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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Under separate cover there is being transmitted to the Division the goggles used by the kidnapers on Victim EDWARD G. BREMER. These goggles were found, today, by an Agent of the St. Paul Division Office at Rochester, Minnesota, on information and directions given to the Division Office at St. Paul by EDWARD G. BREMER.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harvey called yesterday and stated the St. Paul office had requested him to contact all the news dealers in Philadelphia to determine which ones handled St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers. Mr. Harvey advised that there were eight distributors in Philadelphia and about fifteen hundred dealers.

He stated that the distributors did not know which of the dealers handled St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers and that for the Philadelphia office to do so would mean that they would have to contact each one of the fifteen hundred dealers. He stated it was entirely possible that the newspapers in St. Paul would be able to submit the names of the dealers in Philadelphia who sold their papers.

Mr. Harvey wanted to know if there was any reason why St. Paul should not supply this information. I told him to get in touch with St. Paul and advise them of the facts, with the request that such a list be submitted to him by St. Paul unless they had some specific reason for not doing so.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, you are advised that information has been received that on the afternoon of the day that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers there were found near Portage, Wisconsin, four cans, each of five gallon capacity, which had apparently been thrown to the side of the road. Mr. Bremer has advised that in the car in which he was placed on his return by the kidnapers there were some cans of this general description in which the kidnapers kept their reserve supply of gasoline and, although he was blindfolded, he recalls that at a point about half way between the place where he was held in custody and the place where he was released the kidnapers stopped their car and re-fueled it with the reserve supply of gasoline which had been kept in these cans.

The gasoline cans in question were forwarded to the Division at Washington and they were studied carefully in the Division's scientific laboratory and there has been a definite identification of a latent fingerprint found on one of these cans. This fingerprint is identical with a fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker.

Arthur R. Barker is a member and perhaps the leader of a notorious mob of gangsters consisting of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

On the night the ransom money was paid by Mr. Walter Nages, in accordance with the plans outlined by the kidnapers Mr. Nages was to drive along a certain highway until he saw four red lights, after which he was to turn off this highway at the next road which turned to the left. A subsequent investigation by Special Agents of this Division resulted in the location of the four signal lights. They were transmitted to the Division and were carefully studied and as a result of subsequent investigation and marks of identification the identity of the manufacturer of these lights was established. Likewise, information was obtained as to the distribution of these flash lights and information was received this morning that these lights were sold at an F & W Store in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 9, 1934 by a young lady clerk. She was shown the photographs



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of the members of the Barker - Karpis gang and she has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the individual to whom these lights were sold. She described Karpis as having been dressed in something similar to a chauffeur's uniform, wearing a peculiarly shaped cap and hunting boots. This is similar to a description of one of the individuals who delivered a message from the kidnapers to one of the selected intermediaries in this kidnaping case.

The car which the kidnapers placed in front of a given address in St. Paul, and which according to instructions from the kidnapers was used by Walter Magee to deliver the ransom money, was found to contain a cap identical with the one described by the young lady clerk in the store in St. Paul.

It thus appears that the identity of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer is rather definitely established and I desire to inform you of these developments, for your confidential information.

Respectfully,

Director.

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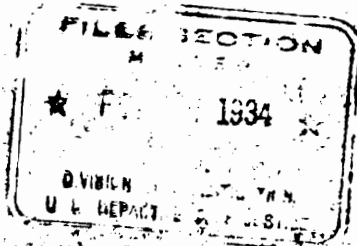
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, I am pleased to inclose herewith a copy of a confidential memorandum which I am today transmitting to the Attorney General indicating the identity of the individuals responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned to tell me that some one had telephoned him from the Treasury Department, stating that LaRue is wanted in Nebraska for a \$2,000,000 bank robbery. He said he informed the party calling that this was of course a State and not a Federal matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

February 19, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are photographs of
FRED BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, forwarded
to your office in compliance with your telegraphic request.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HENRI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 18, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of telegram from the Division dated February 18, 1934 quoted as follows:

"VERNON C. MILLER ET AL REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED STOP SEND TRAINOR REPORT AIR MAIL WITH ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL OFFICES WHERE NOT PREVIOUSLY SENT EXPEDITE"

A second run of copies of the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, is being typed at this office today, and each field office not already in possession of the report is now being furnished with same. These offices are listed as follows:

Birmingham	New Orleans
Boston	Philadelphia
Butte	Pittsburgh
Charlotte	Portland
El Paso	Salt Lake City
Jacksonville	San Antonio
Los Angeles	Washington Field

This letter is being forwarded for the information of the various offices which had already been in possession of Agent Trainor's report of December 27, 1933. There has been appended to the copies of this report, now being furnished to the various offices above mentioned, a copy of Division telegram of February 18th, brief comments as to the identity of Arthur R. Barker and a statement to the effect that all offices are to be furnished with a report in the near future looking toward the apprehension of the Barkers, Karpis and others.

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Very truly yours,
M. C. SPEAR

Copy to each field office
not listed above.

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- MR. TOLSON ✓
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
- MR. EGAN.....
- MR. QUINN X
- MR. LESTER.....
- MR. LOCKE.....
- MR. RORER.....

