approximating the design listed in the
attached memorandum and same be forwarded to the St. Paul office. It
is also requested that a complete list of the customers of said man-
ufacturing company be obtained and forwarded to the St. Paul office
and the Division.

An agent should call personally at this concern and
be present during the examination of their samples. The examination
should take in not only their current samples but back for approxi-
mately 10 years.

This should receive expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

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cc Division
cc Stl Paul

R. G. Harvey, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge

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Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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New York City

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BREMER MATTER INFORMATION OBTAINED AMERICAN ELECTROCHEMICAL COMPANY
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WERNER HARRY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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RE: KIDNAPING REFER LETTERS DETROIT ST PAUL FEBRUARY SIXTH
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Edward H. Bremer

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned from St. Paul. He has talked with Edward G. Bremer. He presents a perfect example of a man who is filled with fear. On one occasion he cried and left the room. He stated that his daughter had been threatened with death if he talked and he was not going to talk. Previous to that he claims that he had told everything. Rorer told him that since he was not going to talk that this statement was not consistent. Rorer believes that fear is the only thing that will make him talk again.

He was told that Rorer would keep coming back for more information; that the Attorney General and Mr. Hoover had sent him there personally and it was not believed that Bremer had told everything he knew or had not told the truth. He asked - "Who said I have not told the truth?" Rorer claims that he told him that he believed he had not told the truth because he claims that he had not told everything on one occasion and on another he stated that he was not going to talk. Rorer stated he was not antagonistic especially toward Mr. Nathan, or anyone else; that he was antagonistic toward all who sought to solve the case. Mr. Nathan believes that it is O.K. to release the statement by the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Clegg states to hold up Rorer has talked to him later.
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Room 2403, 370 Lexington Avenue
New York City, New York

February 12, 1934

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



Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone calls to Special Agent J. L. Murphy yesterday afternoon with reference to the flashlights used in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GARDNER, Victim, Kidnaping, you are advised that information has been received from the Division to the effect that the four lights in question were all equipped with red lenses with the name, "FILMOLENS".

From information developed here it appears that these lenses were probably made by the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit, Michigan. The Division desires that the names of distributors and dealers handling this product in the states enumerated in the telephone conversation be obtained and followed out by appropriate leads.

For your information, the manufacturer of one of the flashlights used, has advised that these flashlights are never equipped with red lenses and it, accordingly, appears that the lenses were obtained and attached after the flashlights were purchased. It is possible that the Filmolens Sales Company can give information which would indicate that flashlights are so equipped with red lenses by certain distributors. All leads developed in this connection should be promptly followed out.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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

CT:ACS

February 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Holland of Pathe News telephoned me this afternoon to state that the Chicago representative of the organization, Mr. Caputo, was at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul endeavoring to secure photographs in connection with the Bremer case. He stated that apparently Mr. Nathan was not cooperative with the News Service and was keeping the photographers from taking pictures.

Edward H. Bremer

I told him that although Mr. Nathan doubtless would not authorize photographs of persons being interrogated or of Agents of the Division of Investigation, I felt sure that he was not preventing the taking of any pictures of members of the Bremer family.

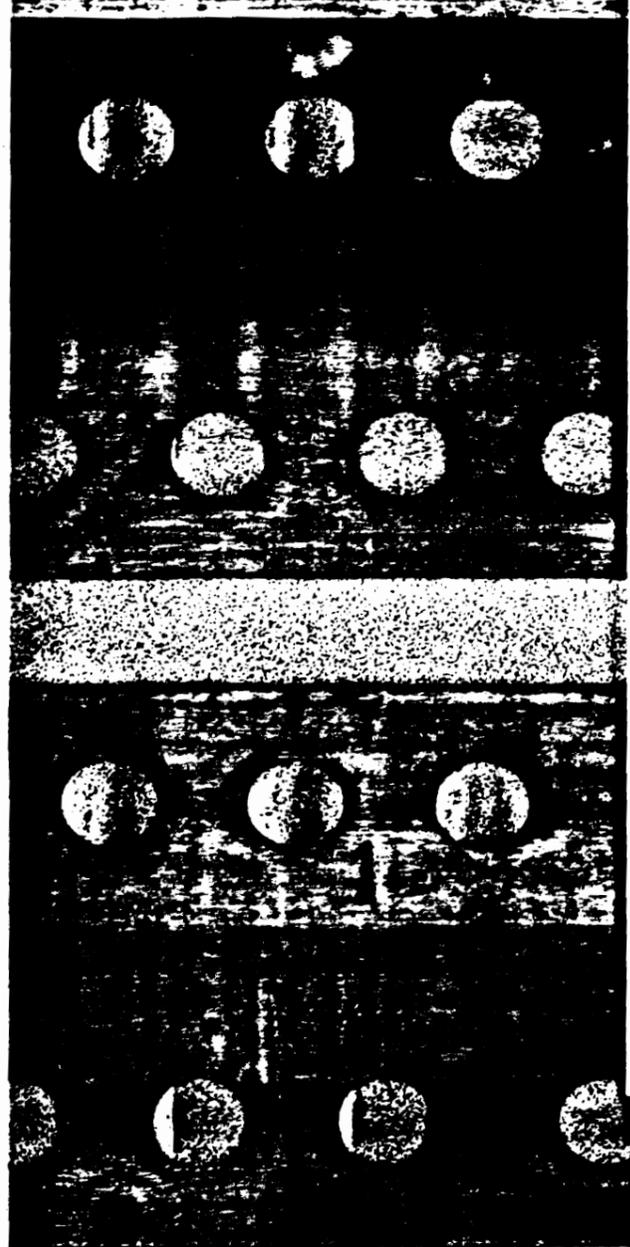
Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson

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February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim. Four signal lights were used by the kidnapers
to establish contact in this case and are described as follows:

Three were of the search-light type, 9 1/2 inches long, two with
black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three lights bore
the trade name "A Merit Product". They were equipped with three cells
each, Ever-Ready batteries and bulbs, marked 3.5v Japan.

The fourth light was a red electric lantern bearing the trade
name "Light Master Lantern". This electric lantern carried four "pure
light" battery cells and was equipped with a bulb marked 2.5v Mazda.
All four lights were especially equipped with red lens which appeared
to have been originally designed for automobile tail lights and bore the
trade name "Filmsolans". The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date --
put into service before October 1934. All batteries in all lights were
exhausted.

To assist in the identification of these lights, there are
transmitted herewith to the St. Louis and Cincinnati Offices seven photo-
graphs of the same. The New York Office has been requested to ascertain
the distributors of these lights and upon receipt of advice from that
office, your office is instructed to expedite a canvass of the dealers
in this product in your district with a view to locating the place where
the lights were bought.

The St. Paul, Kansas City, and Chicago Division Offices have
been previously furnished with the above information.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 708
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 12, 1934

MEM:MEM
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 708,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telegram of February 10, 1934 directed to your office, in connection with the above entitled matter, please be advised that Special Agent H. D. Harris of the Cincinnati office talked with Mr. C. H. Lewis, 10984 Sanbury Pike, on the evening of February 10, 1934 and ascertained that Mr. Lewis is an engineer with the Gas Company at Columbus, Ohio. He referred Agent Harris to his wife, Mrs. Naomi Lewis. When interviewed by Agent Harris, Mrs. Lewis stated she would furnish no information unless assured that she would receive a reward of at least as much as was paid the kidnapers. She finally stated that the two men named "JUSTICE" and "CUSTER" were the ones involved and that they are now on the fifth floor of the Mexico Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico. Upon pressing her for further details she stated that this was all the information she had and that she was passing it on just as it had come to her.

Upon requesting the source of her information, Mrs. Lewis at first declined, stating that she could not divulge the source, but she finally advised that she is a "medium"; that she has only learned within the past weeks of her supernatural powers; that the information furnished to agent had been received by her as a direct message from God. Upon further questioning it was developed that she has no information of any kind aside from the so-called "message".

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Very truly yours,

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H. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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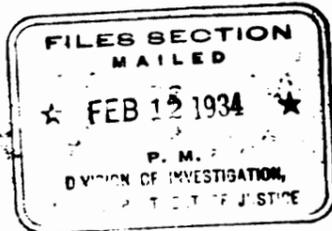
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

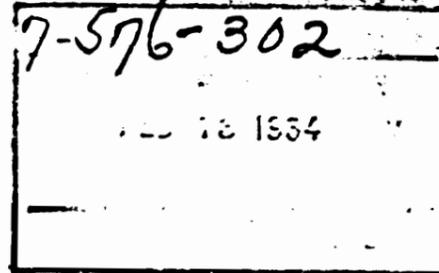
Miss Flora G. Orr, of the St. Paul News, telephoned. She stated she had received a wire from St. Paul to the effect that neither the Police nor our Agents are releasing anything on the Bremer case, but that any information would have to be given out by this office. I explained to Miss Orr our policy of not giving out information on such cases until they are solved. I told Miss Orr, however, that we would be glad to communicate with her should there be developments for release. Her office telephone number is District 6040.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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SEN:CMR

February 12, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted in your district with regard to the above entitled case, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 11, 1933 in the case entitled JOHN [redacted], with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, wherein it is noted that considerable information was obtained from [redacted] also known as [redacted] Gold, concerning the activities of Ernest Rossi, one of the suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery.

In this connection, in view of the fact that the suspects in this case are possibly involved in the above entitled case, you are instructed to reinterview Goldstein and obtain from him all the information he has relative to the associates of Rossi, giving consideration to the possible suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery case.

You are also instructed to interview the relatives of Rossi, who will probably furnish valuable information in view of the fact that Rossi was recently murdered by unknown individuals. The relatives are referred to in the statement made by [redacted] to Special Agent [redacted] which statement is attached to the report of that Agent, referred to above.

Very truly yours,

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Cleveland, Ohio
February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
601 Title Guaranty Bldg.
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Edward G. Bremer-victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herein find catalogue of The Schmitz-Morning Co. 872 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio furnished by Mrs. E. Huntley Thompson, secretary and treasurer of the company who referred attention to page 25 of the catalogue as being possibly the picket fence design seen by victim Bremer. This particular catalogue incidentally is entitled "San-kro-mura", wall decorations.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this picket fence design may be broken up into various patterns by "applique" methods, that of pasting in flower, tree or other designs or cutting part of the border off. The F. Hirschfield Company 324 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. should have similar copies of this booklet and can properly explain the various designs possible. The latter named company will also have sample designs of the other three "scenic wall paper" companies in the United States.

At the Bailey Wall Paper Company 4002 West 25th Street, Mr. G.H. Bailey, vice president, Mr. J.H. Messenthaler and Mr. R.S. Welfkammer advised that the Bailey company had never made a design such as described by Mr. Bremer, but Mr. Messenthaler referred Agent to Mr. Cochrane of the Union Wall Paper Company 751 St Clair Avenue, West for information on a design believed similar to the one described by victim Bremer.

Mr. Cochrane aforementioned exhibited the design referred to by Mr. Messenthaler which did in any manner approach the design described. However, Mr. Cochrane stated that he had a mental picture of a pattern believed similar or identical to the one seen by victim Bremer and believed it was made by Imperial Paper and Color Corp. Glen Falls, N.Y. but suggested that the Imperial Campbell Branch at 2801 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill. be contacted and Colonel Humphries of that company interviewed, Humphries being in the wall paper business for years and might be able to name the origin of the design in question.

It is stated that Mrs. Thompson made the suggestion that if victim Bremer observed the design repeated within a space of twenty (20) inches then he was observing wall paper, otherwise he was observing scenic wall paper which is much more expensive than ordinary wall paper. She further stated that a stripe of the sort described is believed to be wall paper six or seven years of age as stripes have not been popular for some time.

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Mr. Hesseenthaler aforementioned suggested that in addition to contacting the F. Hornfield Company in Minneapolis, other companies who should be contacted were E.W. Baker Company and Kayser & Company both of Minneapolis, Minn. He also suggested contacting S.A. Maxwell Company, distributor and James Davis, distributor both of Chicago, Ill, further suggesting both Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward in Chicago, Ill.

Upon instructions of William Larsen, Special Agent in Charge, this matter is being handled direct with your office. No leads are being set forth in this letter, it being presumed that much of the above suggested investigation has been covered.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Chapman
Special Agent.

CC Division
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CC Detroit

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FEBRUARY 11, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of EDWARD BREMER,
Roland Nathan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota February 8, 1934,
in the above captioned matter, requesting that Martin Lundquist
be interviewed in this matter.

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of a
memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. G. Reed of this office
covering his interview with ~~_____~~ at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Dearborn Building
Chicago Illinois

VIA AIR MAIL

February 8, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of February 5, 1934, I beg to advise that Special Agent Charles Jenkins of this office proceeded to the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, where he met Amos A. Dean, as suggested in your letter. Agent Jenkins introduced himself as John J. McDonough of St. Paul, Minnesota and at no time disclosed the fact that he was other than McDonough. Dean asked Agent if he was attorney for Bremer, and without waiting for reply proceeded to state that he (McDonough) was a well known character in St. Paul, and that he had heard many favorable comments regarding him.

Dean advised Agent Jenkins that he had no information regarding the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, but that he felt that he could be of assistance in this matter if he went to St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota, and made contacts with one Hackmaster and Bill Reno; that Hackmaster is a gambler and confidence man, who is well known to the St. Paul police department; that Hackmaster formerly operated as a gambler at the saloon of Bill Smith, located at Austin, Minnesota; that in some way he has partially lost the use of his left arm and cannot handle the cards as expertly as in former days; that he is in poor circumstances at the present time; that Hackmaster would not furnish any information to any representative of the St. Paul police department, or other law enforcement agencies.

Dean informed Agent Jenkins that Bill Reno is a bar tender and hoodlum who hangs around St. Cloud, Minnesota, and he, like Hackmaster, would not disclose any information which he might possess to any of the offices of the law.

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If authorized to do so, Dean stated that if his expenses were guaranteed, he would proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota via the "See" Railroad, as this road follows a round-about route and is not used by many travelers from Chicago; that upon arriving at St. Paul, he would register at the St. Paul Hotel and wait for John J. McDonough to get in touch with him; that it would be necessary to furnish him with a car bearing a license plate which would in no way suggest ownership by Bremer or any of his relatives; that he would get in touch with Hackmaster and Bill Reno at St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota, and after telling them that he had been fortunate enough to make a couple of "scores", which is the name designated for victims in confidence games, he would thus establish himself as an active confidence man, which so far as they know is his "racket"; that he is personally known to both of the above named persons and has associated with various persons with whom they are on friendly terms.

Dean stated that he did not expect to be paid for his services, but would, however, be pleased to receive anything that might be given him if he succeeded in developing any information which would aid in clearing up this kidnaping case. He did not want to be brought in contact with any members of the St. Cloud or St. Paul police departments, although he had in his letter to John J. McDonough advised that it would be proper for McDonough to bring Chief of Police Dehill of St. Paul with him to Chicago.

Dean informed Agent that he would leave Chicago for Kansas City Wednesday evening, and that after he had left Chicago, there would be no way in which he could be communicated with; that if his assistance in this matter was desired he would have to be advised before that time. He told Agent that a telegram to him, Western Union, similar to the one outlined in the letter which he addressed to John J. McDonough, would reach him, and he would be prepared to leave for St. Paul at once; also that if any telephone call was made to him at the Atlantic Hotel, he would ask the person the date of his birth, and the answer would be January 29th.

As Agent was leaving, Dean informed him that on December 1, 1933, "Pretty Boy" Floyd arrived at St. Cloud, Minnesota with \$90,000.00 in cash; that he visited Mrs. Covell (could not spell the name, and suggested that it may be an abbreviation of some such name as Covelesky or Covelinsky, that she is Jewish) that Mrs. Covell is a widow who apparently had loaned or sold a car to Floyd as the latter is alleged to have paid her \$1500.00 to compensate her for the said car, the make of which is unknown to him.

It is to be noted that Dean does not claim to have any definite information concerning the Bremer kidnaping, but that he merely feels that if he were placed in the proper position, he might be able to obtain information concerning this case from certain of his contacts in St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota. It is suggested that if any of the information supplied by Dean fits in with any information which you may now have in your possession with reference to this case, so that you might desire to make any arrangements with Dean, you should immediately advise this office so that he may be contacted by Special Agent Jenkins before he, Dean, leaves for Kansas City Wednesday afternoon.

The letter addressed to Mr. McDonough from Dean is being returned to you herewith in accordance with your request.

Very truly yours,

W. J. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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February 7, 1934

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

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Predicated upon your communication of January 28, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Division Office, a copy of which letter was transmitted for this office, an examination has been made of all written instruments appearing in kidnaping and extortion cases in this district, without the obtaining of any information indicating a similarity in the misspelling of the words appearing in the above entitled case and cases existing in this district.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
February 6, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my communication dated February 2, 1934 directed to the Division, of which your office received a copy, concerning the chart showing directions of roads which was dropped by the bank robbers following the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan on September 20, 1933, please be advised that following my telephone communication with Lieutenant Loomis of the Michigan State Police, as indicated in my letter of the second instant, Special Agent R. B. Donaldson of this office was requested to personally contact members of the State Police at Lansing and to put forth every effort in an attempt to obtain information which would lead to the recovery of the original chart.

Agent Donaldson, following a further conference with Lieutenant Loomis, came in contact with Detective Hutson of the Michigan State Police and learned that a C. W. Stewart, who was a member of the Burns Detective Agency, Chicago, appeared at Holland following the robbery and that he, Mr. Stewart, had the original chart in his possession. Mr. Hutson borrowed the chart, which consisted of ten or eleven pages, from Mr. Stewart and prepared another chart from the original. The original was then turned back to Stewart. Following this Mr. Stewart called Hutson's attention to alleged fingerprints on two of the pages of the chart and Hutson borrowed these two pages, took them to Lansing where they were photographed and the two original pages were turned back by Hutson to Mr. Stewart.

Hutson states that Stewart also had a .45 cal. machine-gun bullet in his possession which was found in the vicinity of the robbery and had been dropped by the perpetrators. Agent Donaldson was further informed that Stewart, who was alleged to have an unsavory reputation, was dismissed by the Burns Detective Agency and his present whereabouts is unknown to the State Police at Lansing.

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The above information was immediately telephoned to the Chicago Division office.

Lieutenant Ericson of the Michigan State Identification Bureau, informed me that he would immediately transmit by air mail to the Division at Washington, the negatives of the original two sheets of the chart which were photographed in his Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MD

cc - Division
St. Paul

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

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February 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-20.

Enclosed find, wrapped in cellophane, letter received by Mr. Dickman of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, mailed at Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1934, which letter reads as follows:

Give this to A. Bremer

Ed. Bremer is out of mind now, cant get sign his name, he been shot on top of his head, hes sick and have lots of trouble with him.

I, have to stent to him myself as the two what brought him here did not show up for 6 days, dont know, the may beat it, if the did I would turn him over to you for twenty five Grand.

Adv. in Chicago Tribune Personal give your address and name Carr in Chicago and I will communicate and get over with, dont know if the return it might be to come.

L.P.

It is suggested that you undertake to complete the assignment suggested in this letter with a view to determine the facts relative to this writer. It is also suggested that the original letter be then forwarded to the Division.

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Very truly yours,

WENNER HANWI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC
cc Division ✓

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

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February 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER,
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-31.

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With reference to the recent kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER of St. Paul, the following report is current:

[Redacted]
 [Redacted] Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, [Redacted]
 business. He is said to have [Redacted] [Redacted]
 [Redacted] [Redacted]. He is said to have been the victim of a
 confidence man, whereby he was swindled of the sum of \$200,000.00.
 It is reported that the scene of this confidence game was origina-
 lly placed at St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with bets laid
 on horse races. There are two reports as to the manner in which
 this \$200,000.00 was secured, one being that WUNDERLICH had this
 money on deposit in the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, of
 which EDWARD G. BREMER is president; that he went to EDWARD G. BREMER
 and upon his earnest solicitation secured this sum from the bank.
 It is said that this occurred at the time when the bank was closed
 either in connection with the country-wide moratorium, or was open
 on a restricted basis, but that EDWARD G. BREMER permitted him to
 withdraw the amount in question in view of WUNDERLICH's statement
 to the effect that he needed it as a bond deposit on a [Redacted]
 which he was to secure. The other story in connection with this
 \$200,000.00 was that BREMER loaned him that sum; that BREMER ob-
 tained \$100,000.00 of it from his safety deposit box. It has been
 indicated that the confidence man apparently were informed, possibly
 through BREMER, of the amount of money [Redacted] had on de-
 posit, or could secure. BREMER'S connection with the matter is var-
 iously and, at times, vaguely described. In any event, reports are
 certain to the effect [Redacted] lost the \$200,000.00 and that
 BREMER knew, at least, of the episode.

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In January of this year, WUNDERLICH is said to have visited at the Chicago Identification Bureau in order to look at the photographs and with a view to locating the confidence man, or men, responsible for his loss. He is said to have identified the picture of one, [REDACTED] Chicago Police [REDACTED] as one of the men in question.

Among the reports current is one to the effect that the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER had some connection with the perpetration of this confidence game and that motives of revenge as well as pecuniary profit were possibly connected therewith. WUNDERLICH is said to be now located in St. Joseph, Missouri, and to be in the contracting business there. It is desired that WUNDERLICH be discreetly but comprehensively interviewed. The background set forth in the foregoing should be borne in mind in order that any information, which might assist in the solution of the kidnaping of BREMER, may be elicited. WUNDERLICH is said to be a somewhat "shifty" individual and he should, of course, be questioned closely as to his recent movements and location, particularly on or about January 17, 1934, the date of the BREMER kidnaping.

A number of reports in St. Paul have connected the police with this affair in the matter of allegations that a settlement was made, or attempted, through certain police officials.

There was also indicated that the entire matter, including possible police complicity, might be presented to the local grand jury here.

Your prompt investigative attention to this matter is desired and, in the event any information of seeming importance is elicited, telegraphic, or telephonic, advices should be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

HN:TC
CC Division ✓

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

February 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
501 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

DIVISION ONE
FEB 9 1934

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, January 30, 1934, signed: "Gang Leader", in which Mr. Bremer is instructed to go to the Hotel Statler in St. Louis and register under the name of Harold E. Herlan, after which he will receive telephone instructions as to where to take the money to be paid for the release of his son. You will note that the postscript of the letter provides that a personal add be placed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, as follows: "In St. Louis. Phone no. Mr. Herlan".

You are requested to take appropriate steps to bring about the apprehension of the writer of this letter and when the original letter, which is forwarded herewith, has served its purpose in St. Louis, it should be forwarded to the Division for further analysis.

I am also enclosing an original letter dated at Farmer City, Illinois, January 31, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bremer, from Rev. F.J. Schaaf, wherein he states that he has been designated as contact man. You are requested to have an agent interview Rev. Schaaf and ascertain, confidentially, from him what information he has concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 615, St. Paul, Minn.

February 5, 1934

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

FEB 5 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD O'BRIEN, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-50.

In the above matter, I enclose herewith letter addressed to John J. McDonough of St. Paul, which is self-explanatory. A telegram, care of the Western Union was sent to Amos A. Dean, as suggested in this letter, advising that he would be met at 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday morning, at Hotel Atlantic.

It is requested that an Agent proceed to the Hotel Atlantic and register under the name of J.J. McDonough of St. Paul in order that the writer of the letter may contact said McDonough and, thereafter, interview him relative to any information he may have in his possession relative to this case, or what he believes he would be able to do if he were to proceed to St. Paul and mingle with the so-called underworld. It is requested that if he ascertained just what places and what persons, connected with the underworld in the Twin Cities, the writer of the letter may have information on.

Please return the original letter immediately after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

WH:TC
Enc.
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CC Division ✓

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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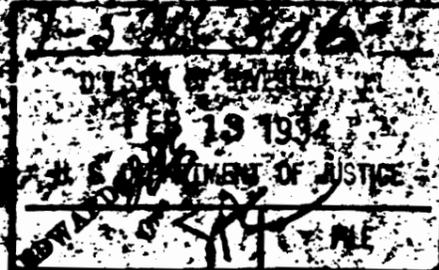
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
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ALL FBI SPECIAL AGENTS

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BERTZ - VICTIM
Kidnaping



Dear Sir:

Confirming my wire of February 8, the following names were furnished this office by the Michigan State Police as suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery:

No. 1 John Kintus, with aliases (deceased), subject of E. O. 1197.

No. 2 Ernest J. Rossi, alias J. J. Russell, alias John Ross, alias John Ross, alias E. J. Ross (deceased) - Michigan State Penitentiary #22700. It will be noted that this individual was recently killed in Chicago while out on bond awaiting extradition to Michigan to be tried on the Holland State Bank robbery.

No. 3 Edward Berts, alias Ed E. Dewey - Seattle, Washington, Police #0004. Age 32, height 5 feet, weight 172 pounds, build stout, hair light brown, eyes blue, complexion ruddy, nationality American.

No. 4 Theodore Berts, alias Ed Bryon, alias E. Brown, alias Ted E. Richards, alias Ted Bush, alias Ted Berts - Michigan State Bureau of Identification #00009; Tacoma, Washington, Police #0008. Age 29 years, 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, weight 218 pounds, eyes light blue, hair light chestnut, complexion fair, born in Minnesota.

Note: Both Edward and Theodore Berts it will be noted are mentioned in the Urachel kidnaping case, as reflected in Division letter in that file dated August 14, 1933, directed to the Oklahoma City office, and also in report of Special Agent Albert Miller, San Francisco, dated August 21, 1933. It is noted that Theodore Berts is also reported wanted by the American Express Company of Chicago, Illinois, for passing fraudulent travelers' checks.

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No. 5 Ray Nolan, alias James T. Chandler, alias John Phil Danka, alias Phil Wilson (deceased, killed near Joliet, Illinois, about February, 1933) - Michigan State Identification #103879. Age 31, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 133 pounds, hair dark chestnut, eyes blue.

No. 6 "Big Mack" - Age 30, complexion dark, weight 170 pounds, hair bushy, parted on right side; round scars on left side of face. No other data known.

No. 7 Unknown Party - Age 35, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 151 pounds. No further available descriptive data.