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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- MR. LOCKE.....
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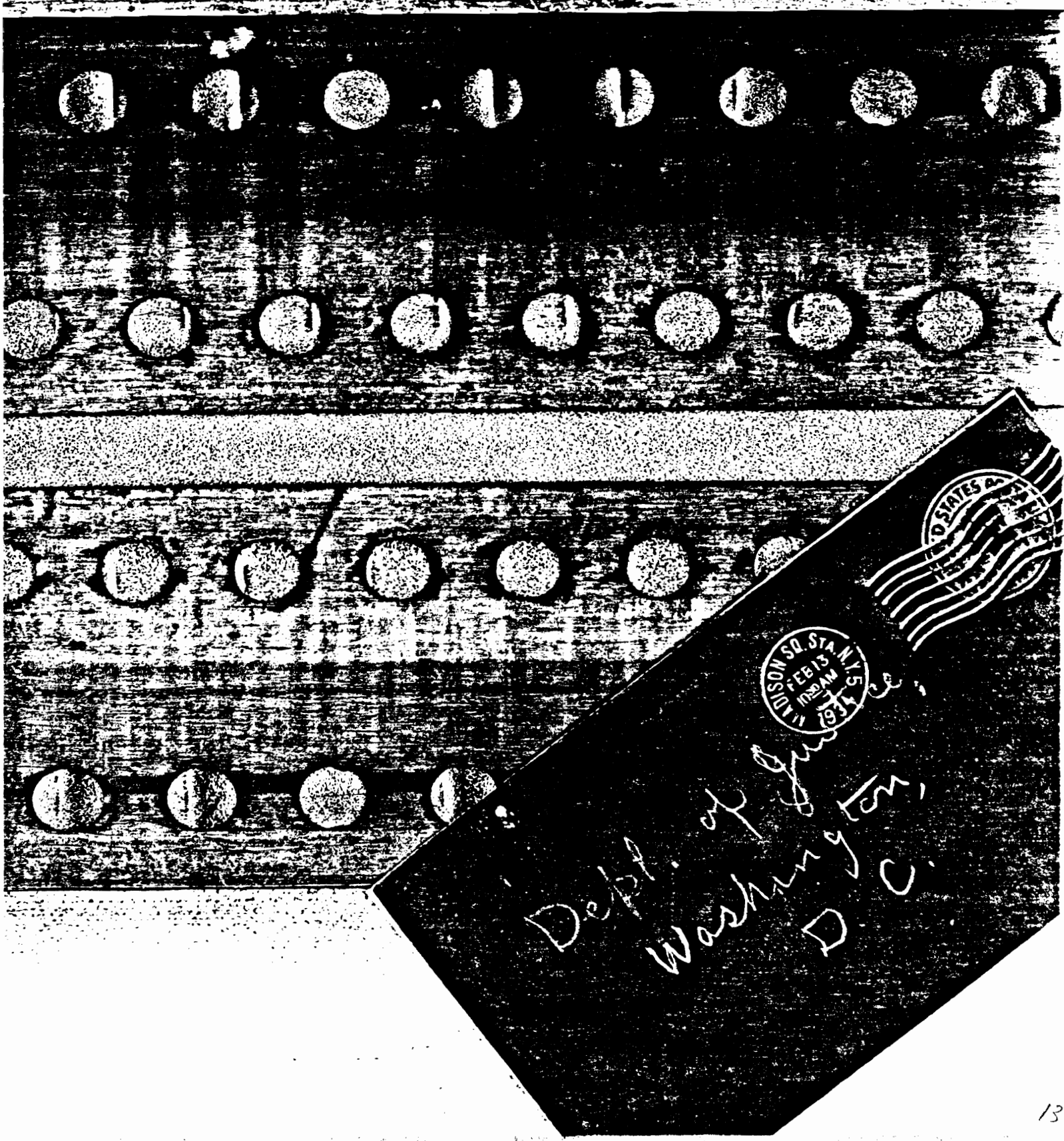
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Edward D. Brennan

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

...the day ...
A couple of weeks ago I woke and heard Durea room 71
Say, "Across Missouri." Then Sherty room 71
said "When do we get ours?" Sherty can operate
typewriter. Did he typewrite note. Further
Mercher 714 a friend of theirs went away Sat
morning Feb 10 and did not return until
Mon. night Feb 12 when he Durea and
Bruno or Bruno 744, got together in
the washroom Bruno is a friend of theirs
They speak German together. He has only
been here about 3 weeks. If any
"Bremer" money appears in New York look into
it. Papers claim Lindbergh money appear
in Wall St. I am writing this in the
interests of Justice. If it is irrelevant
forget it. Do not implicate me or
Do not communicate with any
of Staff. It will leak out.
Navy Y.M.C.A.
Brooklyn

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN
 To
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MR. BATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. GLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. SOAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. BORER	_____

MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General _____
- The Solicitor General _____
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley _____
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman _____
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens _____
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney _____
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean _____
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

Anonymous Communication

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy
of an anonymous letter postmarked at New York City, February
3, 1934, concerning the above entitled matter. Kindly give
same appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681551.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN
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MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Nathan today I asked him to transmit to the Division a communication stating whether or not any employee of this Division gave out information in Saint Paul concerning the wall paper or the currency listings, concerning which an editorial recently appeared in a Red Wing, Minnesota paper.

He stated that no agent of this Division gave out such information from Saint Paul and he is writing a letter to the Division to that effect tonight. He has no idea where the information came from and ^{STATE} this is very bad, particularly about the wallpaper.

I asked Mr. Nathan to talk with all the employees of the Saint Paul Office to inform them of the statement made by the Attorney General about the cleanup needed in Saint Paul and Minneapolis and to caution all the employees of this Division that they were to make no comment of any kind concerning this matter and they should be very careful to make no statement of any kind to anyone which might subsequently be used and that to do so would obviously put any employee "on the spot". Mr. Nathan stated he would do this.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the apprehension of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Coll, I called the Boston Office and requested that efforts be made at Boston to trace LaRue's whereabouts in Vermont through relatives and friends of his wife, known as Doris C. Foley, during the past two years particularly, and also to obtain all available specimens of his handwriting.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 19, 1934.

VIA AIR MAIL

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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, please be advised that this office has received three and one-half packages of the letters containing list of ransom money paid to the kidnapers, over and above the requirements of our mailing list. If these letters are needed elsewhere please advise and they will be immediately shipped.

Very truly yours,

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

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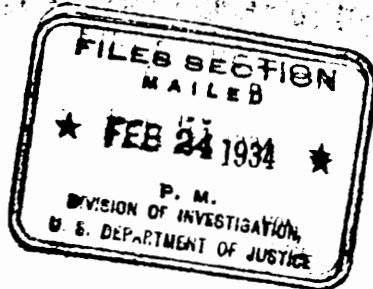
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your communication of February 19, 1934, relative to the surplus of lists received by your office concerning the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, please be advised that these lists should be retained at your office for the time being in order that auxiliary offices in that vicinity, requesting such lists, might receive them direct from your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Thornberg, International News Service, telephoned. He understood a couple by the name of Foley were arrested in St. Petersburg, Florida, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He asked for confirmation. I informed him that we had received information in Washington today showing the arrest of a couple by this name at St. Petersburg yesterday; that they were wanted in Illinois for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act or interstate transportation of a stolen automobile.

Respectfully,

R. H. Clegg.

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DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
R. CLEGG	✓
COWLEY	✓
EDWARDS	✓
EGAN	✓
QUINN	✓
MASTER	✓
LOCKS	✓
PERDA	✓

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H.P.L.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The committee of Inspectors and Assistant Directors recommend the adoption of the code word BREKID to designate the case "Unknown Subjects, Kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, Jr."

If this suggestion is approved, there is attached hereto a bulletin for your consideration.

Respectfully,

H.H.C.
H. H. Clegg.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.
February 19, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

LEFT THUMB PRINT LILLIAN DICKMAN APPEARS ON AMERICAN GAME ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP CARD SUBMITTED WITH YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY EIGHT ADVISE SIGNIFICANCE
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Edward L. Brennan

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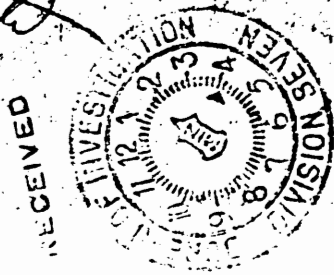
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID P H NEWBALD AND EMILY NEWBALD NEE KARPIS ARRESTED PD CHICAGO NOVEMBER
SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY ELEVEN FORTYONE NORTH FRANCISCO STREET ASCERTAIN
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

In a conversation with Mr. Purvis concerning other matters, I asked him to locate a brief case of Chief of Police Dahill of Saint Paul which Mr. Dahill believed he had left in his office and to transmit the brief case to Mr. Dahill in Saint Paul. Mr. Purvis stated he would do so today.

Incidentally, Mr. Purvis remarked that he wouldn't be surprised if the brief case contained information concerning the Bohn and perhaps the Hamm kidnaping cases.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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February 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. [redacted] called Sunday afternoon about 2:00 o'clock from Tampa, Florida. He stated that LaRue in custody at Tampa has made oral admission of his guilt in the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case but refused to sign a statement or to even give a specimen of his handwriting. He further advised that LaRue had made oral admission of his participation in the Effingham, Ill., mail robbery job but he refuses to give a signed statement about this. It is expected by night or at least during the night they will be able to get an oral admission in the Woolverton kidnaping case, wherein a Mr. Woolverton was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana. He will advise the Division if any more important developments arise.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Edward A. Bremer
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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 2-19-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/15-17/34	REPORT MADE BY J. S. Johnson
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE 0 KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inquiries through Sears Roebuck and Company, J. C. Penney and H. L. Green Stores in Indiana failed to develop information as to purchasers of flash lights or pocket lanterns.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office to the Director dated 2-13-34 and wire from New York Office dated 2-14-34.			
DETAILS: The following stores in Indiana were contacted in an effort to determine the identity of parties recently purchasing "Lightmaster" pocket lanterns or flash lights carrying trade mark "A Merit Product", all equipped with red lenses bearing trade mark "Filmolens". A thorough investigation was made at each of the stores indicated through interviews with the following persons: Harold J. Williams, Manager, Electrical Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, Evansville, Indiana. (Interviewed by Special Agent E. J. Wynn) J. Mitchell, Manager, Hardware Department, and D. Hart, Salesman, Sears Roebuck and Company, 333 North Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. P. A. Williams, Store Manager and Salesman, Sears Roebuck and Company, 5626 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. J. E. DeBer, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 514 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. B. Keen</i>	Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-612	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 21 1934
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E. A. Carr, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 1010 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana.

M. R. Lower, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 235 North High Street, Muncie, Indiana.

Paul Early, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 915 Main Street, Richmond, Indiana.

J. C. Penney Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, has not carried flash lights in their hardware department up to the present time but agent was informed that a line would presently be installed.

A. J. Kolesar, Assistant Manager, H. L. Green Company, Muncie, Indiana, handles flash lights but they do not bear the printed trade mark "A Merit Product" although they handle the Merit line.

At each of the Sears Roebuck and Company stores mentioned, it was found that several Lightmaster pocket lanterns had been sold, but none of the parties interviewed had any particular recollection of the persons who purchased them or any inquiry as to red colored or special lens for the lanterns. The number sold can be determined but no information as to the parties purchasing. Mr. Kolesar of the H. L. Green Company, Muncie, Indiana, likewise recalled that several flash lights had been sold but he could not place any individual customer nor could he recall any inquiry as to red or special lenses. The flash lights and pocket lanterns carried in stock are equipped with plain flat white lenses.

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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Confirming information furnished to Inspector Rorer on the night of February 17, you are advised that a latent print appearing on one of the four gasoline cans submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, has been found to be identical with the right index fingerprint of Arthur Barker, our #289428, whose criminal record as it appears in the files of the Identification Unit is as follows: B3

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Very truly yours,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1214-297

Dear Sir:

In Re: EDWARD DOLL, aliases
EDDIE DOLL, EDDIE LARUE,
BURLINGTON EDDIE, FRANK LEWIS,
J. E. JACKSON, EDWARD LARUE.
Subject of I. O. No. 1214

Identification Order No. 1214 on the above named subject
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into custody at St.
Petersburg, Florida, on February 14, 1934.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED J. E. Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation
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MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

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February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Newman called from the Chicago office and advised that a search of the records at Joliet, Illinois failed to disclose that any one by the name of Anderson had escaped from that institution during the last four years or that they had any record of a Whitey Anderson.

at about 10:45am

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A record, however, was located of one Frank Anderson, alias George Cunningham, Joliet Penitentiary #4760. D

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Weight	23
Height	141
Hair	5' 7"
Eyes	Chestnut-dark
Color	Hazel-gray
Occupation	Horseman
Native of Illinois	
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The records also indicate that [REDACTED]

Mr. Newman advised that they were obtaining three photographs from Joliet, one to be sent directly to Mr. Alt at Tampa, Florida, one to the Division and one for their files.