Note: It is very possible that this individual might be Lee Turner who was mentioned in my letter of February 9, 1934, it being noted that Lee Turner, who has a record in Chicago, originally proceeded to Holland, Michigan, with George (Machine Gun) Holly and one "Big Homer" for the purpose of making a survey of that institution. Turner answers the description of No. 7. His name has been furnished to the Chicago office.

Captain I. H. Marmon of the Michigan State Police further advised that Rossi and Klutas were the only suspects who have been positively identified as participating in this robbery. In a further conference with Captain Marmon this morning he also has now informed this office that about two or three months ago while in Chicago he came in contact with an informant, Harry Evans alias Rubin Bass, through Post Office Inspector McWhorter, and in an attempt to secure some information regarding the perpetrators of the Holland Bank robbery he stated that Bass advised him that Jack Davenport who lives at either the Admiral or West Hotels in Minneapolis was in on this robbery, together with one Frisco Dutch alias Harry Schmidt. Bass at that time also informed Captain Marmon that Ernest Rossi mentioned in this communication was one of the party. An interesting point in this connection is the fact that Rossi was subsequently identified as a member of the gang that robbed the Holland Bank.

Captain Marmon states that it is his information that Frisco Dutch alias Schmidt is well known in the Twin Cities.

The informant also advised Captain Marmon that the getaway chart used in the Holland Bank robbery and which has recently been recovered by the Chicago office was prepared by Jack Davenport on a Corona Portable typewriter, located in either the West or Admiral Hotels, Minneapolis.

The above information regarding the typewriter was telephonically communicated this morning to the Chicago office with the request that the informant Evans alias Bass be immediately contacted for the purpose of securing all possible information which he has in his possession concerning Jack Davenport and the Corona typewriter in question. The St. Paul office was also furnished this information by telephone. Captain Harmon had no details concerning the matter.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

W. Evans
cc Division
Chicago

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 13, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL.

SUBMIT FOR PURPOSES OF ELIMINATION FINGERPRINTS OF LILLIAN L. JECIMAN AND
FATHER DEERE STOP ASCERTAIN FROM SAINT PAUL POLICE EXACT EXTENT OF
ENLARGEMENT IN PHOTOGRAPH OF LATENT PRINT SUBMITTED BY THEM TAKEN FROM
CHEVROLET CAR

HOOVER

Edward S. Bremer

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Wadena Times, February 1934

GANG HUNT PLANNED BY U. S. AGENTS

Serial Numbers of \$5 and \$10
Notes Paid Thugs Listed;
Escape Effort Detailed

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8 (I.N.S.).—A ransom of \$200,000 was paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, the victim's father, Adolph Bremer, declared today.

The elder Mr. Bremer said the ransom was paid in notes and bills, \$85,000 of which were \$5 notes and the remainder in \$10 bills, as demanded. The money was paid Tuesday night.

Elated over the conclusion of the ordeal experienced by him since his son was kidnaped on January 17, the owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewery said he greatly appreciated the personal interest of President Roosevelt and the governor in the return of his son.

Bill Numbers Listed

Serial numbers of the bills constituting the \$200,000 have been listed by agents of the United States Department of Justice, and will be broadcast to the banks of the country as an aid in apprehending the kidnapers.

The younger Mr. Bremer returned to his father's home early today in good physical condition, despite the fact that a physician attended him for minor injuries incurred when he struggled with the kidnapers at the time of the "snatching."

Adolph Bremer's statement follows:

"I am so happy to tell you that my boy is back, at last after his terrible experience. The hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us. I greatly appreciate the personal interest of the President, the Governor, the State and Federal law en-

- MR. Nathan.....
- MR. Tolson.....
- MR. Clegg.....
- MR. Cowley.....
- MR. Edwards.....
- MR. Egan.....
- MR. Quinn.....
- MR. Lester.....
- MR. Locke.....
- MR. Tamm.....



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Kidnapers Restore Bremer To His Overjoyed Family

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vinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy.

"No sacrifice has been too great for my brother, too; Walter Magee (the contact man), Clarence Newcome (brewery official), and others who at great risk have done their part.

"It is my earnest prayer that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

Edward Bremer was released on a dark street in the residential section of Rochester, Minn., after a ride he estimated as from 10 to 12 hours.

Greeted by Sister

From there, the victim went to downtown Rochester, boarded a train and got off in a town near St. Paul. At this point, he took a bus which brought him to St. Paul a little after midnight.

At home, he was greeted by his sister, Louise.

Mr. Bremer had been taken to Rochester in a small car in which there were three men.

The kidnap victim's return to safety was followed immediately by a visit from Federal agents who questioned him at length. As soon as he had given an outline of his experiences, he went to bed, leaving orders not to be disturbed until this afternoon.

"I've Done My Part"

Payment of the ransom was accompanied by a note signed by Adolph Bremer. It read:

"To parties holding Edward: I've done my part and kept my word 100 per cent, just as I said I would. This money is not marked and is the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing by turning Edward loose at once, and tell him to come to my house at once."

The banker was beaten when he attempted to resist his kidnapers when first they "snatched" him.

However, although he bled freely, he was not severely hurt.

He was driven about for 12 hours in an automobile immediately after he was kidnaped.

Escape Effort Futile

As soon as he learned the object of his kidnapers, he tried to escape, but found the force of numbers too much for him.

The kidnapers inflicted injuries which accounted for the blood stains found on the front seat of his car. It was these stains which led to reports that he might have been slain.

Following the 15-hour ride, the kidnapers stopped in front of a house, believed somewhere near Rochester. Here Mr. Bremer was held until last night.

Except for a few scratches, he was y

naped last spring, paid \$100,000 ransom.

Upon hearing of the banker's return, authorities went immediately to the residence to question him and members of the family. Closeted with Mr. Bremer this morning were Warner Hani, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation here; Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, and County Attorney M. S. Kinkaid.

Close Guard Maintained

A close guard was being maintained at the residence and anyone who sought entrance to the house was searched and questioned at length. The residence to which Mr. Bremer went upon his release is located across the street from the brewery of his father.

Until yesterday it was believed nothing had been heard from the kidnapers since the day Mr. Bremer was "snatched" after taking his daughter to school.

Members of the family and authorities had announced that yesterday would be the deadline for opening of negotiations with the kidnapers. Late yesterday, however, it was announced the deadline had been extended 36 hours.

Million-Dollar Motor Deal

Plans of a group of persons, said to be close to the War Department, to form a pool whereby the .9 million dollar motorization program would be split up—the pool lobbyists to get a 15 per cent fee—among certain manufacturers.

Witnesses from Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis and Buffalo were summoned before the Grand Jury today to testify in the case.

Six Auto Men Testify

Six unnamed representatives of automobile manufacturers were on the list.

Meanwhile the United States Bureau of Investigation started to carry out President Roosevelt's order to investigate all lobbying complaints received from all Government departments.

Agitated over the whispered claims of lobbyists that they have "influence with the Administration" and for a fee can secure various contracts, the President initiated the current inquiry. He said the Department of Justice investigate the activities of lobbyists in the War Department long before Assistant Secretary of War Woodring made the fact public and stated Silverman was barred from doing further business with the department.

Legion Men Called

Expressing confidence that the Grand Jury will return a conspiracy indictment against the men involved District Attorney Garnett said today that the probe will be continued until next week to allow other witnesses to come here.

Among the witnesses summoned to appear today before the investigating body were Lieut. Col. Weir Cook, of the American Legion aviation committee; S. S. Plummer, of Indianapolis, former Legion officer; Lieut. Col. A. O. Seaman, of the War Department Militia Bureau; Col. B. F. Miller, of the War Department; Bert Duggan, vice president of the Marmon-Herrington Company, and D. C. Glosbrenner, motor company executive.

Mr. Garnett said that the probe, which snatched half of the... while the District Attorney to

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

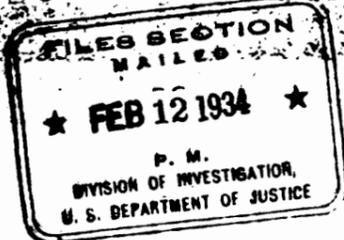
Dear Sir:

As you have seen every effort was being made to keep confidential the fact that the Division is publishing a list of numbers of the currency delivered as ransom for the return of Bremer, and was preparing to distribute these airplanes through all field offices to all banks. You are advised, in this connection, that under date of February 8, 1934, a signet appearing in the Washington Times contained the following:

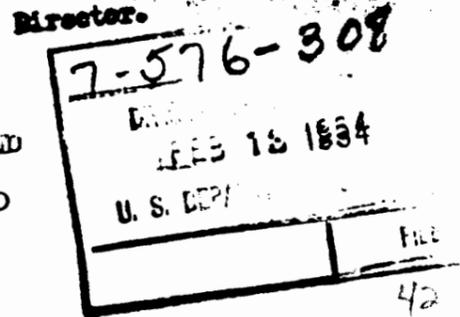
Serial numbers of the bills constituting the \$200,000 have been listed by Agents of the Department of Justice, and will be presented to the banks of the country as soon as the apprehending the kidnapers.

I am transmitting this information so that every precaution can be taken hereafter to see that no information concerning the plans of the Division might reach the press nor obviously the result of this portion of the Division's investigation will be handicapped by the publication of this information. Please urge all Special Agents attached to your office that they are to give out no publicity whatsoever concerning this case.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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February 13, 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL
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February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

An individual using variously the names of [redacted] has called at the Division with information which he feels might be valuable in connection with the investigation of kidnaping cases, particularly the Bremer kidnaping case. He has stated that he has a friend serving forty years in the State Penitentiary and he desires to get the influence of the Division to have this friend released, but he has been promised absolutely no assistance whatever.

He stated that there was a restaurant in St. Paul operated by Harry Sawyer, telephone Emerson 2020, which is a hide-out for seven gangsters; that the Hollyhocks Inn, telephone Emerson 2121, St. Paul, is operated by a man by the name of Pfeiffer, who is a flinger man and is always out of town whenever anything happens. This inn is located opposite a park which is at the bottom of a hill in St. Paul territory. He is the banker for gangsters and they keep in touch with him.

He advised that outside the city of Chicago, in the town of Maywood, Illinois, is a place called the O-P Inn, a restaurant of which Doctor Stacy, an Italian, is owner, and is a gangsters' hide-out; the telephone number is Melrose Park 645; that at Crystal Lake, on route 19 out of Chicago, is a place called Louis's Inn; that it, too, is a hide-out, and the telephone number is Carey 65.

He stated that Harry Schneeciss, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, telephone Brignell 5356, operates a transient stopping place for gangsters en route from New York to St. Paul; that the St. Paul mobsters are a part of the New York gang which operates a coast to coast syndicate. One of the "big shots" of these gangs is Lucky Luciano, in New York; he stated that Louis "Dutch" Goldberg is a member of the mob and he lives at either the St. Paul or Lowry Hotel in St. Paul; that one of the headquarters of this syndicate is operated by individuals by the name of Myer and Buck, who have taken over the entire fourth floor of the Clifridge Hotel in New York; that another one of the leaders is named Lupki; he has an office in the basement of the clothing store at 36th and Broadway, opposite the Automat; he stated that probably some of

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the individuals directly connected with the Bremer kidnaping are two brothers by the name of Dick and Freddy, who have an ugly old woman with them who poses as their mother, and who wears glasses. They drive a Hudson coach and likewise are frequently associated with two men known as Gus and Ray who have a motor truck.

The informant states that it would be fatal to let the New York police or the Chief of Police in St. Paul in on this matter and it is his belief that Dutch Schultz, wanted in New York, is employed by this syndicate and that this syndicate had "bumped off" Judge Grater of New York, and that they were also responsible for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

The informant telegraphed the Division Friday, advising he would call Saturday, and his wire was transmitted from New York. He was advised that hereafter, if he desired to save expense, he could call on the Division's confidential man in New York City, who would handle everything in strictest confidence, which would save the informant travel expense to Washington, and the name and address of Special Agent in Charge Fay at the Division New York Office was furnished him. He will call there hereafter, he states, using the name of [redacted].

Of course, it is impossible to promise that any action will be taken in connection with any one serving a sentence in a state penitentiary, and this is the objective which the informant states he is seeking. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago and New York offices for their information.

The informant advised, upon his departure, that the gang uses Rome as a vacation point when they are hiding. He requests that the wires not be used between here and St. Paul, and indicated that at St. Paul everything is under the control of the syndicate and that it would probably be very unwise to use either the telephone or telegraph between Washington and St. Paul. He claims he has no proof of anything and merely furnished this information for what it is worth.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc New York
Chicago.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA** CHICAGO FILE NO. **7-576**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/9, 10/34	REPORT MADE BY J. W. MARTIN - 25
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HOWARD G. BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Circumstances and facts surrounding the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, South Bend, Indiana, on 1/24/33 obtained and set out herein. Two unknown Subjects involved in the Woolverton kidnaping thought to be identical with unknown Subjects involved in instant kidnaping. Further investigation to be conducted here.

REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit office to St. Paul office, dated 2/9/34, and letter from Kansas City office to St. Paul office, dated 2/10/34.

DETAILS:

As indicated in reference letters, it is believed that Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll, Identification Order No. 1814, and George (Machine Gun) Kelly were the persons who kidnaped Howard A. Woolverton, and it is also believed that Eddie Doll was implicated in the instant kidnaping.

DETAILS:

In accordance with instructions contained in the above mentioned reference letters, investigation was conducted by this agent at South Bend, Indiana, in an effort to determine the identity of Mr. Woolverton's kidnapers.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. Martin</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-311	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 16 1934
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It may be noted that the wife of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll is now employed at the Triangle Restaurant as the night head waitress. Her name is Agnes LaRue, and this restaurant is located directly opposite the Morrison Hotel on Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

At the South Bend, Indiana Police Department agent obtained the record of the Woolverton kidnaping, and a transcript of the same is being set out hereunder.

Time of occurrence - 11:00 P. M. January 24, 1934.

Name of complainant - Mrs. Howard Woolverton.

Address - 2346 E. Jefferson St., South Bend, Ind.

Investigating officers - Chief Kuespert.

Report made by Hamilton.

Report received by Assistant Chief Raymond at about 12:00 midnight.

Weapon used - Revolver.

Place of occurrence - Esther and Jefferson Streets.

Witness - Mrs. Woolverton.

Details of the complaint: The above named woman came to the police station and stated that she and Mr. Woolverton were returning home, and at the corner of Esther and Jefferson Streets a car crowded their car to the curb, a man jumped out of the car and pointing a gun, said, "This is a hold-up", got in the Woolverton car and told Mr. Woolverton to drive on, making him drive up through town and stop for red lights and street corners, the other car following close behind. Woolverton made to go out Lincoln Way West and through Ardmore to Country Club Road, where they stopped and made Mr. Woolverton get out and get in their car and told Mrs. Woolverton that they would hold Mr. Woolverton for \$50,000.00 ransom. They instructed her to take her car and drive back home and gave her a note and told her not to read it until she got back in town and also warned her not to notify the police. Mrs. Woolverton could not give any description of the men, only that one was about 35 years old. They had a five-passenger car (make unknown). Chief Kuespert has this note.

Description of Mr. Woolverton: 32 years old, 5'10", 210 lbs., gray hair, and he wore a gray overcoat, gray hat and a gray suit with belt in back. Chicago police notified.

This agent was advised by the Police Officer in charge of the records at the South Bend Police Station that Chief Kuespert is now on a vacation trip with his wife somewhere in Florida (address unknown) and will not return to South Bend until the first part of April, 1934. This officer stated that he was unable to locate the original ransom note furnished Chief Kuespert by Mrs. Woolverton when she entered the complaint about this kidnaping, and that it would be necessary to ascertain its present whereabouts from Chief Kuespert. He also stated that the Police Department

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at South Bend does not have the address of Chief Kuesper, and will not be able to locate him until he returns from his vacation on April 1, 1932, at which time this original ransom note will be obtained from him.

Agent ascertained through this officer that Mr. Woolverton resided at 1246 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana, and that Mr. Woolverton's attorney, G. A. Farabaugh, with offices at the Union Trust and Trust Building, corner of Jefferson and Michigan Streets, South Bend, undoubtedly would be able to furnish all information concerning the surrounding circumstances of this kidnaping, as he, together with other State Department officials and Alexander Jamie, formerly of the Secret Six, Chicago, Illinois, had investigated this case.

Agent contacted Mr. G. A. Farabaugh, attorney for Mr. Woolverton, at his offices, and when informed as to the desired information, he called Mr. Howard A. Woolverton on the telephone and made an appointment with him to be interviewed by this agent.

Agent interviewed Mr. Howard A. Woolverton at the offices of the Malleable Steel Range Co., Cherry Street, South Bend, Indiana, of which concern Mr. Woolverton is the Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Woolverton discussed his kidnaping with this agent at length and suggested that agent visit his home with him and interview his wife, who was with him at the time he was kidnaped.

At the home of Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, 1246 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana, agent discussed Mr. Woolverton's kidnaping with Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton. Mrs. Woolverton furnished practically the same information as that contained in the statement of Mr. Woolverton, copies of which are being attached to all copies of this report. Agent exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton the photographs of various criminals set out in Chicago Police Department Bulletin, and both Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton seemed to think that the photograph of Eddie LARue alias Eddie Bell, Identification Order No. 1214, resembled the taller man mentioned in Mr. Woolverton's statement.

Mr. Woolverton then obtained an envelope containing ransom notes and other data pertaining to his kidnaping. An examination of this envelope revealed that it contained the following:

One ransom note and two photostatic copies of two others.

A telegram, dated February 5, 1932, directed to G. A. Farabaugh, Union Trust Building, South Bend, Indiana, signed "Jim", containing the following message: "Everything fine see you tonight".

This telegram, Mr. Woolverton explained, was from his nephew, James Woolverton, Jr., the man who delivered the ransom money to the kidnapers. Mr. Woolverton also explained that one of the original ransom notes is in the possession of Chief Kuespert of the South Bend Police Department, and the other two originals are in the possession of Alexander Jamie, who at that time was associated with the Secret Six of Chicago. It was ascertained that Alexander Jamie is now at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., and an effort will be made to contact him and obtain from him these notes at a later date. The above ransom notes obtained from Mr. Woolverton were forwarded to the Division and photostatic copies of same were forwarded to the St. Paul Division office.

Mr. Woolverton also furnished this agent with a registration sheet, dated Sunday, January 17, 1932, from the register of the Robertson Hotel, 121 East Wayne Street, South Bend, and he stated that the names, John Cook and Mike Davies, were of men who registered from Saginaw and occupied Room 205, who were suspected of his kidnaping by Alexander Jamie at this time. Consequently this sheet was obtained from the hotel register.

In connection with the above registration sheet, Mr. Woolverton stated that these men appeared at a parking lot at 215 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend, about a week before his kidnaping, contacting Leon Hart and Milford Price, both attendants at this parking lot, requesting these men to point out to them the car of Mrs. Woolverton, which they assumed was parked there. They were informed by Hart that Mrs. Woolverton's car was not there and they did not have any further conversation with Hart. Mr. Woolverton stated that Milford Price told him about these men coming to the parking lot and stated that they came there in a green Chrysler coupe, bearing Illinois license plates, on January 18, 1932. Mr. Woolverton states that Price told him that he believed these men were registered at the Robertson Hotel, and that an investigation at the Robertson Hotel through J. Matthews, Room Clerk, developed that John Cook and Mike Davies registered in there from Saginaw, Michigan, on January 18, 1932, were thought to be the men who made this inquiry.

This envelope also contained memoranda as to telephone calls, numbers of the ransom bills, dates, newspaper clippings, etc., which Mr. Woolverton stated were all pertaining to this kidnaping.

Mr. Woolverton also stated that Alexander Jamie, formerly with the Secret Six at Chicago, Illinois, Charles Bolte, now operating a private detective agency at the Circle Tower Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Frank Mayr, now Secretary of State of Indiana, residence 1017 East Jefferson Street, South Bend, could undoubtedly furnish all pertinent information relative to his kidnaping.

All of the above mentioned data furnished by Mr. Woolverton is being attached to the Chicago file.

It was agreed at this time between this agent and Mr. Woolverton that he would contact his nephew, John J. Woolverton, Jr., and have him make a statement relative to recording his delivery of the ransom money, and it was also agreed that evening that Mr. Woolverton would meet agent on the following morning and make a complete statement relating all details concerning his kidnaping.

In accordance with the above arrangement, on the following morning Mr. Woolverton contacted this agent at the Oliver Hotel. Mr. Woolverton was driving his Pierce-Arrow car and took this agent to the St. Joseph Loan and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana, where he met his nephew, John J. Woolverton, Jr., who furnished this agent with the following signed statement relative to his delivery of the ransom money. The original statement is being attached to the Chicago copies of this report and the statement is being incorporated herein:

Feb. 10, 1932

Statement of John J. Woolverton, Jr.
Mar-Main Arms Apts., So. Bend, Indiana

On February 2, 1932 at 5:00 P. M. the ransom package was given me at which time I left South Bend in H. A. Woolverton's Pierce Arrow car bearing license #13 Indiana 1932. The ransom package was about eight inches square by four inches thick done up in brown wrapping paper tied with heavy twine.

Following the instructions of the last letter I proceeded toward St. Louis, Mo. The first night drove to Crawfordville and stayed at the Crawford Hotel. Starting again at five o'clock Feb. 3, 1932 drove on through Terre Haute, Indiana. After crossing the Illinois-Indiana State line discovered that I could drive much slower to be in St. Charles, Mo. at six o'clock in the evening, so proceeded at the rate of about 35 miles per hour.

Approaching a small town in Illinois was stopped by a signal or traffic light and noticed an olive green, tudor, 1929 or 1930 model A Ford pull up beside me - the two men glanced at me but I did not think much of it because most anyone who looked at me at that time looked suspicious. Going on into the town this Ford, after passing me at that traffic light, stopped suddenly in the middle of the street forcing me to stop, the driver leaned out, looked back at my car, license plate, and me, and started on his way. I followed still at the rate of about 35 miles per hour.

Going on out into the country this same Ford stayed ahead but never far enough so that I could not see them. Finally they slowed down and I passed - upon arriving at the next town I stopped in a hamburger shop for a sandwich and watched out the window for them to come by, which they soon did. When they passed seemed to carefully study my car; and at the same time I noticed them - one wore a red slip over sweater and a grey cap - the other a blue jacket or coat and a cap resembling a chauffeur's. The driver, the one in the red sweater, was light complected - the other dark. The rear license plate, the only one I could see at all, was partly covered with mud but am quite certain it was a 1931 Ohio plate.

While driving I might add, my rear window would keep smeared with mud thrown up by the rear wheels, so while I was in the lead could never see them in my rear-view mirror. Each time I bought gasoline I had this glass cleaned (twice this was done) and each time the Ford and I would change places on the road.

Finally about four miles west of St. Jacob, Illinois on a highway surrounded by swamp the Ford stopped just ahead of me giving me ten flashes with the tail or stop light. Rather than stop behind them whirled around and stopped about 50 yards in front, leaned out setting the package on the pavement and went on west for 10 miles at the rate they demanded, 25 or 30 miles per hour (tells in letter of instructions), turned around and headed for home.

Driving about three miles toward home met the same Ford, both men turned their heads as we met and as I went on to where I had placed the package. At this particular spot noticed the wrapping paper on the edge of the road. From this point on I stepped up my speed and only once noticed what may have been one of their gang - parked at the top of a hill, on the highway, a sedan with only one man who wore a black hat pulled down well over his eyes - but that was all I noticed going as fast as I was. He, by the way, seemed to attempt a good look at me passing.

At the next town I wired home to expect me that night, the wire will show the town; so I arrived about 9:30 P. M. Feb. 3, 1932, after having driven the last 45 miles in a sleet storm and all the way down in rain.

(Signed) JOHN J. WOOLVERTON, JR.

Witness: J. T. Hartin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Mar-Main Arms Apts., So. Bend

Mr. Howard A. Woolverton obtained a stenographer from the bank, namely Kathryn Allen, to whom he dictated a lengthy statement regarding the circumstances surrounding his kidnaping. She transcribed the same and made four copies, one of which Mr. Woolverton retained for himself, and this agent was furnished with the original and two carbon copies. The original and two carbon copies are being retained by the Chicago Division office in its file, and photostatic copies of the same are being furnished with this report to all interested offices.

When questioned as to how the ransom money was obtained by him, Mr. Woolverton stated that the \$8,000.00 ransom money was withdrawn from the St. Joseph Loan and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana, on the morning of February 8, 1932 and was delivered to his home by R. E. Stepheson, President of the above named bank; that at the time this money was delivered, the following persons were present at his home: John T. Woolverton, Jr., G. I. Farabaugh, attorney mentioned above, Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, Mr. Alexander Jamie, and R. E. Stepheson. He stated that all persons present assisted him in counting this money and listing the serial numbers of all the bills. He cannot definitely state the denomination of these bills but believed them to have been twenty dollar bills. He stated that these serial numbers are now in the possession of Alexander Jamie, formerly with the Secret Six, Chicago, Illinois.

This agent called on Frank Mayr, Secretary of the State of Indiana, at 1017 East Jefferson Street, South Bend, Indiana, and he stated that at the time of this kidnaping he was the head of the State Police at Indiana, and Charles Bolte, who is now operating a private detective agency in the Circle-Tower Building at Indianapolis, Indiana, was the investigator assigned by him to work on the Woolverton kidnaping case. Mr. Mayr states that Charles Bolte can bring this agent to the house where Mr. Woolverton was held. Asked as to why Mr. Woolverton was never brought to the house by Mr. Bolte he determines whether or not he would identify it. Mr. Mayr stated that before this investigation was completed, by Mr. Bolte, a different political administration came into power, and that he, together with Bolte, was turned out of his position, and for that reason the investigation of this kidnaping matter was discontinued. According to Mr. Mayr, Mr. Jamie and Mr. Bolte, if contacted, will be able to furnish a lot of valuable information concerning developments in the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton. If it is desired that Mr. Bolte be contacted, Mr. Mayr suggested that agent contact him at the State Department at Indianapolis, Indiana, and he in turn would locate Bolte and see that he co-operated in every possible manner.