I called Mr. Guinane and requested that a search of our records be made to determine if we have photographs of this man,

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in which event photographs will be made and sent to Mr. Alt at Tampa immediately from here.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN.....
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MR. CLEGG.....
MR. GOWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. HORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Harold Andersen called Mr. Newby from Tampa, Florida, last night and stated that Eddie LaRue, alias Toley, had named one Whitty Anderson as one of the kidnapers of Bremer. The only descriptive data, however, he gave on Anderson was that he had escaped from Peoria some time during the last four years.

Mr. Ramsey of the Identification Unit was called and after searching his records advised that he was unable to locate a record of Whitty Anderson.

I then called Mr. Alt, at Jacksonville, and asked that more definite information be submitted, if possible. He stated it was his understanding that the Anderson referred to escaped from Joliet. I then called Mr. Schilder and gave him the above information. Mr. Schilder proceeded to the Identification Unit and later called and advised that they had about 13,000 Andersons, all of the records of which would have to be searched in order to obtain suspects.

I then called Mr. Ladd, at St. Louis, and requested that he have an Agent proceed to Peoria in an effort to determine whether there was any record there of a Whitty Anderson having escaped during the last four years.

I was unable to get Mr. Purvis at Chicago and talked to Mr. Newman, and requested that they endeavor to identify this individual as an escape from Joliet.

Mr. Schilder called this morning and stated that the search which was not yet completed of their records, resulted in the location of about 50 Andersons, any one of whom might possibly be the one referred to. Mr. Schilder requested to be advised whether the search should be continued, stating that it was a big task, and that even though the search were made, it would be impossible to make any positive identification. I told him that the search should be held in abeyance until we hear from Chicago and St. Louis this morning.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/17/34	REPORT MADE BY: M.B. RHODES
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation on U. S. Highway #66 and Illinois Highway #4-A, which are the principal highways between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, together with investigation on U. S. Highway #30, which is the principal highway between Aurora and Joliet, Illinois, and investigation on Illinois State Highway #65, near Aurora, Illinois, fails to reveal the location of the farmhouse where Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, was held captive by Eddie LaRue and George Kelly subsequent to his kidnaping by them on 1/27/32.

FEB 21 1934

REFERENCE:

Letter Kansas City Division office to St. Paul, 2/10/34; also report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, 2/15/34.

DETAILS:

In an effort to locate the house where Eddie LaRue and George (Machine Gun) Kelly held Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, on 1/27/32, subsequent to kidnaping him, the alleged location of said house having been furnished Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit office by Mrs. Kathryn Kelly, and reported by Mr. Larson on page three of the reference report, this Agent and Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner of this office, after ascertaining that there two main highways between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, namely U. S. #66 and Illinois highway #4-A, proceeded to Joliet on U. S. #66. It was noted that nowhere

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on this highway between Chicago and Joliet is there a fruit stand, special attention being given to the neighborhood located on this highway about half way between these cities, however, it is pointed out that the entire highway between the two cities was observed and no fruit stand was noted. It was observed that there are a number of country roads, paved and otherwise, running into #66 from the left hand side as one is driving from Chicago to Joliet. Agents drove on eleven of these roads to a distance of approximately three and four miles from their intersection with #66, particular attention being given to the roads intersecting with #66 approximately half way between Joliet and Chicago, however, they were unable to locate the house or the premises described by George Kelly in the reference letter.

Similar investigation was conducted by Agents on Illinois State Highway #4-A between Chicago and Joliet. No fruit stand was noted on this highway, particular reference being made to a point equidistant between the two cities. Numerous side roads leading into this highway from the left hand side thereof as one travels from Chicago to Joliet, were covered, particular note being made of the side roads leading into the highway about half way between the two cities, however, Agents were unable to locate a house or premises that in any way corresponded to the description furnished by Kelly.

It is noted that Kelly stated to Special Agent H. E. Andersen of the Kansas City office that the house in question is situated half way between Joliet and Aurora, on a paved cross county highway; that it is located about one hundred feet off the highway on the right hand side thereof to one driving South from Aurora. He stated that the farm on which the house is located is about twenty minutes drive from Aurora at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. It is pointed out that the only paved road from Aurora to Joliet is U. S. #30. Special Agents Van Wagoner, Mullen and Jenkins of this office on 2/10/34 drove South on this highway from Aurora at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour in an effort to locate said house, Assistant Director Nathan having on that day advised this office by telephone from St. Paul that Kelly said the house could be located at a point about twenty minutes drive South from Aurora on this highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour. As pointed out in a previous report, the above agents covered the above road at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour, but were unable to find a house corresponding to the description furnished by Kelly. In addition thereto, they interviewed all the residents in that vicinity, none of whom could identify the house. On 2/17/34 this Agent and Agent Van Wagoner drove South on Highway #30 from Aurora to Joliet, at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. After driving for twenty minutes, Agents came to the outskirts of Plainfield, Illinois. Careful scrutiny was given all houses in this neighborhood,

but the premises described by Kelly were not observed. Agent Van Wagoner advised that he had during the week previous interviewed the residents in this vicinity, none of whom knew a Swedish farmer in the neighborhood or a house that corresponded to the description furnished by Kelly.

It is noted that Mrs. Kathryn Kelly in her statement to Mr. Larson advised that she thought that the highway in question was #65. It is pointed out that #65 is a short State highway running from Naperville, Illinois, Southwest to U. S. #30 and intersecting with that highway a short distance South of Aurora between that city and Joliet. Number 65 is the principal highway from Chicago to Joliet. Agent Van Wagoner and this Agent slowly drove over Highway #65 and carefully scrutinized the houses appearing thereon, but were unable to locate the premises described by Kelly. It is pointed out that at the present time there are no identification marks on Highway #65, the State having recently removed its road numbers. Highway #65 was identified by means of an old Illinois road guide issued by the Shell Oil Company.

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the above matter, I enclose herewith letter written by Robert Hoyer, at Corinth, Mississippi, February 13, 1934, addressed to the Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, which relates to a kidnaping on the writer of said letter by three alleged bandits near the city of Corinth. The information in the letter is directed in a possible connection with the BREMER kidnaping. The descriptions of the three persons are given.