Mr. Woolverton then brought this agent to a parking lot owned and operated by David P. Moore at 215 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend, at which place agent contacted Leon Hart, an attendant there, who stated that

he was employed at this parking space in January, 1932, and he observed the men come to this parking lot and make inquiries regarding the car of Mrs. Woolverton. Mr. Hart stated that these men did not talk to him personally but talked to the other attendant, Milford Price, who is now employed at the Phillips 66 Gas Station opposite the Bendix Corporation plant at South Bend, Indiana. The photographs of the Chicago Police Department Bulletin mentioned above were exhibited to Mr. Hart, but he was unable to identify any of these men as being the parties who called at the gas station. Mr. Hart stated that in his opinion Mr. Price would undoubtedly be able to identify both of these men if he were shown their photographs. Mr. Hart described these men as follows:

No. 1 - 5'10", build slim, complexion medium, well dressed, wearing light fedora hat.

No. 2 - 5'4", build stocky, complexion swarthy, well dressed, wearing light fedora hat.

Mr. Hart is a hunchback and is the son-in-law of the owner of this parking lot.

Agent next called at the Phillips 66 Gas Station opposite the Bendix Corporation plant, and was informed by the attendant there that Milford Price is not working there at this time but would be there on the following afternoon at about 4:00 P. M. Arrangements were made between Mr. Woolverton and the attendant employed there to notify Milford Price to contact Mr. Woolverton and Mr. Woolverton stated he would obtain from Price his present address and also information concerning the man who called on Price and made inquiries regarding Mrs. Woolverton's car.

Agent next contacted J. G. Matthews, Room Clerk, Robertson Hotel, 121 East Wayne Street, South Bend, and exhibited to him the photographs of the criminals contained in the Chicago Police Department Bulletin. He was unable to identify any of these men as being the men who registered at this hotel on January 17, 1932. He stated, however, that about one week preceding the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton, two men who were total strangers to him and who appeared to be suspicious characters registered at the hotel, 121 East Wayne Street, Saginaw, Michigan and occupied Room 205. He stated that these men registered on Monday, January 18, 1932, and checked out of the hotel on Tuesday, January 19, 1932; he does not recall the exact hour. The registration sheet furnished this agent by Mr. Woolverton was exhibited to Mr. Matthews, and he identified the names of these two men as being John Cook and Mike Davies. His initials appear in the left column of this registration sheet opposite the names of these men, together with the initials of this agent. He furnished practically the same descriptions of these men as those furnished by Leon Hart, referred to above.

Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, 1111 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, is president of the Woolverton family. He is secretary and treasurer, and that John J. Woolverton, 1111 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, is vice president.

Mr. Woolverton's residence address is 1111 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. His business office telephone is 24000. Mr. Woolverton also stated that if it is desired to contact him at any time, he may be notified at either of the above telephones, and will be willing to come to Chicago or go any other place desired in an effort to cooperate with this Division and apprehend the men who were responsible for his kidnaping.

Mr. Woolverton and all of the persons contacted were advised to keep this investigation in strict confidence, and they all advised they would do so.

Special Agent W. A. Smith called the Washington Field office by long distance telephone and advised that office that Mr. Jamie is now located at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. and requested it to contact him in an effort to obtain from him the original ransom notes and any other pertinent data that he may have in his possession.

The Cincinnati office also was contacted by telephone and advised to contact Charles Bolte through Frank Mayr, Secretary of State in Indiana, and obtain from him information as to the location of the house in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom, and all other information that may be considered of value in establishing the identity of the individuals who were responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton.

Following are the descriptions of the men who kidnaped Mr. Woolverton, as furnished by him:

- No. 1: 6' tall, weight 180-90 lb., build medium, dark complexion, neat dresser, spoke with a very soft voice and is well educated.
- No. 2: 5' 8" tall, weight 160 lb., stocky build, medium complexion, neat dresser.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner:

On February 10, 1934 Acting Special Agent in Charge Smith advised the writer that Mr. Nathan, Assistant Director of the Division, called from St. Paul, Minnesota and advised that he had received a letter from Mr. Larson of the Detroit Office, in which Mr. Larson set forth the results of an interview with Catherine Kelly in which she alleged that Mr. Woolverton, South Bend, Indiana, was kidnaped by Eddie LaRus, I.O.No. 1214, and George Kelly. Mr. Nathan further stated that the Kansas City Office had advised that George Kelly was interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, at which time he advised that the house in which Mr. Woolverton was kept was owned by a Swede with seven children; that this house is located on a farm between Joliet and Aurora Illinois, on a paved County Highway about 100 feet off the right side of the road; that it is about twenty minutes out of Aurora, driving at 25 miles per hour, and was a six room house with no porch and a large dairy barn; that the owner of this farm saw the picture of Woolverton in the papers which showed that he, Woolverton, was kidnaped, and the farmer forced the kidnapers to remove Woolverton from the farm, saying he would not keep a kidnaped man, and as a result of this Woolverton was taken to Chicago and released, no ransom being paid although \$10,000.00 was promised.

Mr. Nathan further advised that there was little possibility that this is the farm at which Mr. Bremer was held, but advised that it should be inspected and all details and descriptions obtained of the location, occupants, etc.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agents T. P. Miller and Charles Jenkins proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, and there interviewed Mr. D. S. Ejerseth, Rural Carrier No. 5, who advised that he went as far as State Highway No. 80 and 18, which is the highway between Aurora and Joliet, as Cassville, Illinois; that he knew of a family by the name of De Fauth who lived just beyond Wolf's Crossing, the second house after a gravel road, and that Fauth was living with his father-in-law, Westphal. He further stated that he knew of no Swedish family on his route.

Agents proceeded out of Aurora, driving at 25 miles an hour and after 19 1/2 minutes of driving at this speed arrived at the farm house of C. F. Chaplin, R.F.D.#1, Plainfield, Illinois. This farm was about 9 miles from Aurora, contained more than six rooms, white in color with a green roof and had a cupola over the front entrance of the house and a built-in side porch. There were a

number of large dairy farms near the house. Agents interviewed Mr. Chaplin, who was not a Swede, who advised that he had no children that he had lived on this farm for a considerable length of time and that he knew of the families between his place and Plainfield and was familiar with the farmers between his place and Aurora, that he did not know of any family on the highway with more than one child. He was questioned if he had heard anything about the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton from Indiana and was supposed to have been in custody between Aurora and Joliet on a farm, and he said that he had never heard of the kidnaping and felt sure that if the victim had been held at a farm near the vicinity of his place that he and his neighbors would have heard about it.

A short distance from Mr. Chaplin's farm on the way to Aurora, Agents interviewed Mr. William D. King, who advised that he was a Deputy Sheriff and that he knew of no Swedes or Swedish families on the highway between Aurora and Joliet and that he had not heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton from South Bend and the subsequent holding of him in custody on a farm between Aurora and Joliet.

Agents called on Mr. William Westphal, Route 2, Oswego, Illinois, who advised that he was a German and had lived on this farm since 1871; that he was familiar with all the farmers in the immediate vicinity but knew of no large Swedish family living on the highway between Aurora and Joliet. He further stated that he had not heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton and the subsequent holding of him in custody on a farm in that vicinity. Mr. Westphal advised that there was a highway No. 59, which was a mile or so to the East of him, but that this highway did not originate at Aurora but did run into highway No. 30 at Plainfield and continue on to Joliet.

Agents proceeded on to highway No. 59, almost one mile East of the Westphal farm and Agent interviewed Mr. M. Centoyer, N.F.D. #1, Plainfield, Illinois, who advised that he had lived on this farm for five years and in the neighborhood for over fifteen years; that he knew of no Swedish family on that highway and had never heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton and his subsequent retention on a farm on a County highway between Aurora and Joliet.

Agents proceeded to Plainfield, where Mr. J. P. Lenon, Postmaster, and Mrs. Morrell, Assistant Postmaster, were interviewed regarding the alleged Swedish family who was supposed to have held Woolverton in custody on a farm between Aurora and Joliet. They advised that they had never even heard of the incident and could

throw no light on any family answering the description.

Agents called at the farm house of E. J. [redacted] Plainfield, Illinois, who advised that he had lived on his farm thirty-five years and had never heard of a Swedish family or of no Swedish family in the vicinity and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

Agents called on George Seigel, E.J.D.F., who advised that he had lived on the farm 17 years and knew of no large Swedish family and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

Mrs. C. A. Rowley, E.J.D.F., Plainfield, Illinois, was contacted by the writer, who advised that she had lived on the farm for two years and that her husband had lived in the vicinity practically all of his life and they know of no Swedish family in the vicinity and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

At Joliet Agent Mullen contacted Mr. H. H. [redacted] Postmaster, by telephone, who advised that he never heard of anyone being held on a farm in that section of Illinois and could throw no light upon a Swedish family which might answer the description set out above. Agent Mullen also interviewed Mr. J. [redacted] Superintendent of Mails, Joliet Post Office, who advised that he knew nothing of the kidnaping matter but would have the rural carrier who delivers mail towards Rockport and who connects with the rural carrier [redacted] of Rockport, see if he has heard about the kidnaping incident. He advised that if the carrier found out anything he would know by Monday afternoon and would forward the same to the Chicago Office, but in the event that he did not develop any information and the Chicago Office did not hear from him by Monday night, that it would be understood that there was nothing to it.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: is respectfully requested to mail [redacted] and interview George (Machine Gun) Kelly at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in an effort to ascertain from him the location of the house in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom. Note: Attached to the Kansas City copies of this report is a diagram of the room in which Mr. Woolverton was held, drawn by him. This probably should be exhibited to Kelly without disclosing its source, in an effort to ascertain if this corresponds in any way with the basement room in which Mr. Woolverton was held.

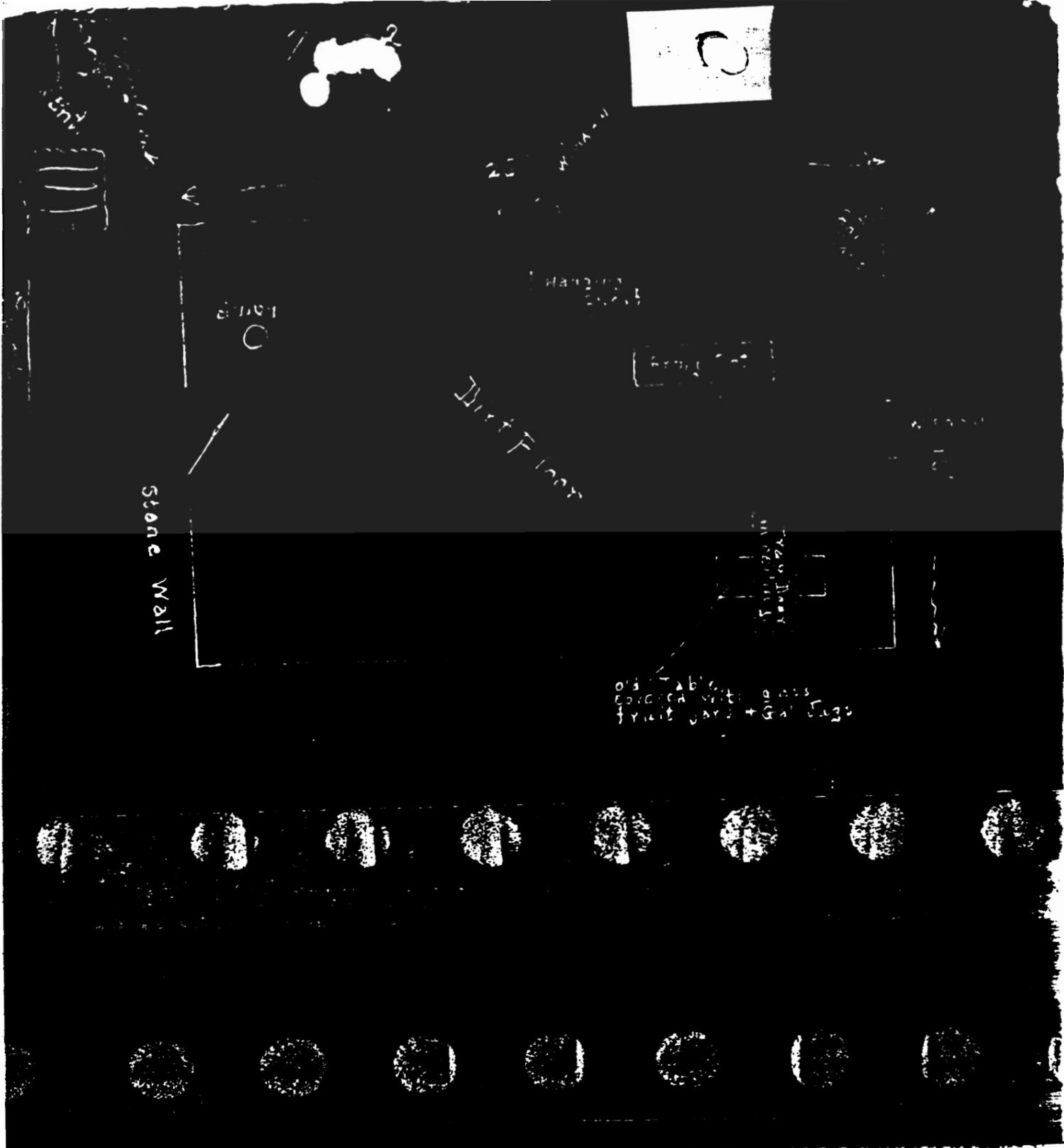
CINCINNATI OFFICE: At Indianapolis, Indiana, is requested to contact Mr. Frank Mayr, Jr., secretary of state of Indiana and through him ascertain the address of Charles Bolte, who now operates a detective agency in the Circle Tower Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Mayr will cooperate with the agent contacting him and will contact Mr. Bolte and advise him as to the information desired so that Mr. Bolte will cooperate in every possible manner.

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will endeavor to obtain the original ransom notes from Chief Kuespert of the South Bend, Indiana Police Department, and from Alexander Jamie, formerly of the Secret Six, Chicago.

Will also make arrangements with Charles Bolte and Mr. Woolverton to identify the house and basement room in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom. Will also obtain from Messrs. Jamie and Bolte all pertinent details surrounding the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton, the serial numbers of the ransom bills, and any other pertinent data that may be considered helpful in establishing the identity of the individuals responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton.

Will also, in a discreet manner, try to obtain the home address of Mrs. Agnes Laue, and conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to determine the present location of Eddie Laue alias Eddie Boll.

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weighing approximately 150 pounds. I recall that the taller man was wearing overcoats with light mufflers, the taller one a black one and the shorter one a gray Telora, and I believe both wore suits, in fact, the taller man was dressed. The shorter man did very little talking but did give me a look. I have never determined where I was held but was told by Mr. Polte who mentioned that he knew the house at which I was held. If I had ever been brought to this place I am positive that I would be able to identify the ~~XXXXXX~~ basement room in which I was held with the four stone walls, first floor, and rat holes around the foundation. From the ~~XXXX~~ different operators including Mr. Polte with ~~XX~~ whom I have talked and described, the only I believe the place was located some where near Mankakee, Illinois, possibly to the South and East. Mr. Martin has advised me that it is absolutely necessary that the investigation of this matter be held in strict confidence and I have advised my relatives to ~~XX~~ keep this matter quiet and not to divulge any information to anybody concerning this investigation. The above statement is given by me to Special Agent, J. T. Martin, Division of Investigation United States Department of Justice, and transcribed by Kathryn Allen. The same is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Howard Alwooderton

Division of Investigation

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



February 11, 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 please find copies of memorandums on above
titled case, which were written by Agents connected with the St. Paul
office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

MR. THOMPSON of the Dispatch inquired concerning one, EDWIN BERGSTROM, and wife, whom he states were questioned by Agents of this office at the time the kidnaping first occurred. He says that BERGSTROM and wife rented the place where they are now living on December 7, 1933, paying \$50.00 rent in advance for one month. They paid another month's rent on January 7, 1934, with a \$50.00 bill. BERGSTROM is said to have sandy hair and to be about the same height as Chief of Detectives Tierney. His wife is said to be about the same size, quite dark, and apparently of Celtic extraction. BERGSTROM represented himself to be a representative of the Associated Press, which representation is incorrect. BERGSTROM drove a Ford V-8 Coupe. BERGSTROM and his wife apparently disappeared from the apartment on the 17th of January, 1934. The caretaker, a man by the name of OLSON, who lived next door, went into their place on the morning of the 18th, and found that they had vanished, taking with them some of their own clothes and some of the paraphernalia in the apartment. While there, they spent money freely, according to the manager of the National Tea Company Store.

A check made by the newspaper representative shows that BERGSTROM'S car was purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 North University Avenue, June, 1933. He states that this was the same date upon which a car was turned in by one of the occupants of the Vernon Avenue address. The car purchased on September 10, 1933, was registered in the name of EDWIN BERGSTROM, 408 University Avenue. The salesman was H.V. BHOIT. BHOIT is now at the Auto Show. On January 8, 1934, this car was transferred to E. R. MURREY of White Bear Lake, Box 345. The newspaper representative says that this is the car that figured in the McCord shooting. The license number on this car is B455099.

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H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

MEMORANDUM FOR W. A. C. WERNER HANDEL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

EDWARD G. BREMER

KIDNAPING

St. Paul file 7-50

In accordance with the memorandum of Assistant Director Nathan dated February 7, 1934, in which it is stated that he had received information to the effect that the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel in St. Paul, one GEORGE BOLAND, had, through information from the Police Department, advised a tenant known as the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh" to leave the city, etc., etc., it may be noted that the proprietor, MR. W. M. JOHNSON of the Euclid Hotel, was interviewed by agent and also a MR. JOHNSTON who is night clerk, and the day clerk. MR. JOHNSON advised that he has operated the Euclid Hotel for the past 24 years and that never at any time during this period has anyone endeavored to offer diamonds for sale to him; that he has no recollection of anyone referred to as the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh"; further, that no one has ever been allowed to run up a hundred-dollar bill for accommodations at the hotel.

Neither the day clerk nor the night clerk had any information of value to offer in this connection.

MR. JOHNSON further stated that there has never been a party by the name of GEORGE BOLAND or GEORGE BOWLIN employed at the hotel.

MR. JOHNSON further stated that he has never received any letter at any time making any threats relative to a deal in jewelry or other such merchandise.

MR. JOHNSON was questioned for some time by agent and appears to be straight-forward in his answers, and he assured agent that although at times persons of questionable character reside at his hotel, he has never had any desire to protect people of this type and has cooperated to the fullest extent with law enforcing authorities to assist in the apprehension of wanted persons. In this connection, MR. JOHNSON cited the fact that just recently, two parties had taken a room overlooking the bank across the street; that he became suspicious of them and they were taken into custody by the St. Paul Police Department and later released.

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Concerning the call at the Euclid Hotel by Detective from
Pittsburgh, MR. JOHNSON advised that there never had been any such contact
and that at no time during his operation of the hotel has any detective
or representative of the law outside the city of St. Paul ever been in his hotel
seeking the apprehension of any party.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTRIM,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 11, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. J. C. WEBER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
HOWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-56

BREMER was first seen at Rochester at 7:55 P.M., on February 7, 1934, near the Carlton Hotel, about two blocks south and one block east of the bus station, when he made inquiry as to the location of the bus station. HOWARD MCGOON, who was to relieve MRS. JEROME S. HAIGHT, ticket agent at the bus station, is of the opinion that the man who called at the bus station at about 8:00 P.M., and inquired about a bus for the Twin Cities was BREMER; MRS. HAIGHT is also of that opinion, although her description varies from the others in that she noticed he was a mustache, while the rest relate that he appeared not to have shaved for some time. MRS. HAIGHT called a cab for this man when MCGOON informed him that the last bus had left at 7:30 P.M., but that he could take a C. & NW train to Owatonna and a bus from there which would get him in St. Paul at 11:30 P.M., wherefor MERRITT HORN, cab driver, drove a man from the bus station to the C. & NW station to catch the train leaving at 8:15 P.M., and believes his fare to have been BREMER.

E. R. TERREY, Star Baggage Line, Rochester, saw BREMER at the rail road station at Rochester.

MILES OSTROM, Cook Hotel, Rochester, states that at about 8:30 P.M., on February 7, 1934, he was walking down town and two men, riding in a LaSalle Coupe, headed him off and asked him the way to Highway 7 and 14. They were both young men, and the car was dark. He gave them the directions and they drove away.

DR. M. F. EUSTELMAN, dentist, who is very closely connected with the BREMER family, has a brother in the clinic, is alleged to have made a remark two weeks ago at a chamber of commerce meeting that he could solve the case in two minutes if he had the permission of the BREMER family. Chief Claude saw him today about this and he denied it but stated that the LaCrosse police department might get something.

Several guests of the local hotels have been investigated but no connection established with instant matter.

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Regarding the bandages alleged to have been discovered by BREMER at a point six blocks from the bus station and about a block before crossing a bridge, Chief of Police L.J. Glauco, of the Rochester Police Department and his men conducted a search for the bandages immediately upon receipt of information from S.A. J. Brennan, telephoned to him early this morning. Upon arrival at Rochester and having obtained the above information indicating that BREMER had come to the bus station from a southeast direction, the undersigned accompanied Chief Glauco and his men to the only bridges in that direction that would come anywhere near being in the locality described and searched for several blocks in all directions but no bandages were observed. It should be noted that there is a bridge about every two blocks crossing a stream passing through the town, and if some information could possibly be obtained as to whether it was a concrete or structural iron bridge, approximate relation to some other structure he may have observed, a more concentrated search may be conducted; for, as it now stands, there are about a dozen or more bridges within "six blocks" of the bus station.

Two vacant houses, which have been regarded with suspicion, were searched but no dust was found to be disturbed.

A woman, who desires that her identity be not known unless the information furnished by her is found to have some bearing in this matter, sent the following to Chief Glauco: On the evening of February 6, 1934, a man came to her rooming house in Rochester and rented a room. He had three bags and a large metal box. She heard him moving about his room during the night and at 2:00 A.M., on February 7, 1934, saw him emerge from his room with a hat and coat on and wearing a pair of white canvas gloves. He went back into the room but left the house at 4:00 A.M. and returned at 8:00 A.M., remained in the room until the evening of the 7th, when he left stating that he was going to Swanton, but when he went out of the house a car drove up, which this man got into, and drove away.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN Special Agent.

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9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 9, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-80.

JOHN MILLER, residence 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, proprietor of the recreation parlor in the basement of the Hamm Building, was interviewed by Special Agent S. J. Dodd and myself.

Sometime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 1934, JOHN MILLER at the recreation parlor received a telephone call from an employee named SULLY who informed MILLER that someone wanted to talk to him on the telephone. MILLER answered the phone, saying, "Hello", and the party calling, in a hearty, friendly tone said, "Hello. Is this you John. Say, I left a Hills Bros. tobacco can on your front porch. Take a cab out there immediately and take it to ADOLPH BREMER'S home." MILLER asked, "Is ADOLPH home". The man replied, "I don't know but take it there anyway. I know you will find him." MILLER stated that he has been trying since that time to place the voice, it being his impression that he has talked to this person before, although he is not certain of that.

MILLER took a taxicab to his home. He did not find a Hills Bros. tobacco can on his porch as his wife had previously found it. According to JOHN MILLER, MRS. MILLER had seen a man come to the front of the house and leave the tobacco can. JOHN MILLER took the note, which was in the tobacco can, directly to ADOLPH BREMER'S house and gave it to ADOLPH BREMER in the presence of WALTER MACKIE. He did not see the contents of the note and he did not open it.

MILLER claimed he received no other telephone calls which appeared to have any connection with the BREMER kidnaping, nor did he deliver any other notes. However, he volunteered the following additional information:

About the 20th of January, a man about 30 years of age, about 6 feet tall, wearing hunting boots, came to the MILLER residence at 1209 Hague Avenue and inquired of MRS. MILLER where 1193 Hague Avenue was. She told him to go about four doors to the left. Instead, the man wheeled and on a dead run, ran to the next street intersection to the right, that is, he ran in the opposite direction.

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JOHN MILLER stated that many years ago he was saloon keeper in the Red River Valley and came to know quite well one ELLIE HAMILTON, a woman connected with carnivals; that at frequent intervals he has seen her since those days and she is now proprietress of the Canary Inn, which is located on the third lake at Forest Lake, Minnesota. During the period that ED BREMER was held, she came to him and stated that in view of their long friendship, she had some information which might prove of some interest. It seemed that there is a trapper residing in one of ELLIE HAMILTON'S cottages, and two or three days after the kidnaping of BREMER, this trapper reported to her that he had seen a large dark colored sedan go into a little-used road at Half-breed Lake, which is a dry lake. MILLER inquired of ELLIE how anyone could live in a summer cottage in the winter. She pointed out that if they had oil stoves, they could comfortably heat a house and no smoke be seen from the chimney. MILLER said that he gave her \$20 as she is poor; and at a later date she informed him that Half-breed Lake can be reached by going to the third lake at Forest Lake and while on the automobile road there will be seen a store and gas station on the right-hand side, the lake being on the left-hand side. One should drive by the store to a road that intersects, at which intersection there are three mail boxes on the left-hand side. One should continue on the same road beyond the three mail boxes and take the next left turn. There will be found on this second road four or five cottages, these being the cottages to which the trapper believed the men in the black sedan were going on the day he saw them.

In that connection, I invite your attention to the fact that it appears that KARPIS and the two BARKERS, and others receiving mail at White Bear Lake early in January of this year, were living at or near a lake. I believe this should be investigated.

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I informed MR. NATHAN of the letter and I also informed you, and it was understood that MRS. MILLER would not be interviewed for a few days as I think to interview her would cause JOHN MILLER to be reluctant to give any further information as I understand his wife is very excitable and does not want to be involved in this matter. I intend to see MR. MILLER either January 9th or 10th at a room in the St. Paul hotel at which time I will endeavor to get further information from him.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent

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MEMO, S. A. C. BREMER HANNA:

On the night of Feb. 9 the last of the company left the Bremer home at 835 W. Seventh St. at approximately twelve o'clock. After everyone had gone, Mr. Bremer and Miss Wilshusen went over to the office of the Bremer across the street. Miss Louise Bremer and the author were sitting on the side porch talking, and the victim, Edward G. Bremer, came to the door of the back porch. I opened the door after recognizing that the man was Bremer. I left him with his sister Louise and went across the street to call Mr. Bremer. I found Mr. Bremer and Miss Wilshusen at the bottling house of the Bremer. I told Mr. Bremer of his son's arrival and escorted him back, and then went upstairs and called his brother Adolph, Jr. Upon my return, Mr. Bremer asked me not to call anyone for a few moments. After talking to Edward for a few moments, I asked for the privilege of calling the office of Mr. Hanni or Mr. Nathan. Edward insisted that I not do so as he had promised the kidnapers that nothing would come out in the morning paper, and that he must keep his word. Edward and his father then decided that the best thing to do would be wait until morning and call Mr. Nathan, Hanni and the Police Department for a conference at 9 o'clock. This I had to agree to do. Then after Edward had taken a glass or two of beer he sat down to tell the family his story.

He stated that as he stopped for a stop sign at the corner of Lexington and Goodrich on the morning of Jan. 17, someone opened the door of his car and stuck a gun in his side and demanded that he slip over, which he refused to do, and at that instance another person entered from the other side and hit him over the head several times with something he thought was a blackjack. He stated that he was pushed down in the foot of the car but was never unconscious. The car refused to start, according to his statement, and that he was in hopes that someone would come before the car started, but they continued to beat him over the head so furiously that he decided that he had best start the car, which he did with the starter button on the dash, which they were unable to locate.

According to his statement, he was driven for a while his head bleeding all over his clothes and then he changed cars, and at the time the change was made, he asked that his family not be allowed to see his car with the blood on it. He was then pushed down in the floor of the car he was changed to and the people started driving. He stated that another car was along and at frequent intervals all during the day the cars would pull up side of each other and carry on conversation which he could not understand. He stated that the accompanying car would stop for gas and get some in cans for the one in which he was riding, and that occasionally they would stop and put gas in the car he was riding in in a lonely place as he could never hear any sounds while the gas was being put into the car.

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As near as he could determine, he reached the destination around nine o'clock that night, and was marched out of the car down into a basement the number of steps he could not remember, and there he was seated in a chair where he remained for 21 days with the exception of the time he was in bed, which was each night from around 10 o'clock until in the morning around seven or eight. After the first few days, they took the blindfold off his eyes and he faced a bare wall for days at the time with guns resting against his side. He first stated that he was blindfolded the entire time, but later changed his statement to the effect that he was not blindfolded after the first few days with the exception of the time he was sleeping. He stated that he was fed regularly, his food consisting mostly of eggs and sausage, and sausage and eggs.

He stated that he wrote many, many letters, the number he could not estimate, and that he named several people to be contacted, most of which were objected to. He stated that he never signed any typewritten sheet with more than two lines on it, and that notes containing more than that written on a typewriter were written after he had signed the sheet. The letters he always wrote in long hand. Each time they took a letter after he had written it, he could hear them leave and it would take them approximately twenty-four hours to return. He stated that this procedure was kept almost daily and that they informed him that the attempted contacts had failed. Finally, on Sunday morning, Feb. 4, they read to him the article appearing in the paper over the signature of his father and told him that it would be his last chance, and that at this time he indicated Miss Dickman and wrote her a letter and one to his father and wife, and at the same time or the next day, he does not remember, he wrote one to Father Deere. He stated that the cars left early Monday morning, and returned Tuesday, and then left again the same day and returned Wednesday morning a very short time before they started with him.

When he left the house where he was kept, he was blindfolded and instructed to hold a handkerchief over his nose and to walk with his other hand by his side. He walked out and got into a small roadster, so near as he could tell, and one person got in on each side of him. He was driven a short distance on a very crooked road in this car when another pulled up side of them and he was taken from the roadster and put into the foot of the other car, which he thought was a small car, the make of which he could not say. Down on the floor of this car he lay between two cans and rode all day, according to his statement.

One time they ran out of gasoline and he was unloaded and two men walked with him in a corn field with guns in his sides until the other person could go after the gasoline. After dark, he stated he was pulled upon the rear seat beside one fellow and rode there until he was instructed to get out, and remain blindfolded until he counted fifteen, after they had gone, and then to remove the blindfold and go to the bus station, take a bus to St.

Paul, and not to let anyone know he was going to reach St. Paul until he arrived, and by all means not to have anything in the morning paper, which he promised them, according to his statement. After walking in in town he realized that he was in Rochester and when he reached the bus station, there was no bus to St. Paul, but they informed him he could take a train over to Owatonna and get a bus out of there to St. Paul, which he did. Upon arriving in St. Paul, he got off two blocks from the bus station and took a taxi to the West End Club and walked from there to his father's house, which he reached at 12:10 a.m., on the morning of Feb. 8.

After he finally got this story told, I asked him several questions relative to the personnel of the gang. He stated that it sounded rather unreasonable but that they kept him for 22 days and that he never got a look at one of the persons, but that he estimated that there must have been eight or ten of them, and that he could recognize several different voices which led him to believe that there were that number of people. He stated that one person sat with him the first few days he was taken and that he was rather harsh in his talk, but after a few days he left and did not reappear so far as he knew, and that he asked about him, and the other gangsters stated that he would not be around any more as he went to the wrong barber shop. After that he stated that a person was with him that talked rather kindly, and that he considered him a good fellow of his kind. He insisted that he could not recognize any one of them and that he would not make any effort to apprehend them as they had threatened his father and daughter if he did.

As to the place he was kept, he stated that he knew it was in a basement and that it was in a city for he could hear the traffic passing almost constantly, and that on Saturday he heard a church bell ringing. He had absolutely no idea as to the place he was held and stated that he had no idea of the direction he was traveling when he was being carried out or returned.

He repeatedly said to his father that they would not have anything to do with prosecution, as their lives were at stake, and that it was not worth while. He further stated that the gangsters informed him that the so-called "finger man" was in Minneapolis. He also stated to his father that he knew plenty that he would never tell about banks and politics which caused the kidnaping. He insisted that the gang said that they were not afraid of the St. Paul police, but that they were afraid of Federal officials and warned him to take no steps to assist them or his family would be endangered.

With these statements and others relative to his wife and with
he finally decided to go to bed at three o'clock and talk to the police
Federal authorities at nine o'clock today, Feb. 8, as soon as they were
upstairs and settled, I called Mr. Hanni and reported the findings that

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

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St Paul, Minnesota

February 12, 1934



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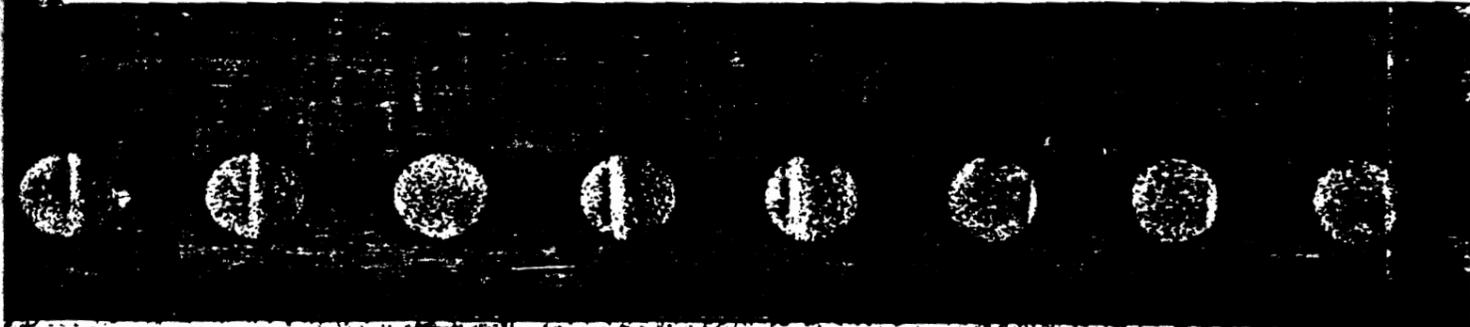
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Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,

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

Re: EDWARD G. BREWER,
 KIDNAPER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 11, 1934, and memorandum attached thereto.

I advise you that Special Agent A. Schwegler ascertained from the Enterprise Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, South Lanchester, Pa., that they recently purchased a design resembling that described by Bremer from the Superior Wall Paper Company, Peoria, Illinois. Inasmuch as the pattern is the original it was not possible to obtain it from the Enterprise Wall Paper Manufacturing Company. In view of the similarity of the pattern it is suggested that your office contacts the Superior Wall Paper Company that they obtain a sample of this particular pattern which is their property and is used in their sample books several years ago.

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Saint Louis, Missouri
February 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with your office of February 12, 1934 relative to the wallpaper design found in the house where Edward Bremer was held by the kidnapers, I desire to advise that Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office contacted Mr. Taylor, Vice-President of the Century Wallpaper Company of Decatur, Illinois, at which time Mr. Taylor advised that his concern made only a cheap grade of paper; that they had no design similar to the one described by Mr. Bremer; however, he stated that he believed such a design was made by the Schmitz Molding Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that same was lithographed and a high class of paper; further, that this design was known as the Hollyhock Garden Scene, and that the Minneapolis distributor for the Schmitz Molding Company was Frank Hirschfield and Company.

Mr. Taylor further advised that hotels did not use this expensive grade of wallpaper, likewise that it would not be very apt to be found in a farmhouse; that the paper came in sheets, rather than in rolls, inasmuch as it was necessary to match the pattern in applying same to the wall; that he did not believe that more than fifty people in the State of Minnesota would have purchased this particular style of wallpaper.

As noted above, this information was immediately telephoned to the St. Paul Office, and was later telephoned to the Detroit Office, upon instructions of the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. W. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

February 12
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
205 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VIKING
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. L. Murphy of this office showing the result of inquiry at the FilmLens Sales Company in Detroit. It will be noted that this particular company does not manufacture lenses used for flashlights nor any lenses made of glass; that their products are made of a composition known as permalin which resembles transparent celluloid.

It will be noted however on the second page of the memorandum that a firm known as Bell & Howell Company, 1801 Larchmont, Chicago, Illinois, are the manufacturers of the Film Cameras and Film Projectors. It appears that the above named Chicago company evidently manufactures certain lenses for cameras and therefore it appears quite probable that their lenses were used in the flashlights in question, rather than the FilmLens of Detroit.

Hence it is requested that the Chicago office conduct the necessary inquiry in that city and get out the names of all dealers and distributors in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

As it appears quite remote that the product manufactured by the FilmLens in Detroit would be used in a flashlight it is suggested that the matter be held in abeyance by the office covering the territory in which distributors of the FilmLens are located as set out in the memorandum, awaiting further request from the St. Paul office.

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Samples of the three lenses mentioned in the accompanying letter secured from the Filmless Company are being transmitted herewith to the St. Paul Office in order to compare same with the lenses used in the flashlights.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
Chicago
New York
Kansas City
Cincinnati
St. Louis

625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
February 12 1934

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
BERNIE KIDNAPING CASE

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bruce Nathan of the New York City office called here yesterday, Sunday, stating that four flashlights used in making the contact in the above entitled case were equipped with a lens on which the name Filmolens appeared. These lenses, it has been determined, are distributed by the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit, which company, we were advised, makes devices for diffusing lights such as lenses for automobiles, etc. It is the Division's instruction that we ascertain if any of the products of the above company could be used in a flashlight and what the names of all dealers and distributors of the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit be ascertained in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Immediately upon receipt of this information it was determined that Mr. G. J. Mackehira is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Filmolens Sales Company, which is located at 1921 Ford Building, telephone Cadillac 9461. The home residence of Mr. Mackehira is 432 Chalmers, telephone Lower 2145. Mr. Mackehira appeared at this office upon request and stated that his company does not make lenses for flashlights but only lenses for automobile tail-lights and stop-lights. He stated, however, that they do have a lens approximately 5" in diameter which might be used in a flashlight and he advised that he would furnish this office a sample of every lens manufactured.

On Monday, February 12, this Agent called at the office of the Filmolens Sales Corporation in the Ford Building and personally examined a sample of each lens made by that company. It should be stated here that the Filmolens Sales Company does not manufacture any lenses made of glass; that all of their lenses are made of a composition known as "Formalin" which resembles a transparent celluloid. Mr. Mackehira advised that of the lenses made by their company, only three have ever been manufactured on which the name "Filmolens" appeared. These lenses are known as,

1. Universal size, which is 3 5/8 inches in diameter.
2. S.A.E. Standard size which is three inches in diameter.
3. Universal Stop Filmolens which is 4 1/8 inches in diameter, in the center of the lens is the word "Stop."

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A sample of each of the lenses above referred to as well as a card describing each of the lenses manufactured by the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit were furnished to Agent.

It should be noted with reference to lens #3 that this lens can be turned down to about a 3 1/8 inch lens. However, in doing so the name "Filmolens" would be cut off. Mr. Muckenhirn advised Agent that all three of these lenses have been manufactured by their company since approximately 1934. However, at the present time they are considered obsolete inasmuch as these lenses were made for stop-lights and tail-lights and the present light used by automobile manufacturers is a combination stop-light and tail-light combined and requires a different shape of lens. He stated that the only sale they have for these at the present time is for replacements and that the company has not manufactured any of these three patterns since 1934, but that orders are filled from stock they have had on hand since that time. Mr. Muckenhirn advised that their company did not have a list of the firms to whom they sell. However, the invoices of the Filmolens Sales Company for the past two years were checked and a list made of every firm to whom any of the above three lenses have been shipped during that period of time. Mr. Muckenhirn advised that he did not believe it would be necessary to go back any farther than that, as he felt the firms to whom they have been selling these particular lenses during the last two years are the only ones to whom they were sold during the past five years. The list as obtained from an examination of sales invoices will be set out later in this memorandum under the office covering the particular territory in which each is located. It was noted from an examination of these invoices that Reinhard Brothers Company, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn. ordered 48 of the 3" lenses and 72 of the 3 1/8" lenses on January 8, 1934. Mr. Muckenhirn advised that Reinhard Brothers Company probably used more of these lenses than any other company. Mr. Muckenhirn further advised Agent that at different times in the past they have received mail which was intended for a company manufacturing Film Cameras. He was unable to advise where this particular company was located or what the name of the manufacturer of these cameras was. Through the Eastman Kodak Company, Detroit, Michigan it was ascertained that the firm of Bell & Howell Company, 1801 Larchmont, Chicago, Illinois manufactures the Film camera and Film projectors. It is possible that this company also makes or sells a lens that might be used in a flashlight and which bears the name of Film lens. It is felt that inquiry should be made of this company concerning this matter.

The list of firms to whom lenses bearing the name Filmolens have been shipped within the past two years is as follows:

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Nicola Dean & Gregg, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Farwell Gunn & Kirk, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Western Auto Supply Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Central Organization, 115 Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Epsatah Tire Company, 127 E. Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Reinhard Brothers Co., Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Minneapolis Iron Store Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
West End Auto Body Company, 2224 W. Michigan St., Duluth, Minnesota.
Marshall-Wells Company, Duluth, Minnesota.
Kelley-How-Thompson Company, Duluth, Minnesota.
Auto Electric Supply Company, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.
Wm. Hornock & Company, Sioux City, Iowa.
Hatfield Motor Supply Company, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
Aberdeen Supply Company, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
Cave Supply Company, Watertown, South Dakota.
Graff Motor Supply Company, 122 W. 7th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

CHICAGO OFFICE:

H. D. Kimball & Company, 19th & Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
(A. W. Saxsmith, assignee)
Universal Parts Mfg. Corporation, 1434 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Lien Auto Accessories Company, Inc. 1450 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.
Conrad Mandel, 1804 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
J & E Motor Supply Company, 20th Street & Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Lesterstone Sales Company, 2515 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Safe-T-Lite Company, 1434 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Continental Products Company, 1805 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Sturgis Auto Supply Company, Sturgis, Michigan.
Northern Auto Parts Company, 224 E. Front Street, Traverse City, Mich.
Hart Supply Company, 27 State Street, Okauchok, Wisconsin.
Gordon, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin.
Standard Auto Parts Company, 222 Broadway, Logansport, Indiana.
Geffing Hoist Company, 227 E. VanBuren Street, Danville, Illinois.
Robinson Auto Supply Company, 122 S. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

CINCINNATI OFFICE:

John S. Cox & Son, 222 S. 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.
The H. J. Shreeder & Company, Inc., Kokomo, Indiana.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

Eagle Auto Parts Company, 212 Scott Street, Davenport, Iowa.
Western Auto Supply Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

National Auto Supply Company, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
Coburns Motor Supply Company, 626 N. Water St., Decatur, Ill.

DETROIT OFFICE:

Perfection Auto Products Corp., 1433 Franklin, Detroit, Michigan.
Russell Electric Company, 1917 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan.
The Bostwick-Braun Company, Toledo, Ohio. (Although this company is not listed in any of the states which we were requested to cover, it is felt that because this company does a wholesale business that they might have shipped some of the lenses purchased by them to dealers located in one of the eight states mentioned above.)

Respectfully submitted,

JLM:MEM

J. L. MURPHY - SPECIAL AGENT

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

February 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
505-A U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

WEINER HANCOCK,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
333 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the above entitled matter, and your letter of February 10, 1934, I am returning to you the documents which you forwarded with the above letter for the purpose of their being returned to the prison authorities at Atlanta, Georgia. These documents contain signatures and handwriting of BASIL HUGH BANCHEART.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

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

February 12, 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 being mailed under separate cover two copper plates bearing the word, "SHELL" which, according to the officials of the Shell Petroleum Company of Minneapolis, are bogus plates. These plates were taken from the Chevrolet Coupe, a stolen car, which was used to make the pay-off in this case.

It is requested that the Division examine the unpainted side of both these plates for fingerprints, it being believed that this office may be able to determine who put the plates on the car. It is desired that photographs of whatever prints are secured be forwarded to this office for comparison at a future date with fingerprints of garage men, and garage employees, and others, who may have been employed to do this work. There are also being transmitted bolts used in fastening these prints to the doors of the car.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois.

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the Division telegram dated February 12, 1934, requesting copies of fingerprints of Andrew Youpel, Julius Schreiber and Ben Gross, who handled certain stolen bonds obtained in the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932.

The Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department advised Agent Charles Jenkins that no fingerprints were taken of the three men mentioned. Further efforts will be made to locate fingerprints of Schreiber and Gross at the Chicago Police Department.

Three copies of the fingerprints of Andrew Youpel, alias Andrew Berkson, are attached to this letter. These fingerprints were obtained today at the Chicago Division Office where Youpel was questioned by Agent Baum after being located at his parent's home in Chicago. Youpel denied any knowledge of the perpetrators of the Holland bank robbery stating that Schreiber was in possession of the bonds when their disposal was first discussed with him.

Efforts to locate Gross and Schreiber have not been successful but will be continued. All information will be set forth in a report. It will be noted that Youpel freely consented to the taking of his fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith two shields purporting to be those of the Shell Gasoline Company, which were used as a signal designation in connection with the above entitled case. The St. Paul office has advised that Shell officials in the vicinity of St. Paul have stated these shields are not genuine Shell trade-marks in that vicinity. It is therefore possible that the signs were made for Shell dealers located in your district and every consideration should be given to determining their origin.

For the completion of their records photographs of these shields are being forwarded to the St. Paul office. The fingerprints appearing thereon were those caused by a greasy finger and were photographed in their original condition. Attempts were made to develop additional fingerprints by the use of powders with negative results. These fingerprints have been compared with the prints of Agent Fortenberry as suggested in the St. Paul letter of transmittal but are not found to be identical.

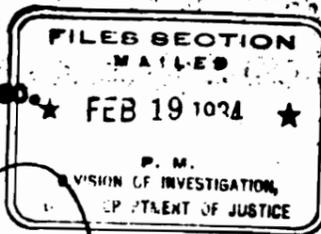
A further report as to the fingerprints will be subsequently submitted.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

At 1:25 AM, The Herald Examiner of Chicago called and asked to be connected with Mr. Hoover. This call was transferred to Mr. Clegg.

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul at 1:55 AM, stating that Mr. Clegg had called relative to an alleged hide-out in Iowa which had been found by Brigadier General Findlay. Mr. Findlay was contacted but denied that there was any truth to this report. Mr. Nathan asked that this information be conveyed to Mr. Clegg.

At Mr. Clegg's request, I telephoned Special Agent Trainor at Kansas City, informing him that the kidnaped (Bremer) had been at Preston, Iowa. I also told Mr. Trainor what Mr. Nathan had said - that Findlay denied that there was any truth to the alleged hide-out in Iowa.

Mr. Trainor stated that he had telephoned Special Agent Dewey, who reported that he was in touch with Findlay today and that Findlay is under the influence of liquor and is unable to give any definite information. However, Mr. Dewey got the information from the Sheriff at Des Moines that the Sheriff had reported to the press that he had under observation two farms close to Des Moines, and Findlay, who is sort of a political opponent of the Sheriff, then went him one better and reported to the press that he had under observation a farm down near Preston, Iowa. Mr. Trainor stated that there seems to be a political contest between the Chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Findlay, and the Sheriff at Des Moines. Mr. Dewey reported to Mr. Trainor that Findlay is intoxicated tonight and that prevented a very good interview.

Mr. Trainor asked Mr. Dewey to get in touch with Mr. Findlay the first thing in the morning and ascertain the full basis of Findlay's interview with the press, and furnish Mr. Trainor, by telephone, the facts, whatever they might be. Mr. Trainor said he would give the Division every bit of information that Findlay has to-morrow, and also advise Mr. Nathan by telephone.

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Respectfully,
AR Vogel
Night Clerk

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

About 1:30 A.M. today Chicago called. I waited about ten minutes for the connection to be clear and it was a Mr. Traboni of the Chicago Herald Examiner. He wanted verification of the rumor that the kidnaping hide-out place for Bremer had been located at Preston, Iowa, and that two suspects were being held. I asked him for additional details and he stated that this report is rumored to have come from Mr. Park Findlay, of Iowa, and he also inquired if Special Agent O. C. Dewey was connected with this Division. I informed him that Dewey was.

Concerning the rumor that this place had been located, I told him the Division was not in a position to comment. Upon his insistence, I told him I had not been at the office in several hours and was naturally out of touch with recent developments but that I had heard nothing of this rumor.

I immediately telephoned the St. Paul office; no answer. I then telephoned Mr. Hanni's residence; no answer. I then telephoned Mr. Nathan, who answered and stated he had received three telephone calls from newspapers already and had been trying to get a telephone message through to Park Findlay, of Des Moines, but had been unsuccessful. He knew of no details to substantiate the rumor.

I telephoned Mr. Conroy at the Kansas City office but he was not there. I telephoned Mr. Conroy at his residence number; no answer. I learned that Mr. Trainor was Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City office and talked with him. He had heard nothing of the rumor. I told him to get in touch with Agent Dewey and if he could not locate Dewey, to get in touch with Findlay or some one in Iowa by telephone to see what this was all about, and to call me back if there was any affirmative information.

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Shortly after 2:00 A.M. the night clerk called. He informed me he had given the Chicago newspaper my number. He stated that Mr. Nathan called and claims he had been in touch with Park Findlay and that there was no basis for the rumor.

The attached memorandum prepared by night clerk Vogel shows that Agent Dewey, according to Trainor, ~~was in touch with Park Findlay~~ and that he and some Sheriff were trying to find out who could tell the biggest yarn about this case, apparently.

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Respectfully,

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H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1934.

HHC:DSS

MR. Nathan	.....
MR. Tolson	.....
MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Cowley	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Lusk	.....
MR. Rosen	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Harvey telephoned from Philadelphia. He has conferred with Mr. Allman, President of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association. He has in his place 3500 samples of wallpaper and states there are about 36 manufacturers in the United States, about 4000 wholesalers and 60,000 paper hangers and retailers; that the life of wallpaper is from six to ten years; that when new patterns are brought out the old patterns are destroyed; that there are about 50,000 types of wallpaper in the United States and each type is printed in six different hues and shades, making a total of 250,000 to 300,000 samples, all told. I gave Mr. Harvey the description of the wallpaper as furnished today and suggested that he return and insist upon Mr. Allman coming to his office and furnishing him with the list of manufacturers so that undeveloped leads could be sent to all offices in which these 36 manufacturers were located in an endeavor to identify the pattern described so that it may then be exhibited to Bremer for identification and then we could begin our circularization. He said he would do this.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

// See that this is pressed.
J. Z. H.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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February 13, 1934



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

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 12, 1934
in the above entitled case.

Please be advised that this office maintains no file on Edward
Doll, subject of I.O.#1214, with the exception of the Identifi-
cation Order file. A thorough review was made of the files in
this office containing any of the aliases used by Doll. It
appears that Philadelphia file entitled [redacted]
with aliases, Impersonation, is the only one including any of
Doll's aliases, i.e., J. E. JACKSON. However, [redacted] bears no
connection with Doll.

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Very truly yours

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

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- MR. NATHAN.....
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February 9, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	—
MR. TOLSON	—
MR. CLEGG	—
MR. COWLEY	—
MR. EDWARDS	—
MR. EGAN	—
MR. GUNN	—
MR. LESTER	—
MR. LOCKE	—
MR. ROPER	—

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Larson telephoned from Detroit. He had talked with Kathryn Kelly until about 1:00 o'clock this morning. He had some information which he believed of vital importance in the Bremer case, which he gives as follows:

According to Kathryn Kelly, about two or three years ago a prominent and wealthy man of South Bend, Indiana named Woolverton, was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana. He was picked up on the street at night. Kathryn Kelly states that George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Eddie LaRue, alias Doll, I. O. 1214, were the two who had kidnaped Woolverton. This information is given credence by Larson because when Larson and Mr. Nathan talked with Kathryn Kelly on a previous occasion, she asked specifically what the penalty was in Indiana on kidnaping charges and he feels that this is what she had in mind at that time.