It is suggested that you give this matter your appropriate attention and submit report of this inquiry.

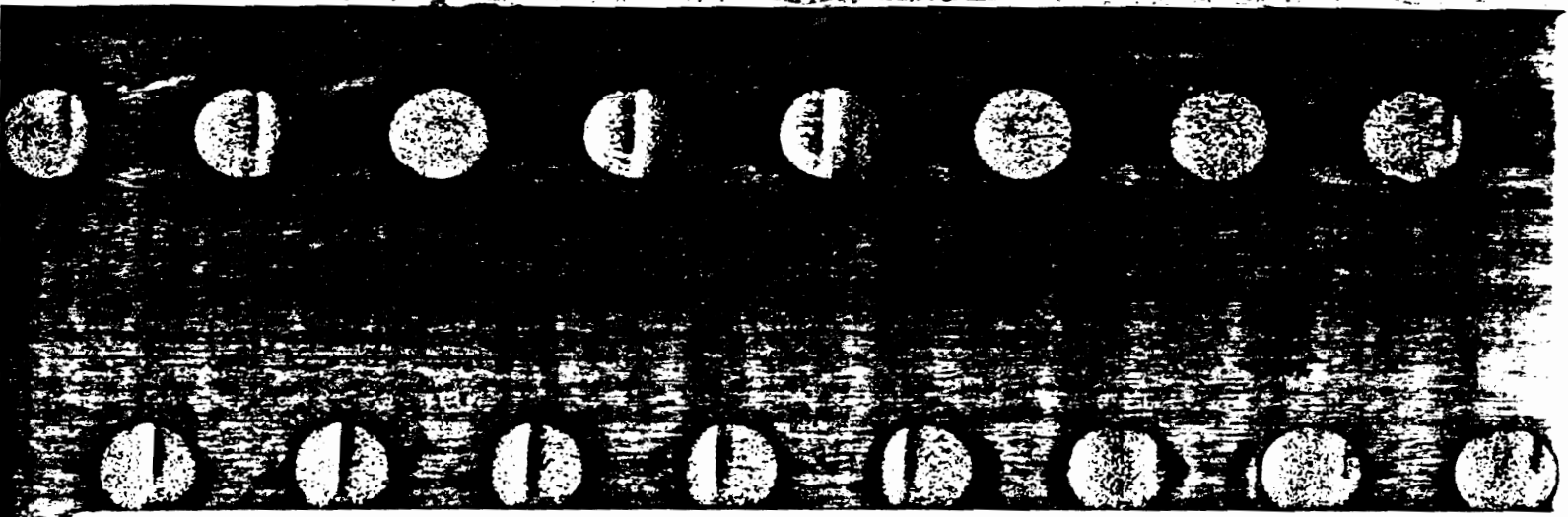
Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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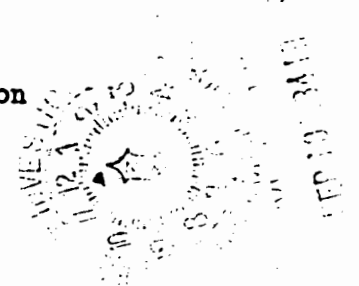
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 14, 1934

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

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter dated February 11, 1934, with attached memorandum, in the above entitled case, please be advised that the following are additional wall paper manufacturers located in your district:

Buffalo Wall Paper Co., Buffalo, N.Y.
Beverly Wall Paper Co., Beverly, N.J.
Cortland Wall Paper Co., Cortland, N.Y.
New Brunswick Ind., Inc., New Brunswick, N.J.
Saratoga Wall Paper Co., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

In accordance with Division instructions, it will not be necessary at present to obtain a list of the wholesalers of these various manufacturers.

Very truly yours

R. C. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 14, 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

Supplementing my letter of February 11, 1934, with attached memorandum, in the above entitled case, please be advised that the Kimberley Clark Company is located in Appleton, Wis., where an appropriate investigation should be conducted.

In accordance with Division instructions, it will not be necessary to obtain a list of the wholesalers of this manufacturer at present.

Very truly yours

H. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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Charlotte, N. C.
February 14, 1934

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - VICTIM
EDWARD
Kidnap

Immediately upon receipt of Division letter of February 13, 1934 requesting investigation at the three knitting mills named therein, Special Agent W. C. Elliott was dispatched to Wadesboro, North Carolina, and Special Agent W. C. Robinson was dispatched to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Special Agent Elliott has reported that he conferred with T. J. Covington, General Sales Manager, and Eugene A. Lee, Superintendent of the West Knitting Corporation and they reported, after close inspection of the photographs furnished this office, that they did not manufacture the type exhibited in the photograph. Mr. Lee thought that he had seen underwear of the type exhibited in the photograph in the Charles Company, Incorporated, Store in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Special Agent Elliott conferred with Mr. W. T. Bunkie, Manager of said store, who displayed the type of underwear sold by him; however, comparison of it with that displayed in the photographs does not compare favorably.

Special Agent W. C. Robinson has reported by telephone from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that he has consulted the officials at the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company and the Washington Mills Company and has been informed at both of these mills that they do not and have not manufactured underwear such as that shown in the photographs furnished by the Division. The officials of those mills also informed that they do not know who manufactures the underwear in question.

Subsequent to the above investigations, a wire was received from the New York Office requesting that investigation be discontinued, as the underwear had been identified in New York.

L. B. Reed
L. B. Reed, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

On February 11, 1934, this office received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey of the Philadelphia office, who stated that the room in which Edward G. Bremer was held contained wall paper which appeared to be neither new nor old; that the paper contained a design made up of a group of two posts, each separated by a dash, resembling the figure 11-11; that the first nine groups of two posts were separated by a tree, the leaves of which resembled a four leaf clover, possibly flowers, followed by a limb or branch, not growing out of the tree, being more or less of a decorative scheme, followed by 10 groups of 2 posts each, separated by a dash, followed by a tree and a branch as above noted, followed by 11 groups of 2 posts each separated by a dash, and followed by a tree and a branch.