Kathryn Kelly further believes that LaRue is involved in the Bremer kidnaping and she cites the following reasons for her belief:

Woolverton was held in the basement of LaRue's brother's house between Chicago and Joliet and LaRue's brother goes by the name of Doll LaRue. In this particular case, no ransom was paid. The police began searching all residences, so they gave up the victim, releasing him on the outskirts of a town and giving Woolverton \$10.00 to get home on.

He further states that Kathryn Kelly is of the opinion that through a clever arrangement, Machine Gun Kelly at Leavenworth might be induced to tell where this house was located between Chicago and Joliet and if Bremer was held in the basement of a house, as Larson understands is the case, this may be the same house that was involved.

Immediately after they had set Woolverton free, LaRue and Kelly proceeded to Kansas City the following day and wired Kathryn Kelly to join them there at the Phillips Hotel 13 1934.

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where they registered under the name of R. G. Shannon and wife and she believes that LaRue at that time used the name of Lang when registering. A few days after Kathryn Kelly joined them at the Phillips Hotel, Kelly told Kathryn about the kidnaping and when LaRue found out about this, he became very angry and his anger was occasioned by the fact that he had stated his next kidnaping job was going to be one where \$200,000 would be the ransom obtained.

He had been heretofore engaged in bank robberies but he claimed that this was too dangerous so he was going into the kidnaping business as a racket. LaRue had talked with Kelly about the Urschel kidnaping. He was supposed to have been in on it but LaRue failed to meet Kelly and Bates in Texas at the appointed time, so Kelly and Bates went ahead with the kidnaping by themselves.

LaRue has also stated in the presence of Kathryn Kelly that the proper way to handle a kidnaped victim was to hold him for a period of two weeks or longer and to have the person making the "pay off" drive along a road back and forth several times until he was signaled to throw the money out of the car and that one of the kidnaped group would be watching the car to see that the authorities were not around and could flash the signal under such circumstances.

She further believes that if Bremer was held in a basement, this would be a further indication that LaRue might be connected with it because Woolverton was held in a basement.

Concerning the Sioux City, Iowa angle, Kathryn stated that LaRue was once at Sioux City, Iowa and sent George and Kathryn Kelly a telegram to New Orleans asking them to meet him. They subsequently suggested that they return to Sioux City but LaRue did not want to do so because he was too well known there and, in fact, had an ex-wife living there. LaRue has been married, according to Kathryn Kelly, nine times. About two years ago he married a woman in Maine. He went from Kathryn Kelly's home to Maine to be married but on the occasion of his departure, he refused to tell Kathryn the exact location to which he was going because he had always said when he got "hot" he was going there to cool off.

Shannon F. Urschel X

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Kathryn also advised that Frank Hayes, Manager of the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, is the contact man for all mobsters in that section and he has the addresses of all of this bunch at all times. She, on one occasion, called Hayes asking for Kelly's address and Hayes told her she could reach Kelly at Tupelo, Mississippi and she found him there; that Hayes received \$2700 of the Urschel kidnaping money from Bates, who sent it to Hayes from Denver, Bates being indebted to Hayes in that sum. Hayes has the addresses of all mobsters and, if forced to talk, could locate any of them promptly.

In connection with the ransom note, Mr. Larson had received a lead from the St. Paul office some time ago with reference to twelve or fifteen words misspelled in the Bremer notes. He talked with Kathryn about this. She stated that LaRue was quite a joke among his friends because he always used big words and never knew how to spell them. Larson asked about the word "consecutive." She stated that was a word he used very frequently and she doubted if he knew how to spell it; that she had received letters from LaRue herself and many big words appeared in the letters and most of them were misspelled.

Mr. Larson commented on the fact that he discussed with Kathryn also a story which she had previously related to Larson and Mr. Nathan and she repeated in minute detail the same story in exactly the same detail, which adds further credence to the information which she gave.

Kathryn stated that associated with LaRue is Lee Turner, formerly from St. Louis but a Chicago gangster who has been arrested in Chicago on two occasions. (Mr. Cowley advises that Turner was sentenced October 22, 1933 at Danville, Illinois to serve one year and one day at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and is there at the present time.)

Turner is a short man 5' 5" in height, weight 125 pounds and, according to Mr. Larson, some information has been received at the St. Paul office to the effect that a short man was involved in the case.

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In connection with the Holland, Michigan bank robbery, she advised that George Kelly had a friend known as "Big" Homer. No other name is known, and he weighs about 220 pounds, is about 45 years of age and talks in a low toned voice; that Kelly, LaRue and Turner went to Holland, Michigan to look the bank over there on one occasion.

She also states that LaRue and one Ted Bentz frequently would make charts of different methods of approaching and getting away from towns and LaRue is likewise a friend of Tom Banks in St. Paul who figured in the money handling transaction in the Urschel case and when Kelly wanted to locate LaRue, he would get in touch with Tom Banks for this purpose; that in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping, a Chrysler four door sedan was used.

Mr. Larson stated that Chicago had been furnished with a part of the information in that he had asked that office to go to South Bend and get any ransom notes sent to the Woolvertons, for transmission to the Division's laboratory. Kathryn incidentally advises that LaRue uses a typewriter but not expertly, that he had frequently used her own machine but he could not write a neat letter and again she mentioned his habit of misspelling big words.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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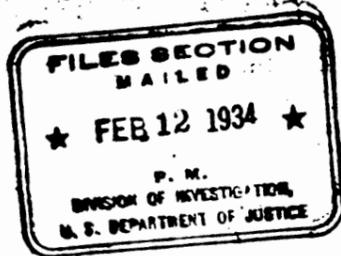
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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With reference to your memorandum of February 9, 1934, reporting the conversation had with Special Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit, covering an interview with Kathryn Kelly, I wish you would see that the various matters referred to in this report of Mr. Larson are given very prompt and careful attention. I think every effort should be exerted by our Division to bring about the apprehension of LaRue, who is already a fugitive from justice, wanted by us. All other matters referred to by Kathryn Kelly should be definitely checked, as I am of the opinion that there are some very good leads in this material.

Very truly yours,

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EOAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROPER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the attached letter, I called Mr. V. A. Smith, Acting Special Agent in Charge, of the Chicago Office, and requested that they immediately locate the three individuals who were arrested in Chicago negotiating bonds stolen from the Holland State Bank, as possible suspects in this case.

I advised Mr. Smith that the same typewriter was used in that as was used in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

He was also instructed to endeavor to locate relatives, and friends of Rossi, who was indicted for the Holland Bank Robbery, and recently killed in Chicago.

Ernest

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

I understand that Dr. Doudor doesn't share this view.

2/8/34 J. C. H.

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

February 12, 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 entitled matter, there are enclosed herewith memoranda of various agents of the St. Paul Division Office, together with original letters referred to in memorandum of Special Agent J.E. Brennan, dated February 8, 1934, copies of which have been made for the St. Paul Division Office files.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-20.

Referring to the attached anonymous letter received by ADOLPH BREMER, SR., Reverend E. J. WILKEE was interviewed and he stated that on February 2nd, he received an anonymous letter in the same handwriting as that referred to above, which letter was received through the United States Mails bearing postmark Minneapolis, February 2, 1934, and contained descriptions as to the manner in which he should dispose of \$9,000 asked by the writer; that he tore the letter up and threw it in the waste basket. It was recovered and pasted together and is attached hereto. Reverend WILKEE further stated that on February 3th he received another letter postmarked Minneapolis, February 3th, which is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-576

MR. ENUCH MOREM, City Editor, Mason City Globe Gazette, Mason City, Iowa, residing at 3 Willow Drive, advised that the information in his possession upon which he had called the Ramsey County Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was all obtained by him from FORD LEE, Clerk in the Post Office at Clear Lake, Iowa. Arrangements were made whereby LEE came to Mason City, Iowa, and was interviewed at the Hanford Hotel. MR. LEE stated that one WILBUR HUGHSON now resides at 415 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa, and that he has been there about a year and one-half. It is believed that his mother-in-law also lives there and that she is the owner of this house. HUGHSON married a woman by the name of ZORHEL, said to be a daughter of the woman who owned the place. LEE has observed mail received by HUGHSON, and gathers the information that HUGHSON's father resides at Manistique, Michigan, and is a barber there. About two or three weeks ago, not over three weeks, three cars showed up at this place, one being an old dilapidated Dodge sedan bearing Wisconsin license plates. The number of these plates was taken by the postmistress but LEE had not informed her of his suspicions and therefore had not the number at the time of the interview. One of the other cars was a Chevrolet, about a 1932 model, not a coupe and not a sedan, but believed to be what is called a four passenger coupe. This car had a Minnesota license number and also had a tag with the word "Midway." The third car, make not known, was believed to be a roadster. This car also had Minnesota license plates. LEE had obtained much of his information from EVERETT WOOLRIDGE, local rural mail carrier, and WOOLRIDGE advised him that everytime these cars were parked at this house a blanket would be casually thrown over the car so as to cover the license plate. LEE stated that these cars were gone the morning after BREMER's release, and he believes that the day was Thursday. They had been observed by WOOLRIDGE about 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, and could perhaps have disappeared unnoticed anytime shortly thereafter. WOOLRIDGE observed the Chevrolet back at this place either Thursday or Friday morning about 10:00 or 10:30 A.M. It was driven away from this house up to U. S. Highway #18, one and one-half blocks south, and was seen to turn west. These parties have not been seen around Clear Lake, Iowa, since that date. The Dodge sedan was there at that time, but has since disappeared.

HUGHSON is described as follows: Age, 28 to 30; Height, 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight, 180 pounds; Hair, dark brown; Medium-ruddy complexion; usually wears lumber jacket around place; when last seen, about February 8, had not shaved for about three days.

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One of the parties who called for mail under the name of HUGHSON is described as follows: Age, 25-26; Height, 5 feet; Weight, 175 pounds; sunken eyes; lantern jaw; long neck and prominent Adam's apple.

Another party whom LEE had never seen, was merely described by him as being a big burly fellow, weighing well over 200 pounds and "real tough looking."

Upon further thought, LEE feels sure that there must have been three men there besides HUGHSON, but he could not recall definitely enough to give a description. One of these men had a big scar on his face, and one has a sort of pasty complexion, someone having remarked that he looked as if he had just got out of jail.

With reference to the house at 415 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa, a minute description was not obtained, but LEE stated that it is a very old house, white frame, not a full two story house, the upper story apparently being only about a half story; in other words, it was not believed that full rooms composed the upper story without being cut off by the roof. It is located about a block and a half from the Milwaukee Railroad Station in Clear Lake, and also about the same distance north of U. S. Highway #16, which is a well traveled highway. A Milwaukee Railroad passenger train leaves the station going east at 9:55 P.M. each night, and as it is usually a heavy train it makes considerable noise in starting off. Regularly, thirty to forty-five minutes thereafter, a meat train goes through at a high rate of speed and does not stop. It is known to whistle long and loudly at a nearby crossing, called the creamery crossing, because recently a party was killed by this Milwaukee train at that crossing. The house is believed to have modern improvements.

Since the above parties have been at this address, some mail has been received, merely sent to the street address, there being no name on the letter. HUGHSON also mailed two letters recently to the same party or to two different parties, and had a different return addresses on the two letters. HUGHSON gets an average of possibly six letters a week. He has left forwarding addresses on a few occasions to General Delivery, St. Paul and also Minneapolis. On one instance, he left a similar address for Des Moines, Iowa.

With further reference to HUGHSON, LEE stated that a man from Clear Lake, Iowa, by the name of WES HILL, who is considered reliable, told of an experience a short time ago, while in either St. Paul or Minneapolis. HILL was in a bawdy house (as LEE inferred from their conversation) and while there went into a back room, looking for a lavatory, and noticed a number of men who had guns lying out on a table, and some of the men were cleaning guns. HILL overheard enough of their conversation before being observed to

conclude that they had held up a drug store and had not been very successful. When they discovered him, one of them quickly covered him with a gun and it developed that HUGHSON was present among this gang and identified HILL as being from Iowa and as being alright, and he was permitted to proceed.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOORE,
Special Agent.

RTK:RHM
3 Division
St. Paul

February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. I. C. WERNER, TAMM.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File 7-576-334

MR. STUCK, Post Office Inspector, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed and advised that since October 1, 1933, a gang, which he believes originated in the Twin Cities and apparently operating entirely in the State of South Dakota, has been responsible for twelve bank and post office robberies.

The first burglary by this gang occurred on October 1, 1933, and three burglaries in January, since the Kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER; on January 24, 1934, at Strandburg, South Dakota; on January 30, 1934, at Sinai, South Dakota; on February 7, 1934, at Seneca, South Dakota. In all of these operations the burglars had used equipment consisting of acetylene torches, drills, and nitro-glycerine.

Some of the equipment used was stolen from the North Star Hardware Company at Owatonna, Minnesota. In each instance after the burglary the materials used were cached and two sacks of such equipment have been found by Post Office Inspectors.

It appears that the burglaries in question, although the North Star Hardware Store in Owatonna was robbed the same night as license plates were stolen in that city which were later used by the kidnapers, have no direct connection with the kidnaping. The fact that three of the burglaries have taken place while BREMER was being held by the kidnapers would indicate that there is no connection between the activities of this gang and the instant case.

The materials recovered by MR. STUCK include several old army pistols, obsolete in type, and which have been discarded by the Ordnance Department and sold to the public. These guns were traced by MR. STUCK. The drills and torches used were stolen at Owatonna and points in South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTERN,
Special Agent.

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3 Division
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St. Paul, Minn.,
February 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Edward G. Bremer; KIDNAPING;
File # 7-30.

In connection with the telephone call received from Erwin Steiner, phone Colfax 5365, Minneapolis, Minn., to the effect that one Henry Miller, 2610 Emerson Ave., South, Minneapolis, had seen a small coupe south of Rochester, Minn. waiting on the evening the victim was released, and was afraid to talk, Miller was interviewed at his home on Feb. 10, 1934 at which time he related the following: That around 9:30 am on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, he was in Decorah, Iowa waiting for a bus to take him to Minneapolis when he noticed a late model Ford Coach covered with mud; that he wanted to hitch-hike a ride to Minneapolis and accordingly approached two men who were in the car and asked them if they were driving toward Minneapolis, to which they replied in the negative; that the Ford Coach was parked at this time about three blocks from the Hotel Winneshik; that during the next forty-five minutes the same car was seen parked at two additional places in Decorah, namely in front of the Hotel Winneshik and at a spot located on the avenue about one block from the hotel; that the license plates on this car were not noticed nor was the color of same for the reason that the car was almost totally covered with mud. Miller said he rode a Jefferson Transportation Co. bus into Minneapolis, leaving Decorah at 11:25 am and arriving Minneapolis at 4:40 pm; that his mind had not returned to the two men in the Ford Coach until the evening of Feb. 8th when he noticed the photographs of Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis in the Minneapolis Journal and noticed that the photographs resembled the two men he had seen in Decorah. The following descriptions of the two men were furnished by Miller: Ages- about 35 to 40 years each; Heights- described as tall, possibly 5 ft. 10 in.; Coloring- dark; Dress- both seemed to be fairly well dressed and wore overcoats and felt hats.

Miller stated that he did not intend to be making an identification of the two men as Barker and Karpis as he was not positive that the photos were those of the men in question; stating further that he might recognize the men if he saw them again, while on the other hand he might not be able to do so. He said that he was furnishing this data for what it might be worth; but, advised that whoever stated he was afraid to tell same to the authorities was in error.

Miller stated, further, that the only reason in his opinion that he noticed the men in the first place was the fact that both of them were hanging around the car at all times.

Henry Miller is unemployed and has no telephone.

Very truly yours,

S. E. McKee
S. E. McKee,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minn.
February 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL:

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

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1934, about 9:15 A.M., one, JOHN MILLER, appeared at the EDWARD G. BREMER home at 92 North Mississippi River Boulevard. JOHN MILLER is EDWARD G. BREMER'S hunting partner and a very close personal friend. EDWARD G. BREMER, at the time, stated that JOHN MILLER was one of his contact men and asked MILLER whether he got the letter. MILLER did not give a definite answer but went on to relate that some time after the reception of this letter in a Hills Brothers Coffee Can, he received a telephone call through his desk man at his place of business. At this time, MILLER appeared to be laboring under the impression that EDWARD BREMER possibly knew who his abductors were and stated whether he, BREMER, had seen the tall man with the fur cap; that such an individual appeared at his, MILLER'S home, one evening and asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was; that he, MILLER, gave him the directions, this address being only a few doors away; that immediately this man ran to the right to Griggs Street and then to Selby Avenue; that he, MILLER, observed a car drive up and down the street, several times, in front of his home; that this was very unusual to him because there were very few cars on this particular street. MILLER also spoke of a little fellow and spoke about his having some connection with a race track or something of that sort. EDWARD BREMER denied any knowledge of either of the two individuals. At this time, MILLER said to BREMER, something to the effect that, "You must have seen the man that accosted you". BREMER spoke up and said that he had seen no one. The only thing he saw was a gun when he opened the door and immediately there was a car in front and that another "guy" cracked him from the side and that another "guy" started cracking him over the head and that they kept on pounding him. He said he, "Didn't see a darn soul". It appeared apparent to Agent that BREMER and MILLER were reluctant about speaking about the abduction in this Agent's presence. Agent, however, overheard some of the following conversations:

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20 5 MAR 18 1965 BREMER stated that he tried to think of somebody who would make a good contact man as the gang was pretty sore at MAGEE; that they threatened to kill him, MAGEE, and that he, BREMER, wanted to change

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contact men so that he could pull MAGER out of the picture. He stated that at the time he thought that they were serious and meant business when they said they would kill MAGER and he did not want to save his own life and let MAGER killed. He also stated that until he got home he was under the impression that the contact was made through JOHN MILLER. At this time, Agent overheard a conversation and a statement made by JOHN MILLER to the effect that "You know your telephone is tapped". BREMER also denied to MILLER, at least in a tone of voice so Agent could hear, that he had no idea as to where the kidnap hideout was. During the above conversation, and subsequent conversation, which Agent could not overhear, on three or four occasions, JOHN MILLER would make the statement so that Agent could hear, that he was glad that he, EDWARD BREMER, was taking the attitude that he was taking. This particular remark was made at times when EDWARD BREMER stated that he could not identify any of his kidnapers, or knew anything concerning the hideout.

Subsequent to the release of EDWARD G. BREMER there was considerable discussion around the BREMER home about hunting trips. The name, JOHN MILLER, was brought into the conversation several times. There was some conversation at one time that possibly a contact would be made through JOHN MILLER, but there was considerable dissenting opinion in this regard as statements were made to the effect that JOHN MILLER operated the HALL RECREATION PARLOR in the Hall Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was more or less associated with the underworld and had various sorts of people coming to his place of business and he was more or less playing both ends against the middle and for this reason they doubted whether contact would ever be made through MILLER.

The St. Paul Telephone Directory discloses that there is a JOHN MILLER residing at 1209 Eagle Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Apparently this is the correct address as the tall individual in the fur cap, who allegedly appeared at the MILLER home, asked for the address 1193 Eagle Avenue, which was a few doors away.

GERTRUDE KOPKA, maid at the EDWARD G. BREMER home, 92 North Mississippi River Road, advised Agent that the day following the return of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. BREMER from Chicago, which would be the day preceding the abduction of EDWARD G. BREMER, she saw a man walking around the adjoining residence, which is vacant. This particular residence is a large home and has no tenants. She stated that she was watching this individual, as she was washing dishes, and could see him through the kitchen window; that he kept looking toward the EDWARD G. BREMER home all the time; that she observed that he had a bundle on one of his shoulders; that he was, possibly, 35 or 40 years of age and medium size. She could give no further information.

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MARGARET KOPIKA, sister of VERTHIDE KOPIKA, maid at the BREMER home, who visited the BREMER home on several occasions during the absence of EDWARD G. BREMER, advised that on about Thursday, February 1, 1934, about 11:15 P.M., when she left the BREMER home, she noticed a dark colored four door sedan following her as she got to the alley at the rear of the BREMER home. The car went up the incline, passed her, and after she got on another street, name unknown, the car passed her very slowly, that she noticed two men in the car; that she saw this same car again on Summit Avenue near the St. Thomas College Library; that one of the men got out and walked towards her and, in fact, walked in front of her and brushed against her as he went by; that he apparently was looking her over; that he had a flashlight in his hand and one hand in his pocket. She stated that, after this incident, he walked to the corner and got in the waiting car; that she was positive that she saw this same car meet another car at Snelling and Grand Avenues, as she passed this corner. She was going to 1577 Osceola Avenue where she is employed as maid. She described this individual as being about 30 years of age, of medium height and medium build, and wearing a worn dark overcoat and cap. She stated that on Sunday, February 4, 1934, when she left the above address, 1577 Osceola Street, to visit her sister at the BREMER home, she noticed another car following her but she was so afraid she could not remember much about it.

GERTRUDE KOPIKA, above, advised that she has another sister staying at the home of O.A. ANDERSON, Route 9, (or 35th & Lynn Avenue), St. Louis Park, and that the St. Louis Park Police were watching a home about one-half block distant from the O.A. ANDERSON home and that this same car had followed her sister, MARGARET, on February 1, 1934, and was possibly the same car that was seen in the vicinity of this home that the St. Louis Park Police were watching. She stated that the description given by the people at the O.A. ANDERSON residence, St. Louis Park, somewhat coincided with the information that MARGARET KOPIKA subsequently gave. She stated that she understood that this particular place was rented a few days before the EDWARD G. BREMER kidnaping; that the curtains were all pulled down in the place and there was considerable peered activity.

MRS. W.H. VON der WEYER, sister of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER, as well as her husband, DR. W.H. VON der WEYER, advised Agent that on Saturday night, February 3, 1934, they went home from the BREMER home and stopped at the home of DR. CARL LARSON, a physician of the EDWARD G. BREMER family, and they noticed a car pull up and observe their car when they went into the LARSON home. The description given of the car was that it was a dirty colored, or old, sedan. They could not give any information as to the description, or number of occupants in the car.

Very truly yours,

JOHN V. ANDERSON? SPECIAL AGENT

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

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

At 8:00 P.M., February 10, 1934, I interviewed JOHN MILLER, one of the contact men in this case, at the St. Paul Hotel. He informed me that he had talked to EDWARD BREMER and EDWARD BREMER had told him that, while BREMER was held by the kidnapers, a trapper had visited the abductors one day and spent about two hours at the house. He stated that EDWARD BREMER had mentioned he heard two switch engines; that there was a family living upstairs and that there were children playing upstairs; that the kidnapers informed him the finger man was a Minneapolis resident; that he had gone north and not south from St. Paul to the hideout; that EDWARD BREMER had an idea who the man was that called JOHN MILLER regarding the notes found in the tobacco can found on MILLER'S front porch.

Very truly yours,

G. G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
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MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL:

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

With reference to J.L. WOLF, who was LEON GLECKMAN'S guest at the St. Paul Hotel, on February 5, 1934, please be advised that WOLF called the following numbers while a guest at the hotel:

Handwritten: 210
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WOLF was at the hotel on January 8, 1934, also, LEON GLECKMAN pays his bills at the hotel.

Very truly yours,

D.G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANKE:

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

if possible
With reference to J.L. WOLF, who was LEON GLECKMAN'S guest at
the St. Paul Hotel, on February 8, 1934, please be advised that WOLF called
the following numbers while a guest at the hotel:

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WOLF was at the hotel on January 8, 1934, also. LEON GLECKMAN
pays his bills at the hotel.

Very truly yours,

D.C. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

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

On February 10, 1934, I interviewed County Attorney Goff, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding the KARPIS and BARKER gangs. He advised that investigation made by his office after this gang had robbed the bank in Minneapolis and killed two police officers had resulted in learning that on November 11, 1930, B.E. HARRIS shipped a trunk from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to MRS. P.H. NEWBALD, 1141 North Francisco Street, Chicago, rear apartments, which trunk was valued at \$50.00 and weighed 54 pounds. The charges for carrying were \$1.75. On the reverse side of the receipt of the Railroad Express Company, written in pencil, is the following: "727 West Jessie, 8:30 P.M.", B.E. HARRIS is LAWRENCE DEVOLD. His mother is BMA DEVOLD, 780 Richmond Street, Morgantown, Virginia. LAWRENCE DEVOLD is doing a life sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota, for the murder of a policeman at Minneapolis, Minnesota. This gang used to frequent the Kenesaw Hotel at Minneapolis, Minnesota. COMMON and CORNICK, attorneys at law, represented them at Miami, Oklahoma. This gang also frequents the Beckshire Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. MRS. P.H. NEWBALD is EMILY NEWBALD. She is the sister of RAYMOND HADLEY, who is Alvin Karpis. The Chicago Police Department arrested the NEWBALDS on November 17, 1930, when the trunk, mentioned above, reached its destination.

Attorney Goff believes that the KARPIS and BARKER gang may have kidnaped EDWARD G. BREMER. He stated that one member of the gang is CLARENCE COLTON, who divides his time between Des Moines, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota. COLTON was arrested August 3, 1932, at St. Paul, Minnesota, as a result of a raid at 545 Wabasha. At that time, he gave a \$500.00 bond for gun toting. His companion, at that arrest, was DONALD FELIX with WILLIAM TRAEVER, who furnished a similar bond. Both jumped their bonds and there was quite a scandal about it.

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In Minneapolis, Minnesota, this gang has the following friends:

GLENN WOODMAN, 209 East 16th Street;
MYRTLE PARTRIDGE, patient at Glenn Lake Sanitarium;
VIOLET NELSON, nurse at Abbott Hospital.

The chief of detectives at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from a communication dated April 10, 1933, at Tulsa, mentions that he knows CLARENCE COLTON and the rest of the gang.

At the Identification Division, Minneapolis Police Department, RAY HARRINGTON furnished the following information:

WILLIAM WEAVER is St. Paul Police Department #23452;
CLARENCE COLTON is St. Paul Police Department #23451, under the alias GEORGE MARSHALL;
Other members of this gang are:

DAGO FRANK HOWARD; JACK ORA KILBURN, who has a Kansas City, Missouri, number; and COWBOY JAMES M. HAYES, who is Kansas City #18312.