In an effort to trace the origin of this wall paper Mr. Harvey secured from Mr. Justin P. Allman, President of the National Wall Paper Association, Philadelphia, Pa. a list of all the wall paper manufacturers in the Chicago district, and furnished said list to this office, with the request that an Agent contact the head of each of these concerns with a view to inspecting all of the samples in possession of these companies, covering issues of wall paper during the past eight or ten years in the hope of finding a sample similar to that observed by Mr. Bremer during his confinement, and that such samples as might be secured be forwarded to the St. Paul office immediately.

Special Agent T. F. Mullen of this office made pertinent investigation at the Commercial Wall Paper Mills, located at Hoffman Street and Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, at which point he interviewed Mr. W. S. Hevener, Vice President and Sales Manager, and Mr. S. K. Clugston, colorist for that company. Each of these gentlemen advised that they had no recollection of their company producing a wall paper of the description furnished by Mr. Bremer. However, Agent Mullen together with Mr. Clugston went through approximately fifty sample books of wall paper in addition to a large number of loose leaf samples, but found only two samples comparable to that described by Mr. Bremer, neither of these samples being identical to Mr. Bremer's description. These samples are being forwarded to the St. Paul office to be shown to Mr. Bremer. They are marked

7-A and 7-B respectively. Mr. Hevener advised Agent Miller that to the best of his recollection the wall paper design mentioned by Mr. Bremer would sound like a design printed by the Imperial Wall Paper Mills of Glens Falls, New York, and the Northwestern Painted Wall Paper Co. of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Accordingly the New York office is being requested to make pertinent investigation at the Imperial Wall Paper Mills at Glens Falls, unless such investigation has already been conducted.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe of this office made proper investigation at Sears Roebuck and Company, where it was learned from Mr. H. A. Hauptli, that all of the wall paper sold and distributed by Sears Roebuck and Company is manufactured by the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. 1012 S. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted later that investigation was made at this point by Special Agent W. C. Jamison of this office. Agent Metcalfe examined sample books containing samples of wall paper manufactured by Sears Roebuck and Company for the past nineteen years, with the result that only one specimen of wall paper was found which appeared in any way to resemble the description furnished by Mr. Bremer. This wall paper has been a part of the products of Sears Roebuck and Company since 1930. It is also noted that this design is said to appear in other colors, according to the wishes of the customer. The sample secured by Special Agent Metcalfe is being forwarded to the St. Paul office with copies of this letter, marked 7-I.

Special Agent W. C. Jamison of this office conducted proper inquiry at the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. Illinois mill division, 1012 S. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago. He consulted Mr. J. W. Nazouh, General Office Manager, who advised that for the past five years the said company has supplied approximately 95 percent of the wall paper for Sears Roebuck and Company, and about 70 percent of the wall paper for Montgomery Ward and Company, in addition to their own lines carried under their names. Examination was then made of the following wall paper samples: The complete line of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. for the years of 1926-1934 inclusive; the samples of the Sears Roebuck line for the years 1930-1934 inclusive; the samples of James Davis, a Chicago jobber, for the years 1933-1934; the samples of Richard K. Thibault, Jr. a New York jobber for 1933-1934. These represented all samples available for inspection, and constituted approximately 50 books of samples of wall paper.

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Only one sample which resembled the description furnished by Mr. Bremer was found, and the same is marked V-7, and is forwarded to the St. Paul office herewith.

Agent Jamison also made proper investigation at the Statter Wall Paper Company, 5916 Northwest Highway, Chicago, where it was found that that firm produces only a paper known as "Plastic paper" which resembles rough plaster finish, and which contains no design. A sample was secured, is being marked V-8, and is being forwarded to the St. Paul office herewith. It is understood that the entire product of this factory is purchased by H. Morgan, 1242 West Madison St. Chicago, Illinois, a wall paper jobber.

Investigation was conducted at the Henry Bosch Co., 525 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago by Special Agent M. B. Rhodes. At this point he interviewed Mr. H. C. Bosch, Manager of the above concern, who declared that he had no recollection of producing a paper similar to that described by Mr. Bremer. Agent Rhodes also interviewed some other men at the said company, who could furnish no information along this line. It was learned however, that the Bosch concern manufactures and sells some two thousand patterns of paper. Accordingly Agent Rhodes examined approximately two thousand patterns of said wall paper. As a result of this examination Agent Rhodes found but one specimen which somewhat resembled the description furnished by Mr. Bremer, but was not identical with the same. Said specimen is being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul office, marked V-9. All other specimens in the possession of Bosch Company were examined by Agent Rhodes, but it is noted that no specimens were available prior to 1931.

Special Agent Rhodes also conducted proper inquiry at Montgomery Ward and Company, Chicago. At this point he interviewed Mr. W. A. Richardson, Manager of the wall paper division of the above company, who stated that he purchases wall paper from practically all leading manufacturers in the United States; that Montgomery Ward and Company does not distribute through wholesalers or jobbers. Agent Rhodes was permitted to examine the wall paper catalogue of said company from 1927 to 1933 inclusive, but was unable to locate any specimens similar to the description of Mr. Bremer. It is understood that Montgomery Ward and Company had no further specimens of wall paper extending back prior to 1927. Mr. Kellogg of Montgomery Ward suggested to

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Agent Rhodes that interview he had with Messrs. Rudolph Euler and William Burton, designers for the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. at York, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kellogg stated that he considers Euler and Burton the best informed men on wall paper in the United States; that the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. is one of the largest wall paper manufacturers in the country, and Euler and Burton are in charge of designing of various patterns for this concern; that in view of the positions which they held he considers them familiar with every type of wall paper on the market, and he thinks that if there is anyone in the country who may be able to identify the pattern described by Mr. Bremer, Euler and Burton can do it. Mr. Kellogg further stated that he and his associate, Mr. Anderson, are looking at wall paper samples submitted daily, and that he would be glad to be on the lookout for any sample which would approximate the specimen involved in this case, and should he run across this specimen he will immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office. In keeping with the information secured from Mr. Kellogg with regard to the possible investigation at York, Pa. a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Division office with the request that they conduct pertinent inquiry. It is noted that the Chicago office has received a drawing of the pattern contained in the wall paper, by Mr. Bremer, and a photostatic copy of this drawing will be made and immediately forwarded to the office at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

There are five paper companies in Joliet, Illinois where proper investigations are being conducted at the present time. There is also one wall paper company located at Coal City, Illinois, where pertinent inquiry is being made. As soon as these inquiries are completed the information will be forwarded directly to the St. Paul office.

On February 12, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office, advised this office by telephone that there is an Imperial Campbell Wall Paper Company at 3801 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Pertinent inquiries are being made at this point, and the St. Paul office will be immediately notified.

It has also been learned that there is a Standard Wall Paper Company at Joliet, Illinois, at which point proper investigation will be made, and the St. Paul office advised immediately.

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In a recent telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Harold Nathan, this office was advised that it would not be necessary to secure a list of the wholesalers and jobbers to whom the manufacturers sell wall paper. In view of this fact such lists are not being secured, and those which have been secured are being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division
CC New York
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 15, 1934.

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MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Wiggins, of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, telephoned. He wanted to know if there could be any enlightenment as to any specific charges of delinquency in connection with the Attorney General's statement this afternoon that the Bremer family was somewhat disappointing in their cooperation. I informed him that no one in this Division had any comment to make concerning the statement made by the Attorney General. He stated that he had not intended to convey the impression that he desired us to comment on the Attorney General's statement but he was interested to know whether the lack of cooperation was flagrant or just reticence. I informed him again that there was no comment we could make. He expressed his thanks.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Handwritten notes:
 Wiggins
 St. Paul Pioneer Press
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With regard to the signal lights used in the Bremer case and submitted to the Laboratory, I reached a Mr. B. C. Landis, 3613 22nd Street, Northeast, who is the local representative of the Burgess Flashlight Company, by telephone last evening. He was unable to identify the lights from their description but advised that there are only two principal manufacturers in the country who make flashlight cases—The Niagara Searchlight Company, Niagara Falls, New York and the Blake Manufacturing Co., which is somewhere in New England.

I talked with Mr. Bruce Nathan at New York and requested that he immediately contact these two manufacturers with a view to obtaining lists of the distributors and subsequently of the dealers in these flashlights in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. I told him the matter should be expedited and leads sent out from his office.

This is being confirmed by letter to-day to the New York office and also letters to the Chicago and St. Paul offices, transmitting photographs of these signal lights in order that the latter offices may be prepared to run down the leads when received from New York. For record purposes, these lights are described as follows:

There were a total of four signal lights used. Three were of the searchlight type, 9½" long, two of which had black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three searchlights bore on the butt end the trade name "A Merit Product". They were equipped with three cells each, Ever-Ready batteries and were also equipped with a 3.8 v. lamp marked "Japan". The fourth light was a red electric lantern. It bore the trade name "Light Master Pocket Lantern"—"Throws 500 foot beam". This lantern was equipped with four "sure light" battery cells and had a 2.5 v. Mazda lamp.

All four of these lights were especially equipped with two red lens each. These special lens bore the trade name "Filmo Lens". They do not appear to have been designed for flashlight use but give the appearance of having been made to serve as automobile tail lights or stop lights. The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date—

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put into service before October 1934. All batteries and all lights were exhausted.

A photograph of the signal lights is attached hereto.

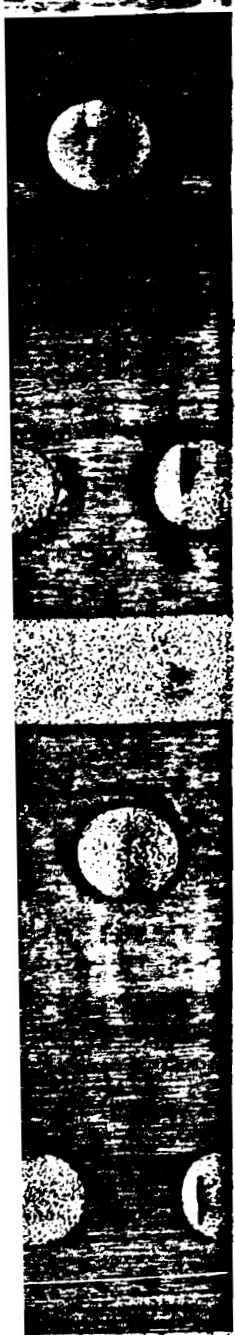
Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey

Photographs + description of lights were furnished St. Paul, Chic., Detroit, and Kansas City. additional photos will be prepared and furnished to St. Louis and Cincinnati tomorrow morning.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MR. NATHAN.....
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MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. HOWER.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt telephoned shortly after 3:00 A. M. LaRue was rather stubborn and had not given any information of value. He had indicated that he knew that he was not wanted on the identification Order charge. He had indicated to Shivers before Alt's arrival that he knew plenty that he could talk about and he further indicated that he knew facts concerning the Kansas City massacre case, but up until that time they had been unable to get him to talk. Mr. Alt indicated that newspaper reporters had been informed by the police that an arrest had been made and about three of them were at the police station. Mr. Alt said that the walls of the room in which they were questioning LaRue were rather thin. He wanted authority to transport LaRue from St. Petersburg to Tampa, feeling that he could slip him out and get him in jail at Tampa where he would be unhampered. I told him that obviously Tampa being a larger city he would have more newspaper reporters there; further, that LaRue probably was a member of a tough gang and they might attempt to take him away from the guard between St. Petersburg and Tampa; further, that he could ask the police to clear out a space in the jail and permit no one to enter. He then agreed that it would probably be very unwise to take LaRue to Tampa.

I inquired if the house had been searched to determine the contents of the various trunks for the purpose of locating typewriters and other leads. He stated that the trunks and baggage had not been searched; that they had the woman in one cell and LaRue in another and his time and that of Shivers was required at the jail so they only had a police guard about the house to keep anyone from entering. I informed him that three Agents attached to the Birmingham office would be in St. Petersburg early this morning and would be able to make the search of the house for these leads.