I am writing a letter special delivery, air mail, to the Division requesting that large photographs be furnished of the above named.

Very truly yours,

O. C. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

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

With further reference to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which was used in the pay-off, please be advised that the automobile bureau of the St. Paul Police Department shows that this car is the property of DR. J. L. TOMASEK, 1914 Lincoln Avenue, with offices at 300 Bremer Avenue. This car was stolen at St. Clair and Snelling Avenues, December 22, 1933.

The owner was interviewed at the St. Paul Division Office on February 11, 1934, and he advised that about 8:30 P.M., while enroute to his home, he stopped his car on Snelling Avenue, near St. Clair, for the purpose of buying a Christmas tree. He got out of the car and walked about 75' to the Christmas trees that were for sale. About five minutes later, he returned to the place where he had parked his car and same was gone. He saw no one at the scene of the theft of the car and has no idea whatever who stole same.

This car, when examined at BREMER'S garage, bore Minnesota license tags #B199676. This license was issued to E. J. PETRANEK, 515 East 9th Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for a 1931 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #2832760. I understand that Agent Notestein has made investigation regarding these plates.

In the rear of this Chevrolet Coupe was found 1933 license #B327634. This was issued to ED BELL, 114 1/2 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a 1929 Ford Roadster.

A number of articles were taken from this Chevrolet Coupe and brought to the St. Paul Division Office for DR. J. L. TOMASEK to identify. DR. TOMASEK identified the following articles as his property:

- 1 box-type kodak;
- 2 umbrellas;
- 1 pair of amber glasses;
- 1 dome light lens;

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1 hatchet;
1 windshield wiper blade;
2 old army blankets;
1 pair of pliers;
A quantity of old newspapers bearing dates of April, 1935. These, according to the owner, were used to wrap an outboard motor which he carried in the rear of his car;

There was found in the car a railroad man's dark blue cap. DR. TOMASEK said this was not his cap.

He advised that he purchased this car in April, 1935, from the Midway Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that same was insured.

Regarding the Shell signs on each door panel of the car, I interviewed MR. BORESON of the Shell Petroleum Corporation, 2400 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and he advised, after having the signs described to him, that same were not the signs of his company. I intend to have MR. BORESON examine the signs in an effort to determine how the kidnappers could have come into possession of such signs.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul

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

February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-38.

As per telephone conversation, I am sending you copy
of memorandum of Special Agent J.K. Brennan, dated at St. Paul,
Minnesota, February 10, 1934, in the matter of the investigation
conducted by him at Rochester, Minnesota.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN
Assistant Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN:

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

Referring to previous memorandum relative to letter mailed at Rochester, Minnesota:

It was ascertained that three railway mail clerks were on the mail car passing through Rochester at 8:30 AM, C & NW train, east bound for Chicago, on February 3, 1934.

ADOLPH LORKEN, H. L. EINHORN, and WALLACE KNIGHT, all of Winona, Minnesota.

Interview with these clerks developed that ADOLPH LORKEN was the clerk who picked up the mail at Rochester, on February 3, 1934, and he remembers distinctly that the mail box at the east end of the railroad station contained a letter addressed to the postmaster at Rochester, the address being typewritten; that it is his practice to immediately examine the mail in the station letter boxes to see if it is east or west bound, prior to taking it on the mail car, and that in this case, upon noticing that this letter was for the local postmaster at Rochester, he gave it to the messenger who called for the train mail for Rochester. He further stated that he did not see anyone place any mail in the above referred to box; that it could not have been placed there by anyone on the train.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned. He has had Bremer at the St. Paul Office. He advises that it is better to talk to him there. Bremer is now having lunch and keeping an appointment which he had made, but is coming back this afternoon. Rorer explained to him that the Attorney General was prepared to issue a statement if Bremer did not talk and he began furnishing more details.

He now advises that he remembers having seen the ceiling and there were two dogs at the place where he was kept when he first arrived. He thought one was large and one was small, judging from their bark. A man, a woman and a child were upstairs, he judged, by the footsteps of those walking above, and he heard the child crying. While he was being carried away after the kidnaping they passed through a city in which there were street cars. One hour before they reached Rochester he heard one of the men in the car say "We can now see the lights of St. Paul". There appeared to be a kitchen in the basement. There seemed to be a coal stove or burner in the room adjoining the room in which Bremer was kept because he heard coal scuttles being emptied and moved about. The oilcloth on the table in the room where he was imprisoned had written in pencil on it the name "Miss Blondell". There was also a dirty spot in the middle of this oilcloth. The oilcloth did not hang over the sides, but was tacked at the edge. There was an ashtray near the table, which came up from the floor, and a match tray alongside. In the toilet there was no enamel or wood handle to the toilet chain, as this had been broken off, and only a screw appeared at the end of the chain. There was a roll of toilet paper on the right, affixed by a cheap wire paper roll holder. He claims that he heard children while incarcerated.

Mr. Rorer stated that as long as they are getting such details as this they seemed to be going along slowly, but he believed that it would be inadvisable for the Attorney General to make a statement unless his attitude changed. Bremer did state that on one occasion he asked the kidnapers whether the man who first took him was wearing a hat or cap and they laughed at him about this. This point indicates to Mr. Rorer that he probably did see the men and could give some sort of description. Also Rorer does not believe his statement that on the return to Rochester they left the place of imprisonment in the

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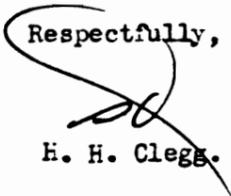
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day time and at that time the prisoner was blindfolded and had his ears taped up. Rorer does not believe this, but he advised against the issuance of a statement by the Attorney General. He stated that he had read the transcript of the statement dictated by me to Mr. Nathan and that he approved it with the changes suggested by Mr. Nathan.

Respectfully,


H. H. Clegg.

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February 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota, I desire to advise you of the following circumstances that have been reported to me by the Special Agents at St. Paul:

A Special Agent was stationed in the home of the father of Edward G. Bremer, and on the night that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers upon his arrival at his father's home, the Special Agent in this home advises that one of his first inquiries was whether the serial numbers of the currency delivered as ransom had been turned over to the Federal investigators. He became highly indignant upon learning that these had been delivered to our Special Agents, indicating that the kidnapers had threatened that members of Mr. Bremer's family would be killed or injured should this information become known.

An employee of Mr. Bremer's bank by the name of Miss [redacted], who occupies a position similar to that of Secretary to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, received one of the ransom notes, but when Special Agents questioned her she claimed that she could not tell whether the individual delivering the note was tall or short, fat or thin, because it was too dark. Special Agents have examined the premises and have found that there is, even at night, sufficient illumination for an identification to be made on the porch where the note was delivered.

As recently as February 12, 1934, the Mr. Bremer who had been kidnaped cried during the course of the questioning of his and expressed fear that his daughter would be killed in the event he talked and he indicated that he would not make a positive identification, but shortly thereafter he tried to convince the Special Agent that he had told him everything that he knew. He admits not being blindfolded for several days during the course of his incarceration but he continues to claim that he cannot identify any one of his kidnapers and to represent that he did not even see their shoes or any part of their bodies. It was in the daytime that he was kidnaped but he denies that he can give any description of the individuals who participated in this kidnaping.

Mr. Bremer has, during the past few days, given some details concerning the description of the place where he was held. Due to his

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attitude, however, the Special Agents are unable to conclude whether these details are true or false. He gives the appearance of being a thoroughly frightened individual. Of course, his attitude is not one which is very helpful to the Special Agents of this Division who are attempting to identify and cause the apprehension of the kidnappers.

With reference to our recent conversations concerning this situation, I desired to advise you of these additional facts. In the event you consider it advisable to issue any statement concerning this matter I am submitting, attached hereto, a suggested draft of such a statement for your consideration.

The most recent reports from Special Agents at St. Paul are to the effect that the apparent hostility of Mr. Bremer is not believed to be personal but is thought to be a hostility that is general toward all those who would seek the solution of this crime.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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The Department of Justice has from time to time, by means of the radio and the press, announced that kidnappings should be immediately reported to the Division of Investigation. The telephone number of the office of the Director of the Division in Washington, National 7117, was likewise announced, and full cooperation on the part of the kidnaped victim's family, friends and relatives was urged. The promise was made that our first concern would be the safe return of the individual who was kidnaped. The Department's Division of Investigation has not and will not break faith with the victim's family in this attitude.

In giving this consideration to the victim, as well as the family and relatives of the victim, the Department's operations are obviously handicapped in such a way that it is imperative that upon the return of the victim the fullest cooperation must be afforded the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation in order that the identification and apprehension of the kidnapers might be accomplished. When the victim refuses to offer such cooperation, the problem of enforcing the law is obviously made increasingly difficult of accomplishment.

In those cases where the family, relatives and victims have offered their cooperation, the Division of Investigation has brought the case to a successful conclusion. The duty of the family and of the victim to so cooperate is a duty which the American people insist be complied

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with, and this necessary responsibility is for the protection of all our citizens. The Department accepts the full responsibility for the detection and prosecution of such crimes when this cooperation is offered. The responsibility on the part of the kidnaped victim and his relatives and family is important and essential. The great mass of citizens demand such cooperation. The Department insists upon it. It is to be regretted, therefore, that in connection with the recent kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, in St. Paul, Minnesota, in spite of the cooperation of the Special Agents of this Department's Division of Investigation in restraining their activities to permit the safe return of Mr. Bremer, his cooperation has not yet been of a type that should be expected. This responsibility is one that must be borne by him and his advisers. Neither temerity, nor fear, nor indifference will excuse the lack of full, wholesome, wholehearted effort and cooperation.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1934

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MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Appel telephoned stating that certain clothing in connection with the Bremer case had been received from the St. Paul Office. He inquired if it would be agreeable to make photographs of this clothing and to have measurements taken so that an effort might be made to identify it at the factory. I told him that I thought this should be done. He suggested that a friend of his might be obtained from Garfinckle's store who was familiar from practical experience in measuring clothing of this sort, who would be able to tell him the identifying factors to look for in order to help to identify the manufacturer and distributor of this clothing.

I told him I thought this would be a good idea and enable us to make a more rapid identification of the manufacturer so that active steps could be taken to identify the place where this clothing was purchased and perhaps some descriptive information could be obtained regarding those who had purchased this equipment.

He stated he would proceed along this line immediately.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg



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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1806 First National Bank Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, you are advised certain clothing was furnished the victim by the kidnapers consisting of a shirt, a suit of underwear, and a pair of pair woolen socks.

In connection with the suit of underwear there are transmitted herewith three sets of three photographs illustrating this underwear in detail. Inquiry should be made at each of the following mills within your district with a view to identifying the manufacturer, obtaining a list of distributors, and subsequently a list of retail dealers in the area consisting of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Birmingham

Appalachian Mills Co.,
Decaturville, Tenn.

Signal Knitting Mills,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Augusta Knitting Corp.,
Utica, N. Y.

Fort Schuyler Knitting Co.,
Utica, N. Y.

Oneida Knitting Mills,
Utica, N. Y.

Charlotte

P. H. Hanes Knitting Co.,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Washington Mills Co.,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

West Knitting Corp.,
Wadesboro, N. C.

New York

Chalmers Knitting Co.,
Amsterdam, N. Y.

High Rock Knitting Co.,
Shilmont, N. Y.

Perry Knitting Co.,
Perry, N. Y.

Washington, D.C.

J. C. Soulette & Sons, Inc.,
Hagerstown, Md.

N-2 Mills, Inc.,
Hessick Falls, N. Y.

Norwich Knitting Co.,
Norwich, N. Y.

Simmott Textile Corp.,
Rome, N. Y.

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New York continued.

Utica Knitting Co.,
Utica, N. Y.

Utica Knitting Co.,
Utica, N. Y.

A characteristic feature of this garment which does not appear in the photograph is a light blue and yellow stitch or braid which runs down the center of the garment edging.

Immediately upon identification of the manufacturer the Division and other interested offices should be notified by telegram and appropriate leads should be set out for offices to canvass the lists of dealers which may later be determined, in which connection photographs will be prepared of the three articles of clothing named for identification purposes.

This matter is to be given the most expeditious attention by your office and progress reports submitted as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

I have been informed by Agent Black of the Field Office that the four signal lights used in the Bremer Case have been identified as Sears-Roebuck products by Agent Schenken of the Field Office. Accordingly, I telephoned Mr. Smith at Chicago and gave him this information with the request that it be determined whether Sears-Roebuck are the exclusive distributors and that lists of Sears-Roebuck stores in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota be immediately obtained and leads set out for a canvass of those stores with a view to determining where the lights were bought.

Respectfully,

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

February 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, (Deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul File No. 62-688.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is had to Director's letter of February 5, 1934,
in the above entitled matter, with which letter you forwarded to this
office photographs of:

JAMES LARSON
ALVIN KARPIS
FRED BARKER
VOLNEY DAVIS
ARTHUR R. BARKER
HARRY CAMPBELL

It is the opinion of this office that these subjects may
have had some connection with the BREMER kidnaping and the Division
should devote its efforts to cause their apprehension. It is not be-
lieved advisable to issue an identification order to the effect that
they are wanted for the BREMER kidnaping, but if at all possible, it
is suggested that identification orders be issued on these subjects
and distributed to all police officers and post offices in the country,
as being wanted in connection with the Kansas City killing.

It is assumed that the Division has complete data readily
available on each of these subjects to enable the Division to issue
identification orders.

It may be stated here that there is some indication that
these subjects, or some of them at least, were present in the City of
St. Paul prior to, and immediately after, the ransom money
and Victim WILLIAM HASK, JR., was released.

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There are indications, at this time, that these suspects, or at least some of them, were present in St. Paul at the time of the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

It will be remembered in the HMM file that a beer bottle on which fingerprints of FRANK WASH, deceased, were found was located at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and identification of other persons at that address prior to the killing of FRANK WASH and after the return of HMM indicated that they were the subjects above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANAU,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM RELATING TO KIDNAPING OF
 EDWARD G. BREMER,
 St. Paul File No. 7-24

On the evening of January 14, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER, the father of the kidnaped man; OTTO BREMER, his uncle; PAUL BREMER, his half brother; and EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife, proceeded from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago, Illinois, for a conference on, apparently, business matters. They were met in Chicago by CARL V. KILLISH and HALDEN GODFREY, presumably attorneys for the family. The details of this conference are unknown. It was apparently held at the Blackstone Hotel there. KILLISH and GODFREY, according to their statements, had arrived in Chicago from the West. After the conference, they proceeded to New York, where they are located. A check of KILLISH and GODFREY by the New York Office indicates that CARL V. KILLISH has a suite of offices in the Hamilton Building, 180 Broadway, New York. GODFREY has an office in KILLISH's suite. They are recorded as "business counselors". It is said that their business is to rehabilitate and reorganize businesses, presumably in need of their services. KILLISH is said to be the man who rehabilitated the CORAL GABLES venture in Florida. KILLISH has not been admitted to the bar in the State of New York and there is no record there of GODFREY'S practicing law. KILLISH is reported to have previously practiced law in the City of Chicago. During the latter part of 1927 and 1928, he was at 231 La Salle Street, Chicago. At the completion of this conference, with the exception of EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife, the BREMER family returned to St. Paul on the night of Sunday, January 14, 1934. EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife remained in Chicago until the night of January 15, 1934, and then returned to St. Paul, arriving here on the 16th of January, 1934, the morning before the kidnaping. On the evening of the 20th of January, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER telephoned the St. Paul Office that his attorneys, KILLISH and GODFREY were coming to the office for a conference. They did come and made certain inquiries concerning the case, being afforded at that time very little information. KILLISH expressed himself as being of the opinion that the case presented many strange features. Some surprise was expressed that he should hold the opinion that it was anything but an ordinary kidnaping.

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There have been numerous reports current here relative to the possibility of MARTIN WUNDERLICH'S being directly, or indirectly, concerned in the kidnaping of BREMER. WUNDERLICH had been a contractor in St. Paul and was the victim of a confidence game in the early part of 1935 in which he was mulcted of \$200,000.00. The \$200,000.00 was in EDWARD S. BREMER'S bank. WUNDERLICH was able, it is said, to secure this \$200,000.00 at a time when the bank was either closed or under restricted withdrawal basis. It is said that EDWARD BREMER expostulated with WUNDERLICH before permitting him to withdraw the money but WUNDERLICH insisted that he needed it for the purchase of a bond on a contract which he had taken. Some statements have been made to the effect that the confidence man, responsible for this deal, knew, apparently through BREMER, the amount of money that WUNDERLICH had on deposit in the bank. WUNDERLICH has endeavored to compromise this matter on several occasions and has made offers through the police and otherwise to settle for one-half of the sum of which he was mulcted. Whether or not settlement was ever made is not known.

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[REDACTED] is now reported to be in St. Joseph, Missouri.

A report was received from the Chicago Office a few days ago, in which the police department there reports that an individual, name unknown, asked to be permitted to look at certain confidence men's photographs, in Chicago, and picked out one, [REDACTED] California State Prison [REDACTED] as the person in whom he was interested. It is quite possible that this man was WUNDERLICH. The newspapers have this information and it has been the subject of considerable comment in various circles, primarily because of

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WERNER HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING
SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING ROSSSELL THOMAS INDIANAPOLIS ADVISED POLICE THERE THAT DURING NINETEEN TWENTY NINE MET ONE AL IN JAIL DAYTON OHIO HELD CONNECTION KIDNAP MATTER ORVILLE OHIO THOMAS MET AL IN INDIANAPOLIS FEW DAYS AGO AND ONE EDWARD JONES JONES PROMISED THOMAS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF HE WOULD WRITE LETTER TO ADOLPH AND THOMAS DID COPY NOTE GIVEN BY JONES BUT UNABLE TO REMEMBER CONTENTS AND MAILED SAME AIR MAIL SPECIAL FEBRUARY THIRD WHEN REPLY WAS RECEIVED SAME WAS TO BE SENT EDWARD JONES CARE GENERAL DELIVERY BLUE ISLAND ILLINOIS ALSO THOMAS WAS TO MEET JONES AND AL AT SEIKEMAN HOUSE CHICAGO JONES DRIVING BUICK CAR THOMAS LEFT INDIANAPOLIS BEFORE INTERVIEW THIS OFFICE GIVING ADDRESS CARE GENERAL DELIVERY BRAVER PENNSYLVANIA PITTSBURGH OFFICE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THOMAS AL MAYBE CHAS A MCCONNELL AGE THIRTY SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR GREY EYES AM OBTAINING PHOTO MCCONNELL DAYTON POLICE FOR YOUR OFFICE NO DESCRIPTION JONES JONES EXHIBITED SMALL GOLD WATCH TO THOMAS WHO SAW NO INITIALS BUT SUPPOSEDLY HAVING CONNECTION

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P.O. Box 215, St. Paul, Minn.

February 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sirs:

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

In connection with the above matter, while we have no information whatsoever relative to BASIL BANCART, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1205, being connected in any way with this case it is nevertheless desired that all available data concerning him be obtained. We are particularly interested in securing any correspondence, not signature alone, but the actual communications which said BANCART has written and it is believed inquiry at the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, may develop that there is of record at that institution letters that might have been written by BANCART.

If there is such correspondence, or any written document of which BANCART is the writer, please obtain same or, at least, copies thereof and forward to the St. Paul Division Office by AIR MAIL.

Very truly yours,

WALTER E. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Post Office,
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a telegram received tonight from the Cincinnati Division office relative to the EDWARD G. BREMER kidnaping matter. The Cincinnati inquiry was made at the Indianapolis Police Department.

We have been unable to find such a letter received by ADOLPH BREMER at St. Paul. Victim EDWARD G. BREMER carried a small, yellow-gold, pocket watch, Swiss movement, about the size of a silver dollar, with the initials "E.G.B." engraved on the reverse side.

It is not known whether the persons named in the telegram have any connection with the BREMER case, however it is suggested that inquiry be made at the Sherman House, Chicago, as well as Blue Island, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HANSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 7767,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

On February 6, 1934, Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, telephoned the Cincinnati office, from St. Paul, advising that the Chief of Police at Minneapolis, Minn., had received a telegram from Chief of Police, H. V. Harrissay, Indianapolis, Indiana, as follows:

"DID ADOLPH BREMER RECEIVE LETTER FROM RUSSELL E THOMAS INDIANAPOLIS FEBRUARY THIRD. DID BREMER CARRY YELLOW GOLD POCKET WATCH WHEN KIDNAPED ANSWER BY WIRE OUR INFORMATION VERY VAGUE LETTER WILL FOLLOW".

Mr. Nathan further advised that the victim did carry a thin, yellow gold watch, initials "E.G.B." which is about the size of a silver dollar. Mr. Nathan further stated that in view of the large volume of mail received by Adolph Bremer, the letter alleged to have been sent by Russell E. Thomas had not been located.

Special Agent Elise Norton at Indianapolis, Indiana, ascertained that Chief Harrissay was reported to be in Chicago, and Agent Norton was referred to Chief of Detectives, Fred Simon. He was advised that on the morning of February 6, 1934 a man giving the name and address of Russell E. Thomas, Apartment 8, 711 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Indiana appeared at the Detective Bureau and gave Captain Fletcher information to the effect that in 1929 he, Thomas, claimed to have been connected with the Full Gospel Mission, Third St., Dayton, Ohio; that about that time there was a small boy kidnaped in Orville, Ohio and a man who is known to Thomas only as "Al" had been arrested in Dayton, on the charge of suspicion, in that he was suspected to know something about the kidnaping at Orville, Ohio, however, "Al" was soon released. Thomas had had "Al" at Dayton, Ohio about the time "Al" was in jail there on said charge.

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About two weeks ago at the Y.M.C.A., in Indianapolis, Indiana, Thomas met "Al" again, by chance, and "Al" asked Thomas where he was working and Thomas told him he was singing in churches and working as night watchman for the Strick Works Administration at 84th and Central, Indianapolis. A few nights later, "Al" and two or three other men appeared at the Y.M.C.A. about in a Buick car bearing Illinois license plates, and "Al" asked Thomas if he wanted to make \$1,000.00 and mentioned the Bremer case. "Al" then asked Thomas whether he would write a letter to Adolph Bremer, at 838 E. 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., for him. Thomas agreed to do so, later receiving a note through the mails from "Al" telling him to go ahead and write the letter to Bremer, which he claims he did and mailed it February 8, 1934, via Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Thomas has described Al to the police as being about 37 years of age, 5' 9" tall, weight 160 lbs., light brown hair and gray eyes. No description was given of the two or three other men in the Buick car, who accompanied "Al". There was any detailed description obtained as to the Buick car seen in their possession. Further, "Al" had instructed Thomas to send any answer to "Edward Jones, General Delivery, Blue Island, Ill." and then for Thomas to meet them at the Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois. One of the men with "Al" was supposed to be Edward Jones and Jones exhibited to Thomas a yellow gold pocket watch with a peculiar design on the back of its case.

According to Chief of Detectives Simon, Thomas was unknown to the police prior to the time he made his report and they did not take him seriously. Thomas was unable to produce the note he is alleged to have received from "Al" advising he was unable to find it; that he failed to inquire as to what name Thomas used in signing the letter to Adolph Bremer.

At 711 N. New Jersey St., Agent Norton was informed that the rooms in the house were in charge of Mrs. S. S. Fuson, 622 N. New Jersey, and at the latter address, Mrs. Fuson informed Agent Norton that Thomas, his wife and baby left Indianapolis on the morning of February 8 for Beaver, Pa. Later, at the same address, a Mr. Followell, advised Agent Norton that Thomas, his wife and baby had lived there a week or so; that Thomas stated he had been laid off the Y.M.C.A. work and that he had found an opportunity for himself, wife and baby to travel cheaply with some one who had advertised for passengers to ride to Pennsylvania; that Thomas, his wife and baby had furnished him with the information that their forwarding address would be "General Delivery, ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA".

Mr. Followell also said that someone from Radio Station WFBI had called soon after Thomas had left, saying that he wished Thomas to present himself at WFBI for employment of some sort. Neither Followell nor Mrs. Fuson had any information as to the personal history of Thomas. Followell described Thomas as 35-38 years, 6' tall, sallow complexion, light hair, with high forehead, and claimed to have been a practical nurse at one time.

At Radio Station WJHM, Agent Norton, upon entering the station heard someone dictating a telegram to "Dick Thomas, General Delivery, Rochester, Pa.?" Inquiry developed that the person dictating the wire was a Mr. Barth. When Mr. Barth was interviewed he advised that they had heard that Thomas had a good radio voice and that he was wiring Thomas to appear at WJHM for an audition. However, he claimed he knew practically nothing about him. The telegram to Thomas was addressed as "Dick Thomas" the name, Mr. Barth understood was his correct name. The telegram requested Thomas to reply by wire, collect, and to come at once to Indianapolis, if interested. Later in the afternoon of February 7, 1934 Agent Norton ascertained that Thomas had not replied to the telegram.

The Police Department at Dayton, Ohio was contacted by telephone and Agent Klein at Cincinnati, Ohio was advised that they had previously received an inquiry about one "Al" from the Indianapolis Police Department and that they had located the person by the name of CHARLES A. McCONNELL, who, during 1929 was arrested in connection with a kidnaping case at Orville, Ohio; that they furnished a photograph of McConnell to the Indianapolis Police. A request that photographs be sent to the Cincinnati office was made, and on February 8, 1934, one photograph, only, was received. This photograph indicates that McConnell was arrested by the Dayton, Ohio Police February 13, 1929 giving his occupation as waiter; charged with breaking and entering. He is described according to the police records as 26 years of age, (1929), height 5' 8 1/2" weight 140 lbs., build slender; hair, medium dark; eyes, blue; complexion, medium; fingerprint classification (10) I A II S.

The substance of this information was furnished by telegram to the St. Paul office on February 7, 1934.

On the same date this information was also telephoned to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley at the Pittsburgh office, and at this time, not having information regarding the fact that Thomas could also be located at Rochester, Pa., telegram on February 8, 1934 was dispatched to the Pittsburgh office, furnishing this additional information.

The photograph of CHARLES A. McCONNELL, who is thought to be one "Al" known by Thomas, is being transmitted to the Pittsburgh office, in order that they may exhibit the photograph to Thomas, in the event he is located. The photograph, after it has served its purpose, should be forwarded to the St. Paul office. Should Thomas be located, a detailed description of "Al" Edward Jones and others should be obtained and he should be thoroughly interrogated as to the contents of the note sent, since he is alleged to have written the same and it should be remembered, at least in substance.

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It should also be ascertained what signature and address he supplied Mr. Bremer for replying and detailed description of the patch exhibited by Edward James, purporting to have connection with this Bremer case also secured.

Very truly yours,

W. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING ATTEMPTED BY RUSSELL THOMAS IF NOT LOCATED BEAVER
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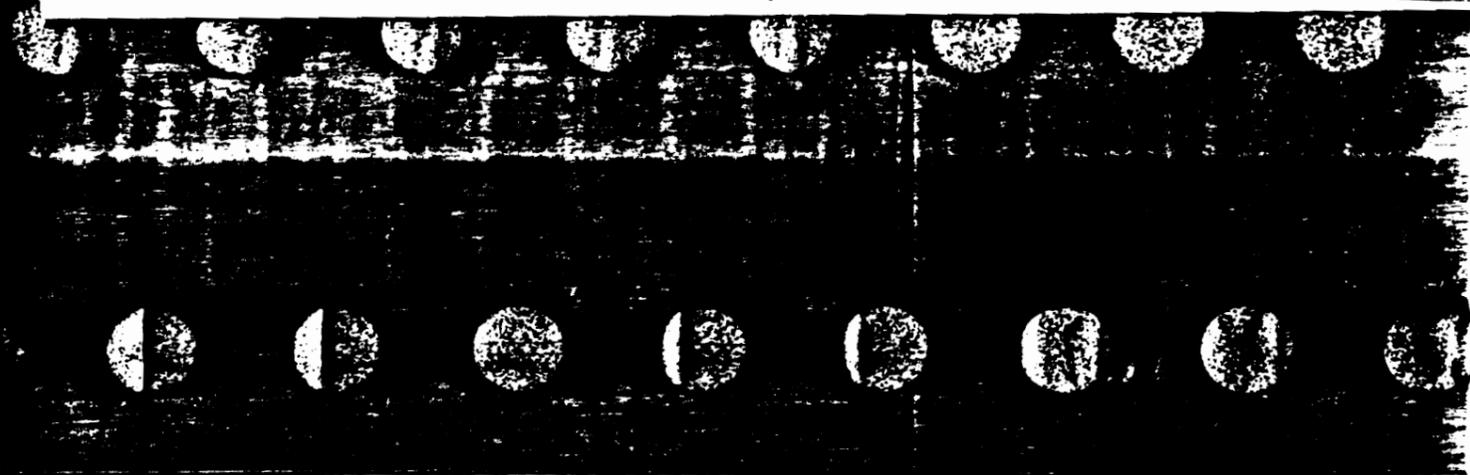
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 WERNER HANNI
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.



EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING ADVISE IF LEAD ST. PAUL LETTER FEBRUARY SIXTH SHOULD
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736 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Washington Field Office, dated February 8, 1934, entitled BASIL HUGH BANGHART, with aliases, Mail Robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and Theft of Government Property, Philadelphia file 62-998, copy of which was furnished to all field offices, and letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 7, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM, Kidnaping, St. Paul file V-80.

The first letter of reference advises that Banghart, as Lawrence V. Collins, resided at 2905 Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, from December 8, 1933, to January 5, 1934, and that he had positively been identified and that his Auburn coupe, motor #80112, serial 6434, covered by Maryland title A-7612371, bearing Maryland tags 77427, had also been identified. As the result, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol, the Philadelphia Police, and the Delaware State Police, have been advised of the above by letter.

Regarding the second letter of reference, the only specimen of Banghart's handwriting in the files of this office is his signature.

Very truly yours,
E. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc. Division
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Chicago
Washington Field

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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
805 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

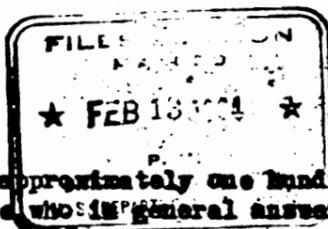
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward C. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, transmitting descriptive data on the individual reported by Father Deere.

In this connection there have been abstracted from the general appearance file maintained in the Division of kidnapers, extortionists, and known gangsters thirteen photographs bearing special Division numbers as follows which are transmitted herewith and which closely fit the description furnished.

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There will follow approximately one hundred photographs of individuals from this same file whose general answer the description furnished.

Your office is requested to return these photographs to the Division when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure #787070.

AIR MAIL.

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Director, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned last night. He had talked with Bremer all afternoon at the office until Bremer was quite much worn down. There was obtained from him a description of plates, utensils, further details of food, even strawberry shortcake; the kidnapers had whiskey and beer and even offered to get him (Bremer) beer.

He advised that while they passed through an apparently good sized city en route to the destination where he was held a prisoner they stopped several times in this city as if there were traffic lights or stop signals; that in connection with church bells, one bell rang Saturday night and Sunday morning and all day Sunday and Sunday night, while another church bell rang only Sunday morning.

The towel which was furnished Bremer had some ink spots on it where they cleaned the pen which he wrote with. The soap furnished him had been used previously. The wash cloth had red stripes on it. A can of gas was apparently a five gallon round can. The entrance to the basement where he was held appeared to be through the kitchen.

Bremer is trying to get Rorer to admit that he is talking. Rorer informed that he has not yet indicated that he could identify any one; he claims he does not want to see anyone's picture as he cannot identify them. Rorer believes all details possible have been obtained. Bremer admits that he was not blindfolded, yet he claims he saw nothing, and Rorer plans this morning to go over with him the inconsistencies in his statement, and it is believed that he will admit that he is not telling everything.

Membership cards in Bremer's purse are being sent in. I inquired as to why they had not been sent in for examination previously. He claims that Bremer says no one had asked him about them.

Rorer stated he had an idea; that was to check safety deposit boxes in larger cities in the Mid-West section, particularly all where the boxes had been rented during the past thirty days, to inquire as to the identity of those renting them. He wanted to know if this would be O.K. and I told him to start on it last night.

Mr. Hanni came to the telephone concerning the money band sent by a bank president at Tunica, Mississippi. He claimed that the best information he had been able to obtain was that the ransom was wrapped in bands bearing the words "Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis"; they had been received in Federal Reserve Bank band wrappers and had been re-

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wrapped with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis bands which bear the trade mark "Super-Craft" and the name of the manufacturer, The Sturgeon Manufacturing Company, Chicago. They, too, were manila with red marks on them showing the amount of money in each package.

Concerning the wall-paper, Mr. Ladd had telephoned every St. Louis dealer and Mr. Taylor, vice-president of the Century Wall-paper Company, at St. Louis, claimed that a paper which he believed was identical with that described, was manufactured by the Schmitz Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that it is a high-grade paper; that it is lithographed and not printed, and the dealer and distributor is Frank Hirschfield & Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. It is called holly-hock garden scene and comes in sheets rather than rolls, which accounts for it being expensive. Mr. Ladd added that he had given this information to the St. Paul office and had been informed that he should await word from St. Paul before a check was made at Cleveland. I instructed Mr. Ladd to have checks made at Cleveland immediately and to telephone the Detroit office for this purpose. He said he would.

In talking with Mr. Hanni last night, he stated that the wall-paper described by Mr. Ladd, a specimen of which he had found in the Twin Cities, did not correspond, and was not in fact similar to that described. I told Mr. Rorer that Mr. Ladd had asked the Detroit office to check the manufacturer at Cleveland.

Mr. Hanni stated he had no confidence in any of the information which Bremer was giving Rorer.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

OSCAR S. GLANDER
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
RECORDS AND STATISTICS
EAST LANSING

CAPT. IRA H. MARMON
SUPT. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
LIEUT. HUGO E. ERICSON
ASST. SUPT. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

Feb. 5, 1934

J. E. Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of Jan. 31st. in which you request the original of the 'getaway road chart found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Mich.' or a reproduction of same.

We only have a reproduction and the enclosed section is all that we have in the office at the present time. Your Agent, Mr. Larson in Detroit, called last night by telephone and requested that we rush the enclosed.

The original chart was last known to be in the possession of a Mr. Stewart of the Burns Detective Agency. He was at that time working out of Chicago, Illinois. We understand now though that Stewart has been dismissed from the service.

We will appreciate any information dealing with this case.

Respectfully yours,

Mich. State Bureau of
Criminal Identification
Capt. I. H. Mamon, Supt.

Lieut. *H. E. Ericson*
H. E. Ericson, Ass't. Supt.

Edward P. Mamon
H. E. Ericson

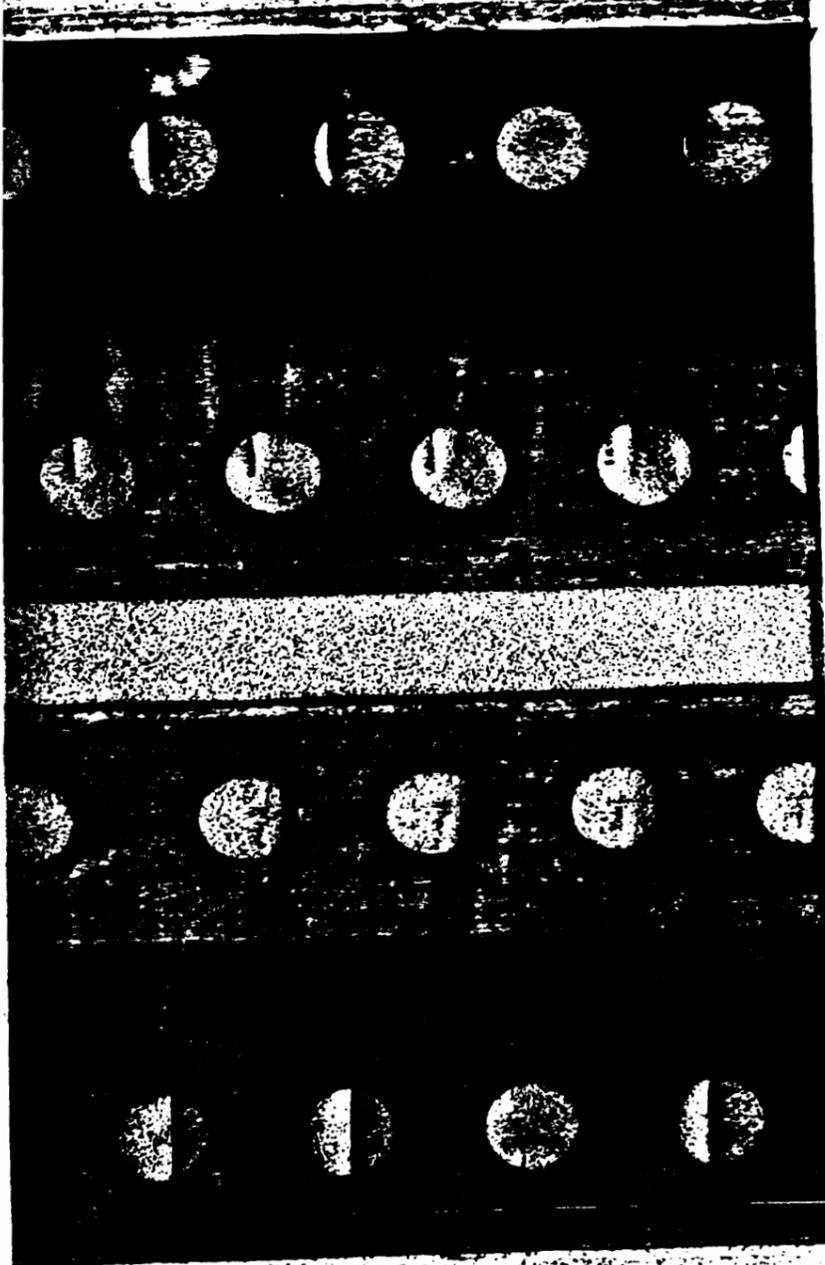
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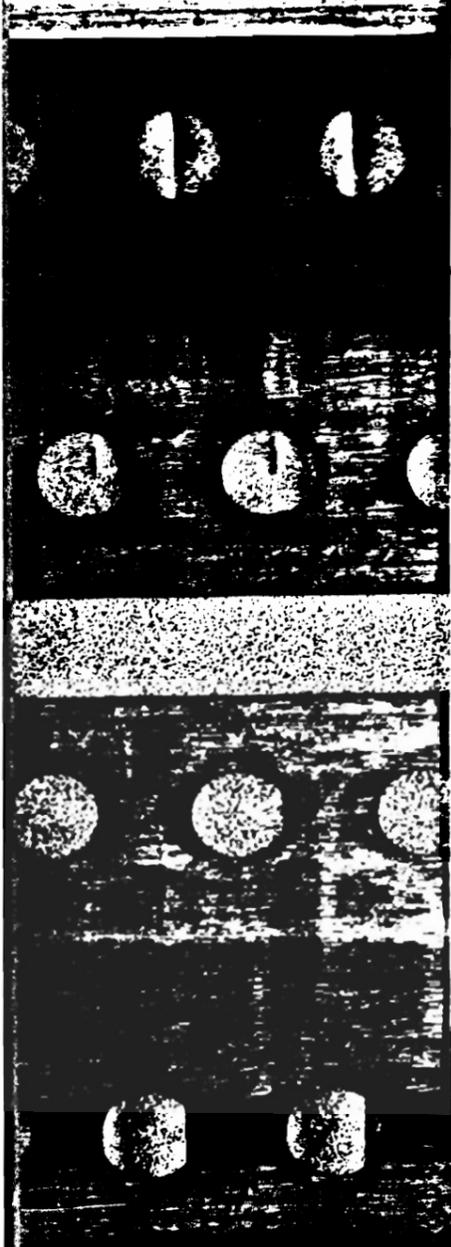
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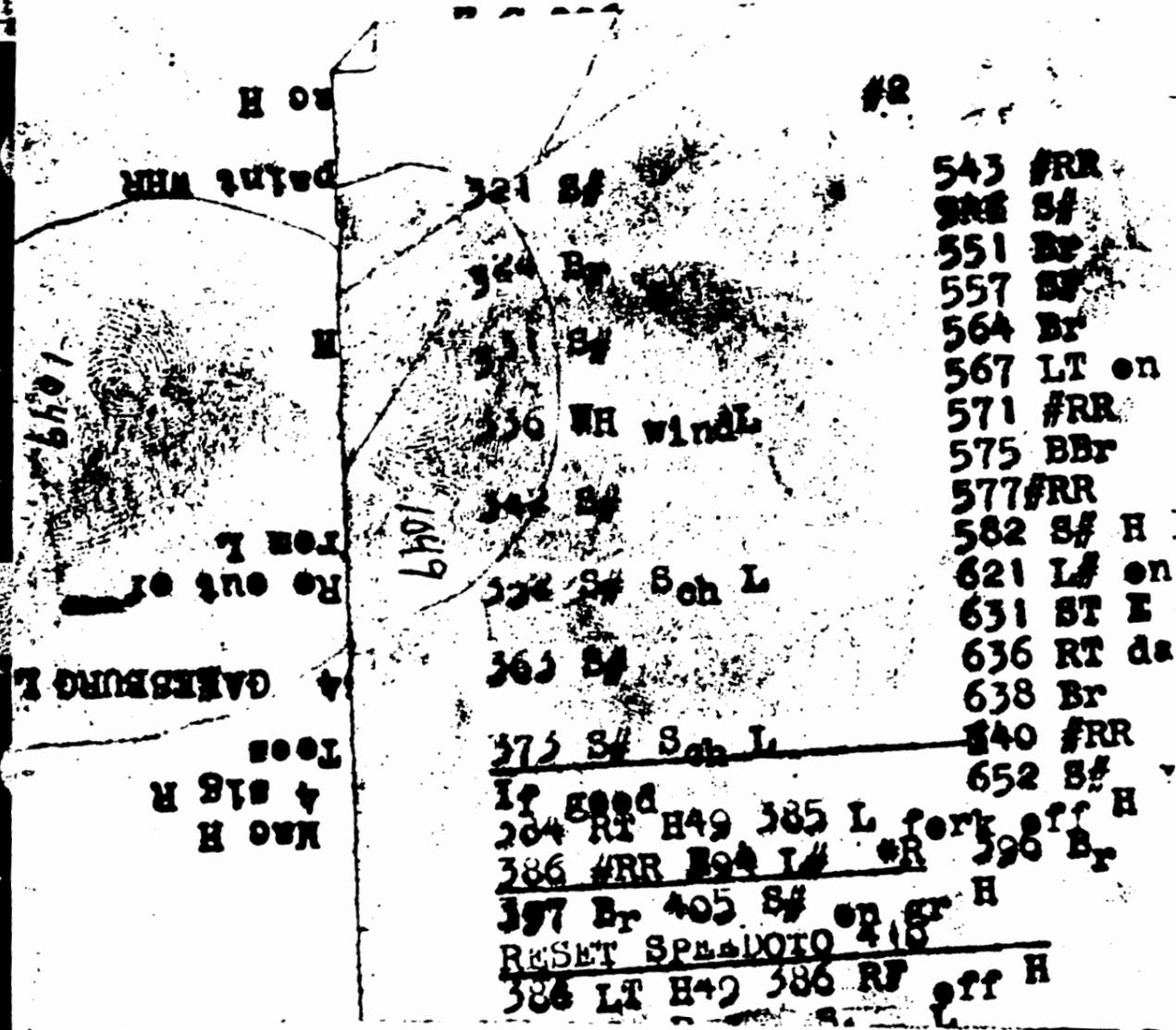
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Captain I. H. Marmon, Superintendent,
State Bureau of Criminal Identification,
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East Lansing, Michigan.

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Attention: Lieutenant H. E. Ericson,
Assistant Superintendent.

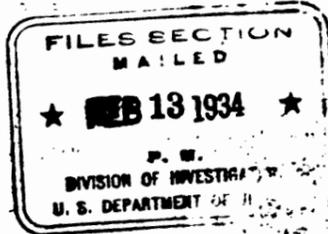
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 8, 1934, transmitting reproductions of a portion of the getaway road chart found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. The cooperation of your office in so promptly furnishing this data has been indeed appreciated.

My Chicago Office has obtained the complete road chart and believing that you may desire to complete your records in this respect, I am pleased to transmit herewith photographic copies of the same.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.



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FEBRUARY 13, 1934

WENNER HARRY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

REDEER KIDNAPING UNABLE IDENTIFY CLARENCE COLTON AND JACK ORA KILBURN
MENTIONED YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWELFTH FURNISH ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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February 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of today's date addressed to the Charlotte Office, a copy of which was furnished your office, in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward S. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. There is being transmitted under separate cover the suit of underwear referred to in this case.

The Division has been advised by Mr. Roy A. Cheney, Secretary of the National Underwear Institute, that Mr. Sherman Haight, President of S. H. Haight and Company, 57 North Street, New York City, is the most likely man in the industry to be in a position to identify the manufacturer of this underwear upon viewing the garment. Should Mr. Haight be unable to identify it, Mr. Cheney suggested that he would willingly prepare technical specifications of the weave construction, etc., so that all such garment manufacturers in the United States may subsequently be circularized if necessary.

Your office is instructed to immediately have Mr. Haight contacted and apprise the Division by teletype of the results. In the event Mr. Haight is himself unable to identify the manufacturer, the desired specifications should be obtained and submitted to the Division and the suit of underwear should be immediately forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that similar inquiry may be made of Mr. George Prestridge, President of the Vassar Swiss Underwear Company, 2545 Diversey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who, in the opinion of Mr. Cheney is also likely to be in a position to identify it upon sight.

Very truly yours,

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Verne Sankey, U.S.M., Chicago, Ill.
(deceased).

Your office should promptly submit to the Division by teletype, if necessary, the names of additional suspects not included in the lists furnished.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 12, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In an effort to secure some information as to the identity of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Special Agent H. E. Anderson interviewed George Kelly Barnes, alias George Kelly, at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is now serving a life sentence for his connection in the Urschel kidnaping case.

He was furnished with the Modus Operandi of the kidnapers in connection with the payoff by the Bremer family. In going over the method used by the kidnapers in securing the ransom money, Kelly said that the procedure was similar to that used by Eddie LaRue, Big Homer, Eddie Bentz and himself in various kidnapings in which they had participated in Chicago and vicinity. He explained that while working together they specialized on kidnaping and extorting money from racketeers and their like. He stated that while he was not certain, he felt reasonably sure that LaRue, Big Homer and Bentz had a hand in the Bremer kidnaping. He expressed the belief that, perhaps, the criminal known as "Old Charlie" in the Chicago Underworld likewise had some part in the crime.

With reference to hideouts, Kelly suggested that it may have been located at Lincoln, Illinois. In this connection he related that prior to the Urschel kidnaping, which LaRue, Bentz, George Bates and himself planned to take part in, LaRue rented a house at Lincoln, Illinois from an old safe cracker, whose name he did not recollect. He said that this yegg owns considerable property in the coal mining section on the edge of town and has a broken down crippled old man, formerly a safe cracker, living with him. He advised that the cripple is not able to walk, but gets around in a wheel chair.

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When pressed for details, he said that he had never been to this hideout, but that from what LaRue had told him the hideout was a cottage with a small nice basement, the door to which opened directly outside. The room has small windows, and nothing but vacant fields can be observed if looking out. Bentz informed him that the windows looked out over a prairie, giving the impression to an observer on the inside that he was in the country.

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Kelly furnished the following description of the owner of this

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property, advising that although he did not recall the man's name, he had met him several times in Chicago and nearby: Age about 55, height about 6 feet, build heavy, hair grey, complexion ruddy, occupation owner or former owner of coal interests.

Photograph of Eddie Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, Identification Order No. 1214, was exhibited to Kelly and he stated that the photograph thereon is a good likeness of LaRue, except that the latter looks older.

Kelly advised that Eddie Bantz has served time in the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington for car theft, as he recollected. Incidentally he advised that Eddie LaRue and Eddie Bantz did not participate with George Bates and himself in the Urechel kidnaping because of differences they had. When questioned about the identity of Old Charlie, Kelly said that this individual was known by that name to all the major racketeers and hoodlums in Chicago.

With reference to the method of delivery of ransom notes to the Bremer family or its representatives, Kelly voiced the opinion that, perhaps, the kidnapers had used cab drivers or messenger boys for the purpose. He said that he and the individuals mentioned in this letter heretofore in previous kidnapings often used cab drivers to deliver ransom notes, saying that a check-up might be made in that connection to good advantage. He also suggested that a check be made of Western Union messenger boys, saying that his mob had often used the Western Union and Postal Telegraph messengers to deliver notes for them.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division ✓
Chicago

P. O. Box 2344, Boston, Mass.

AIR MAIL

February 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 115,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREWER, VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Confirming telegram of last evening to your office, concerning inquiry made of the Thomas Strahan Company, wallpaper manufacturers, Chelsea, Mass., with reference to which matter Special Agent in Charge R. C. Harvey, of the Philadelphia Office, telephoned this office, it is desired to advise that the undersigned interviewed Mr. W. E. Dalley, Manager of the said Thomas Strahan Company, who advised, after a careful study of the description of the wallpaper received from Special Agent in Charge Harvey, that he could absolutely state that the Strahan concern never made such wallpaper.

Mr. Dalley stated that the description was rather vague and not of any great assistance in aiding in the location of the manufacturer of the paper, but he is satisfied beyond question that his concern which, he states, manufactures the higher grades of wallpaper, never manufactured any such paper. Special Agent in Charge Harvey in his telephoned memorandum suggested that Mr. E. H. Neilson of the Strahan concern be interviewed. At the time of the call of the writer, Mr. Dalley advised that Mr. Neilson is at present in New York City and that if Mr. Neilson had been contacted he would have referred the matter to him, Dalley, who has been with the company for very many years and is thoroughly conversant with the business of the concern.

Mr. Dalley further pointed out that the Strahan concern this year has some 2500 different designs, and its yearly changes in designs approximate 25%, the changes in design made by his concern being much smaller than those made by the manufacturers of cheaper grades of wallpaper as such manufacturers, in his experience, will frequently make extensive changes in designs from year to year.

Mr. Dalley suggested that in view of his belief that the description given of the wallpaper may not be of such assistance to the ordinary manufacturer in locating the design, it might be well for the person who saw the wallpaper to draw as well as he could a picture of

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of the same and submit that drawing rather than a worded description. Upon receipt of same, he will be glad to again give the matter his attention. In view of the statement of Mr. Bailey of the certain fact that Strahan Company never manufactured any such wallpaper, lists of the customers, wholesale and retail, will be obtained.

Mr. Bailey also supplied the letter with a list of the addresses of the 25 wallpaper manufacturers in the St. Paul Office. It is noted from the memorandum accompanying the letter that a list of names from Special Agent in Charge Harvey of the Philadelphia Office to this office, copy of which was transmitted to the Division and the St. Paul Office, that a list of manufacturers was obtained from Mr. Justin F. Alkins, of Kaiser & Alkins, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.; however, the list obtained from the Strahan concern is being transmitted herewith.

Also confirming wire to the St. Paul Office, it is desired to advise that Special Agent J. A. Murphy of this office is conducting an inquiry of The Prager Company, Worcester, Mass., on this date. Upon receipt of information from him, the same will be immediately conveyed to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

W. J. WEST,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure.

Copy by Division
Philadelphia

NAME OF MILL

LOCATION

Atlas Wall Paper Company
 Bailey Wall Paper Company
 Beaudry Wall Paper Corp.
 Becker-Smith & Page Co.
 Barnes Wall Paper Company
 M. H. Birge & Sons Co.
 Henry Bosch Company
 Buffalo Wall Paper Company
 Beverley Wall Paper Company
 Cortland Wall Paper Company
 Chicago Wall Paper Mfg. Co.
 Commercial Wall Paper Mills
 Century Wall Paper Company
 Enterprise Wall Paper Mfg. Co.
 James E. Gledhill & Sons, Inc.
 George J. Humken Company, Inc.
 Gilbert Wall Paper Company
 E. R. Haffelfinger Co., Inc.
 Imperial Paper & Color Corp.
 Joliet Wall Paper Company
 Lennon Wall Paper Company
 Mid-West Wall Paper Company
 Niagara Wall Paper Company
 New Brunswick Ind. Inc.
 The Prager Company
 Ron-kon-ko-ma Wall Paper Co.
 Saratoga Wall Paper Company
 Stamford Wall Paper Company
 Schmitz Horning Company
 Thomas Strahan Company
 Statter Wall Paper Company
 Superior Wall Paper Company
 Star-Peerless Wall Paper Co.
 United Wall Paper Fact. Inc.
 W. B. Varnished Tile Co.
 Wm. Vornhold Company
 York Wall Paper Company
 Pittsburgh Wall Paper Co.
 Kimberley Clark Co.,
 United Wall Paper Company.

Coal City, Illinois
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 Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Appleton, Wis.

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

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MR. RORER	

February 8, 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. 7-50.

Enclosed herewith please find cellophane wrapped letters and envelopes, which are true letters written by the Victim while in captivity, as well as genuine notes involved in this case.

These articles should be analyzed for identification data, such as fingerprints, as well as paper identification. Copies of all these letters have been made for the files of the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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My Dear Father Dear,

I am calling on you
as a representative of God to
do something for me. It must
be a secret, as much
as a confession. Under those
circumstances I am calling on
you. Enclosed herewith is a
letter addressed to my father.
This letter is to be delivered to
him - unopened & may I take
the privilege of asking you to
be the good Samaritan.

If you do know on the radio
I read the Bible and pray & talk
have heard or seen that my father

has made an appeal to
~~everybody~~ to not interfere a bit
with my being returned
alone.

It is therefore necessary that
some one take the letter to him,
someone whose coming to see him
will not create any suspicion.
I could think of no one better
than you.

Please take this letter to
my father at once. It may be
asking a lot but it means so
much to me. Go to the house as
you normally do, to pay him a
visit but don't let on to

anyone that you have this
letter. Don't give him the letter
when anyone else is present
you can take the opportunity as
that you are alone with him.

Thank you for your
kindness in doing this for
me & may God speed you
on your way

Your Appreciative

Edward Bremer



is a matter of living years
I know you will do
it through & relieve the terrible
anxiety. Had please do your
best to get me to you to
not waste any time. The sooner
the better.

For I'm relying on you
this is most unbecomable. I'd wish
a living hell. I'm trying the best
I can to get me to you to
Emily & George

Your
Edward

My Dear Father,

I'm sure the newspaper
in which it states that you
made arrangements for my
lay off for three days & that
the letter can reach you and
contact to be made to pay off.
I am sure that your word is good
& that it will be as the paper
states namely - the boys can
get this letter to you to make
arrangements to pay off the
money I owe. I'm sure you
will be very understanding
and that you will pay off
anything that I owe.

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that no police or government
officer will know any thing
about it & it can all be done
as the quiet. Even though the
police & government officers know
nothing of this pay off arrangement
they will not be active in any
way whatsoever during this three
day period so that there will
not be any stoppage.

I told the boys that you
were a man of your word when
you said that there would not
be any prosecution on your part
and I am absolutely relying
on that.
They also told me that they

have tried to deal with the
along but that the government
has made it impossible
send the government body & that
they were not working but all
the time they were sitting behind
your back.

I hope I am absolutely
relying on what you said in the
paper. I know that you mean
every word of it and will stick
by your word. I am as well
as ever as expected & am
assured by the boys that I
will be returned safe as soon
as you have paid off.
So please hurry as

My Dear Lib,
As my old stand-in
I am calling on you to do something
for me that it seems no one else
can do, I must get up to speed
with my father's business.
I know if I trust you in your
case it will be done. I suppose
you know that my father has
made a special request to my
police & government officials
to lay off for three days so that
he can make his own arrangements
to get me back. Now the only
thing is to get the signature from
him. I guess that you will not

me I know.
As soon as you receive this
take it to my father please
make sure that no-one knows
you have received it.
When you take it don't say anything
about it. If anyone stops you
ask them what you want
then you have some bank
notes to take up with him
if anything else you want to tell
him don't let on about
it. When you get to
my father because you
are along with him when
you give him the letter.

I know I don't have to tell
you any more because you
always understand
Please give my love to
don't lose your head - I
know your worth & I'm sure
you'll do just as I ask
you to. We always did understand
each other.
I do as living hell here
& the time I'm here for seems
like ages. Please do your part
& I'm around I'll be home
soon. Please hurry & be
careful. As always
Ed

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Hartley;

I have been thinking

of you very much

and I hope you are

all well and happy

as ever. I have not

heard from you for

some time and I

wonder how you

are getting on.

With best wishes

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and don't love enough - I'll
be holding you both in my
arms before long & that is
all that I want in this world
is both of you -

Your Own
Daddy

Important,

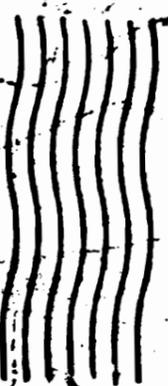
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POSTMASTER.

MINNEAPOLIS
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UNION CITY MISSION
THE MISSION OF THE CHANGERS
HENRIETTA AND SECOND STREETS
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



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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 Privileges, Laundry, Baths, and Free Employment Bureau.

HENNEPIN AVENUE at SECOND ST.

Minneapolis, Minn.



FRONTING GATEWAY PARK

To a federal office,
Dear Sir

Very sorry, but
Ed. Bremer is now resting
in Peace. - Was by accident
lumped 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!

Miss Lillian L. Dickman
1085 Cortland St
St. Paul
Minn

Personal

TO
ADOLPH BREJER

THIS LETTER MUST BE DELIVERED BY 6:00 PM TUE. FEB. 6th

TO
ED BREJERS WIFE

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TO THE PAYOFF MAN

From here on you are to assume the name of John B Brakeen

Take the money and get on the Bus leaving this station at
8.40 pm. tonight for DesMoines

Don't travel any other way but on this BUS

Register at Fort Des Moines hotel under above name.

If your planning a double cross DONT GO ANY FURTHER.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PAYOFF.

IF THERE ARE COPPERS TAILING YOU DONT GO.

Mr. Chas. McGee or payoff man

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money

Edy Dremey

7-576-350

Adolph Bremer.

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We dont care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter

\$500,000.00 is the price if you dont.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM SHARP TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE AT
969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND
A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SHELL GAS SIGNS ON THE
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

The KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE
SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS, GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACLY

IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN.

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00 PM

AS we WATCH YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Mr CHAS McGEE or ADO LPH BREMER.

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my safety. I am responsible for the money

Adolph Bremer

7-576-350

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MINN STATE AUTO ASSN

**OFFICIAL
AAA
SERVICE STATION**

Official Service A. A. A. Stations

Garages in Minnesota displaying the above sign are authorized to render FREE EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE to members of the Minnesota State Automobile Association within the State territory not to exceed a five (5) mile radius from the Service Station and Fifty (50) cents a mile one way beyond (List of Stations published monthly in SPARKS). EXCEPTION: Members must call the following telephone numbers for SERVICE (24 hours) in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

MINNEAPOLIS At 1894
ST. PAUL Co. 2900
DULUTH Mel. 2700

Rate covering FREE EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE other side

1933

3. G. Bremer

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

MIDLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

No. 32

G. Bremer
SECRETARY

OUR ACTIVITIES

1. PRODUCE MORE GAME AND GAME FISH.
2. SAFEGUARD WILDLIFE AND ITS HABITAT.
3. ESTABLISH MORE INVOLATE WILDLIFE REFUGES.
4. PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC HUNTING AND FISHING GROUNDS.
5. DEVELOP PUBLIC APPRECIATION OF WILDLIFE.
6. URGES UNIVERSAL PRACTICE OF CLEAN SPORTSMANSHIP.
7. PROMOTE RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF LANDS WHEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO INCREASE GAME.
8. STOP COMMERCIALIZED SLAUGHTER, TRAP, KILL, SELL, AND WASTEFUL PRACTICES.
9. EXTEND WILDLIFE RESEARCH.
10. HELP DEVELOP STATE GAME POLICIES.
11. DISSEMINATE HELPFUL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.
12. COOPERATE WITH OTHER CONSERVATION AGENCIES.

MEMBERSHIP No. 22790 STATE LICENSE No. _____

**MEMBERSHIP CARD
AUTOMOBILE CLUB
ST. PAUL**

ISSUED TO MR. EDWARD H. BREMER

G. Bremer
SECRETARY

EXPIRES *July 1, 1934*

MINNESOTA STATE AUTOMOBILE SOCIETY
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE GAME OF A CONTINENT—OURS TO PERPETUATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

E. G. BREMER
St. Paul, Minn.

IS AFFILIATED WITH THE

American Game Association

AS A SUPPORTING MEMBER

DUES PAID UNTIL July 1, 1934

G. Bremer
PRESIDENT

G. Bremer
SECRETARY



DVA 2315

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Adolph Bremer

WALTER HOGUE OF ADOLPH BREMER
Please deliver it once confidentially.

Mr. John Deerp
Dear John
Minnesota

7-576-350

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THE LONG OF PLOREBETTA

Chas. McGee or Honest Adolpa

The coppers jimmed the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it maybe not. Well know for sur- next time. So we give you the benefit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so we give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that hes alive till we are assured that we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get hm him back alive. Thieves are not so foxy as bankers but theyr usually more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note thats all.

Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you wont be followed when you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER.

7-576-350

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Mr. Walter W. Magee

Mr. E. J. ...

Chas. McGee

You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer dont get back his family has you to thank Youve made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance-the last.

First of all all coppers must be pulled off.

Second the dough must be ready.

Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a N.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. Well know if the coppers are pulled or not.

Remain at your office daily from noon until 8.00 p.m

Have the dough ready and where you can get it within thirty minutes.

You will be instructed how to deliver it

The money must not be hot as it will be examined before bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

Well try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is postively our LAST atempt. DONT duck it

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money

Chas McGee

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You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Dont try to cross us. Your future and B's are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either.

You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so dont delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.

Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dolar bills--no new money--no consegutive numbers--large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box catons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

no contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your final instuuctions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain. Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks. Dont try to communcate with us we'll do the directing.

Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee to do ours.

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Stan Bremer

Deal only when signature is used.

BREMER

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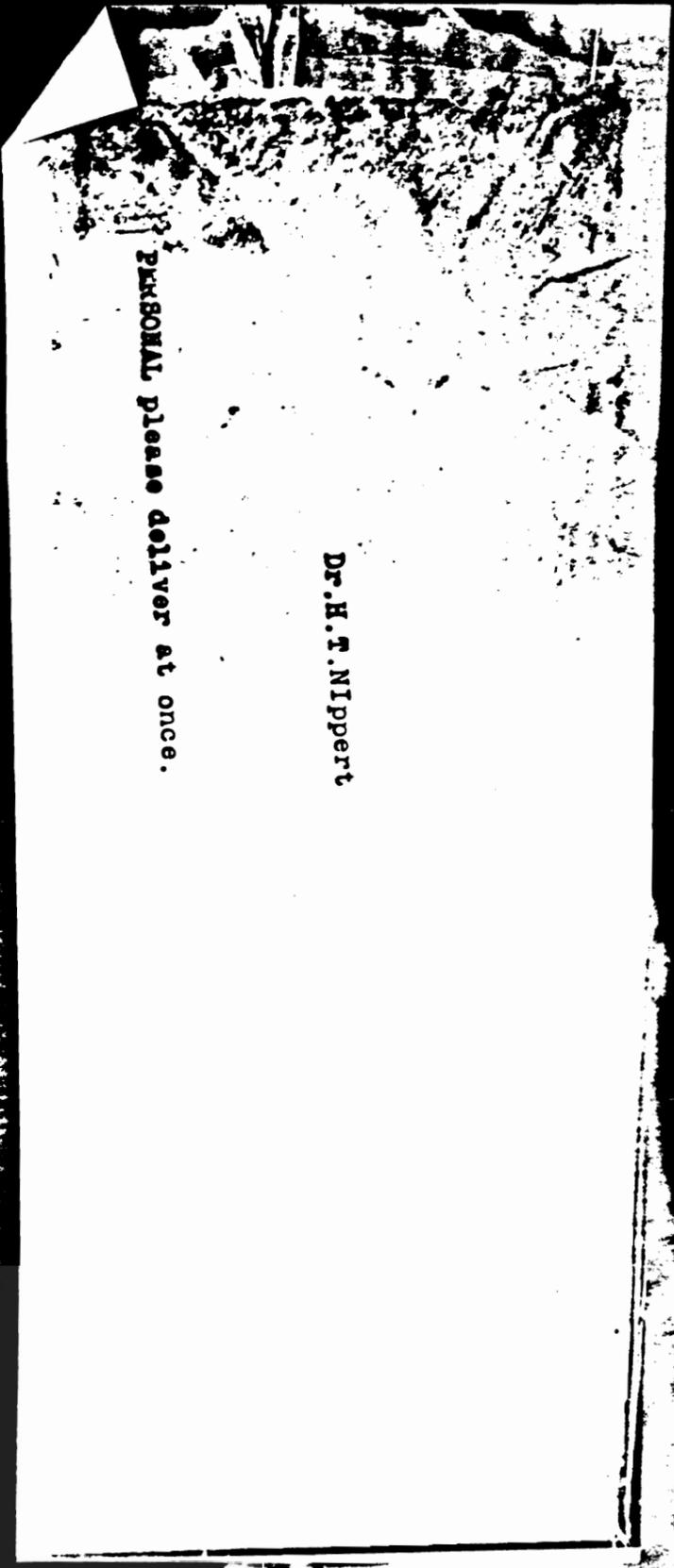
To
Letter Notes or
Answer Letter

VERIFICATION

Please deliver CONFIDENTIALLY

Dr. H. T. Nippert
Lobby Building
St. Paul,
Minnesota

Important
Personal
Please deliver to Dr. alone



Dr. H. T. Nippert

PERSONAL please deliver at once.

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Friday Evening

Dr. H. T. Nipperch
Lowry Bldg
St Paul. Minn

Dear Doctor,

I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house - 855 West 7th St. or at the office wherever he may be - It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

Edward J. Bremer

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Mrs. Edna S. Brown

Mr. Walter W. Magee

Dear Paty.

Friday

Please don't worry. I hope everyone
 will come out alright. Tell Hent. to be
 good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her
 all the time and to see you & her again is all
 that I want. I suppose you are worrying
 about the blood in the ear. I have a welt
 on my head which bleed a lot but it
 has been dressed & is alright now. Tell
 Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice
 & the only thing I have to ask is to keep
 the police out of this so that I can return
 to you all safely.

Yours
 Ed.

Chas. McGee

If you can wait O K. with us. You people shot a lot of curreves trying to get somebody killed then the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the marteer. The copper's think thats great but Eddie dont.

Were done taking the draws and you can go fuck yourself now. From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you rech us someway yourself. Better not wait too long.

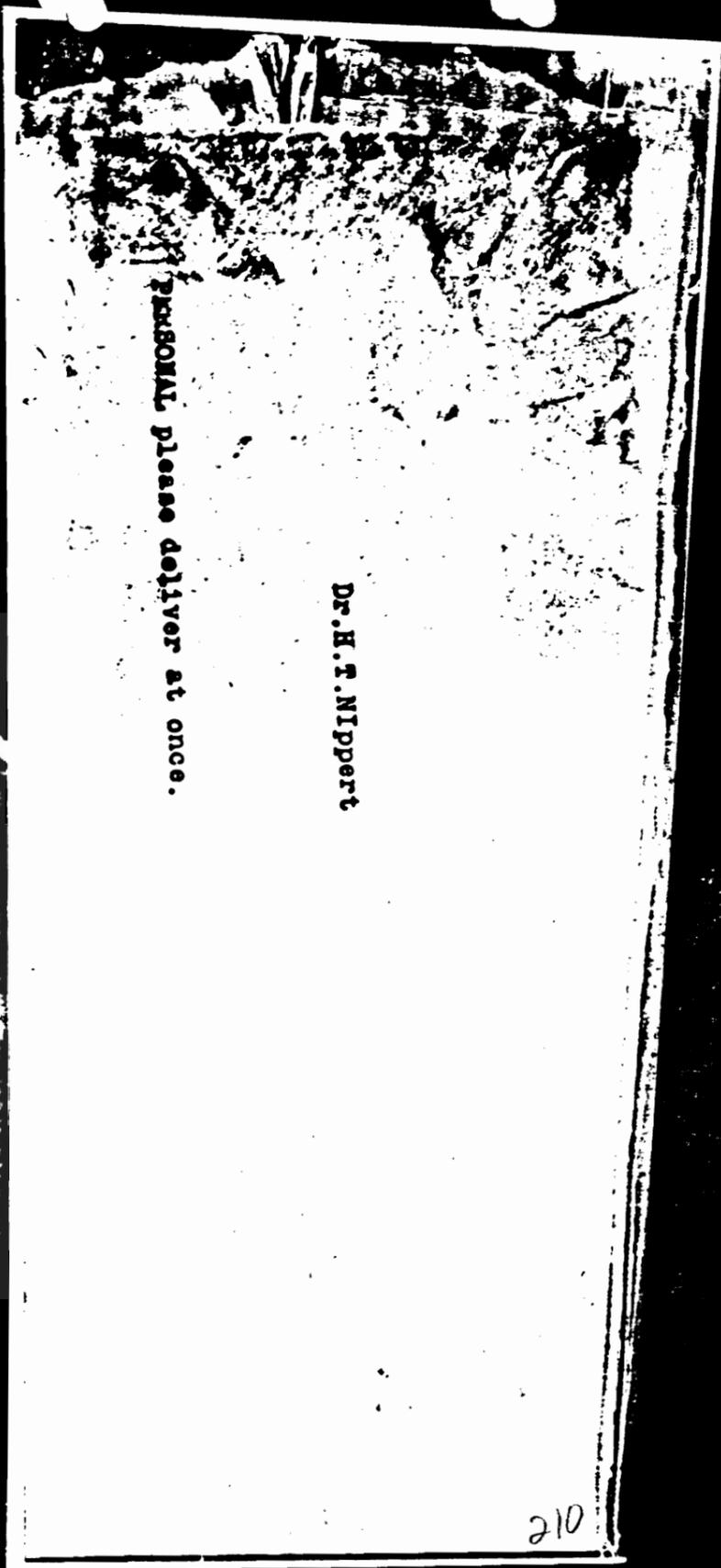
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I'm sorry
but I felt you were the old slandy, around
Emily & Pat that I'm alright. I knew
you would use your head & work on this
all alone - no police. The people that have
me long given the impression that you are
not working alone. Walter please do; I
know you will for me. I've been told
that the reason the first plan was not you
through & with was because you were working
with the police. Again I say please work
all alone & I'm sure every thing will
come out alright. Be sure not - no
strings attached. You & you alone. These
people are going to give you a real plan
Work according to their directions - &
again I say - alone - no police - just
you.

Edward
J. Jones,

Chas. McGee, Personal.

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PERSONAL, please deliver at once.

Dr. H. F. Nippert

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To
Walter McFee or
Adolpha Bremer

VERY IMPORTANT

Please deliver CONFIDENTIALLY

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Lorry Building
St. Paul,
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Edward J. Bremer

Mr. W. Dunn

If you are through with the bullshit and ballyhoo we'll give you your chance.

This is the last notice before we raise our demands. Don't sit it out unless you intend to carry this out.

First of all get away from the coppers. Go to wherever where you can get a standard Ford or Chevy coup without the rubber seat. Remove the side doors and also the back cover. When you start out take the money in the drivers seat in a bag. Place a lighted red lantern in the back box so no one can be concealed and we can recognize you. Drive at 20 M.P.H down the alley we designate.

This is plain english so even you can understand it. Tonight you are to be at home between 8 and 9 to receive instructions about the alley. Don't leave the numbered signpost until you reach the town we name. Five headlight flashes is the signal for you to drop the bag on the side of the road. Then keep right on going for at least 20 miles.

The full amount must be paid before we release Hass and if you try to outsmart us you only prolong the agony.

HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE PAYMENT TO BE MADE AND REQUEST THAT ALL INSTRUCTIONS BE FULLY CARRIED OUT.



Mr. Wm. Dunn

You're so goddamned smart that you'll wind up getting both of you guys killed. It so happened that we tailed that cab last night.

You better take advantage of the time before the papers get a hold of this.

Here's god move for you. Unless ~~you~~ the 100,000 dollars is delivered as per our instructions on Saturday the demand will be for ~~100,000~~ 150,000 thereafter.

Furthermore we demand that you personally deliver the money so that if there is any double crossing we will save the pleasure of hitting you in your head.

Prepare to have the cash tomorrow. You will receive new instructions. If you're not going to carry them out fully don't start. If the coppers succeed in following you it might prove fatal. You brought the coppers in to this now you get rid of the asses.

Man is uncomfortable and disappointed in the way you bungled this so far.

We won't continue to take these draws forever so don't spar to long. If we hadn't intended to go thru with this we would not have started.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE PAYMENT TO BE MADE AND REQUEST THAT ALL INSTRUCTIONS BE FULLY CARRIED OUT.



Mr. Wm. Dunn

You have evidently verified our statement of this afternoon. In other words you know your boy friend is out of circulation.

Our other statements will also be verified before we are through.

You are to pay off one hundred thousand dollars in the manner explained to you this afternoon.

You are to keep this matter quiet until such time as all arrangements are completed and Hand is released.

You are to await final instructions tomorrow.

You are to have the money ready as per the instructions you received today.

If you fail to follow these instructions you take your own chances.

Furthermore if you fail to comply with our demands you will never see Hand Jr. again.

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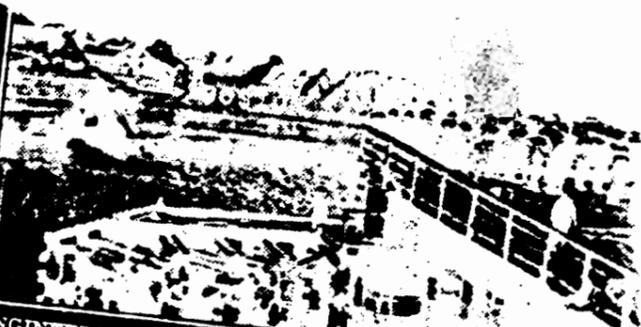
townships on the high seas at the final organization meeting to throw a tight net about the lake. Each bay and wood stretch is now covered by the citizens protection vigilante committee against hideouts and kidnapers strongholds.

Sheriff John Wall of Hennepin county joined the vigilantes in their fight to keep the Minnetonka district "clean" and pledged his support and leadership to any policing that is necessary.

"My office record shows that no complaints have come from the Minnetonka district for several months," Sheriff Wall said. "Nevertheless, we all realize that the quiet woodland surrounding the lake affords hideaways for kidnapers and bandits. I heartily pledge my support to the vigilante movement and offer all the services of my office to the men who have set out to keep Minnetonka clean."

The campaign was put under way when reports were received by the police departments of the lakeside townships that gangsters were looking with favor upon the quiet, peaceful Minnetonka district as a haven. Determined that no unlawful citizens should make their homes around the lake, police chiefs and mayors of the towns set out to organize a vigilante committee.

At the final organization meeting which the new groups added their support to the others and Sheriff John Wall pledged his leadership, the speakers were A. S. Brasman, Mound, and Mayors F. O. Stout of Excelsior, J. L. Middleton of Deephaven, W. L. Dicky of Wayzata, and G. T. Skirpan of Island Park.



ENGINEERS PUT THE TIDES to work February 1 when they had to move the 1,200,000-pound draw of the Fore River bridge, south of Boston, 100 feet up stream to a new location. At low tide, scows were placed beneath the heavy steel structure. Then, as the ocean tide rose high in the river, the draw was lifted clear of its supports so that it could be floated to its new location and lowered into place on the ebbing tide.

Admiral Reeves



Kidnapers Given 3-Day Ultimatum

Continued from page 1

He wiped the tears from his eyes with a handkerchief, then added—as though speaking to himself—"We've got to get Eddie back." Again the tears streamed down his face, and he turned his back to the reporters, as though overcome. His brother, Otto Bremer, put his arm around the father's back and led him out of the room.

Father's Message to Kidnapers

The statement, signed in Mr. Bremer's handwriting, reads in full: "To the parties holding my son and to Edward G. Bremer: "All city, state and federal authorities have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy."

"First and last I am only interested in safe return of Edward and in any activity after my son is returned."

"My telephone in home and office have been watched; therefore I merely mention this to indicate to you men that I am sincere in my desire and effort to communicate with you free from any outside interference."

Divorced Wife Aids Arson Defendant

A divorced wife took the stand in defense of her former husband in the arson trial before District Judge W. W. Hardwell and displayed nearly \$1,000 worth of diamonds to the jury.

Mrs. Helen Coss appeared at the trial of Fred Coss, charged with setting fire to a store and residence at 401 Twenty-eighth avenue S. last October. She is also under indictment, as is Abby Johnson, a three time fire at the address. All in support of her contention that there was property in the building far in excess of the amount of insurance on it. Mrs. Coss displayed diamonds she claimed were in apartment at the time of the fire. She denied any knowledge as to who might have set fire to the building.

Chief of U.S. Fleet Named

Admiral J. M. Reeves to Succeed Sellers, Who Goes to Academy

By United Press
Washington, Feb. 2.—Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, commander of the battle force, was stated today to succeed Admiral David Foots Sellers as commander-in-chief of the United States fleet.

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BREMER'S FINAL APPEAL FOR SON

February 3, 1934.
Adolf Bremer issued an ultimatum to the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, last night, giving them three more days in which to contact with him for the release of the wealthy St. Paul banker and brewer. He promised complete secrecy in the dealings, and declared that he would have no interest in any activity after his son is returned. This was interpreted to mean he would be hands off any search for the kidnapers if his son was returned. But...

Father Indicates Time Limit Set by Police

IN TEARS AS HE GIVES LAST PLEA Means Proposed for Making Secret Contact

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