I further inquired if he had been advised about the ~~6x4x4~~ package mailed from Vermont by air mail yesterday and insured at \$1000. He said he had. I instructed him to confer with the United States Attorney's office and get legal authorization to examine the contents of that package and be sure that it was not returned or delivered to the addressee without an examination being made. The size of the package indicated that it might contain currency. He stated this would be done as the air mail is not due until 8:00 A. M. He stated he will call the Division in the morning.

I advised him to continue vigorous questioning of LaRue. He stated this would be done, although LaRue claimed to have been in Florida continuously since January 1st.

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MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROHR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Alt called from St. Petersburg and advised that the United States Attorney at Tampa is going to file a complaint against LaRue on the automobile theft case in Illinois and is going to file a complaint against the woman for harboring a fugitive from justice. He advised that the Marshal will serve a warrant on her within an hour (11:30 A. M.) and after the warrant is served they will have the package delivered to her. An Agent will be present and the Marshal will open the package.

Mr. Alt advised that in searching the house some guns were found. Mr. Alt wanted the United States Attorney to file an affidavit before the Commissioner for a search warrant and have the Marshal search the house when he comes there to open the package, but the United States Attorney advised that he could not do that; that it would not be worth anything if he made the affidavit on what somebody else had told him and he advised that we would have to send one of the Agents to make the affidavit. Mr. Alt was instructed to send the Agent at once.

Mr. Alt was advised of your decision that if he secured the proper facilities there and if he thought it advisable, he could have LaRue removed to Tampa for questioning. He was instructed to take the matter up with the United States Attorney to secure his approval. Mr. Alt was instructed to call the Division as to the arrangements to be made in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Meese

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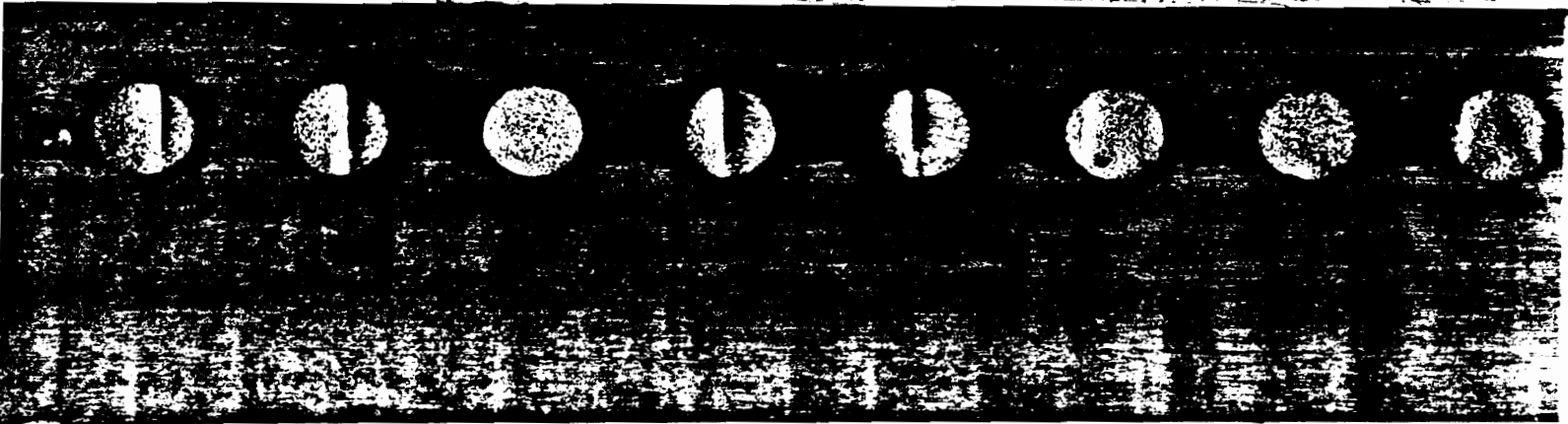
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February 20, 1934.

FROM ST. PAUL - telephoned to Mr. Edwards by Mr. Clegg.

ADVISE IF ANY OF FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON SHELL SIGNS UNIDENTIFIED

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 20, 1934.

W A RORER
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

REGARDS YOUR INQUIRY FOUR UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS APPEAR ON SHELL
SIGNS PHOTOGRAPHS WERE FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE AIR MAIL YESTERDAY

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Miss Stephens of Mr. Gates office, called this morning and stated that they had an inquiry about LaRue, alias Foley, being connected with a \$2,500,000 bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska.

I suggested that she communicate with the Director's office concerning this matter; whereupon, she stated that she had called the Director's office and was referred to me. I then told her that the bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska was not one over which the Division had investigative jurisdiction, and consequently had no information concerning same.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. [unclear]	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Acting Agent in Charge Spear called from Kansas City (4:30 P. M.) in connection with the tap on the telephones of Attorney Lynch.



[redacted] stated that Agent Nichols had information to the effect that Lynch may possibly leave for Washington on Thursday, but that this is not definite. He was instructed that if Lynch did leave, he should assign an agent to cover him.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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- MR. NATHAN.....
- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
- MR. EGAN.....
- MR. QUINN.....
- MR. LESTER.....
- MR. LOCKE.....
- MR. WORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (9:15 A. M.) He advised that LaRue states he wants to go to a Federal Penitentiary; that he will plead guilty on the Effingham mail robbery case and will name three involved in that case with him; that LaRue is firmly convinced that one of these men "snatched" Beettcher; that in connection with the "Lincoln case, he will plead guilty and name all the others that were in on it; that they do not have the right man on that job; that on the car case, he will plead guilty even if he gets ten years.

Mr. Alt stated that in the Woolverton kidnaping case, LaRue put a hypothetical case up on them in which the guilty individual involved explained to his brother that he was bringing a witness in a liquor case to his home for a day, the brother not knowing the true facts in the case. (The alleged witness in the case was Woolverton.) LaRue stated that the brother in this case was an innocent victim and asked whether he could be kept out of the case. Mr. Alt advised that LaRue will go to any penitentiary any place in the country and will give us anything we want, but he does not want to be tried on the Woolverton case because of his brother. LaRue advised that his brother had never been arrested and that he had nothing to do with the Woolverton case.

Mr. Alt advised that the woman is at her home now and that she is making a detailed statement. He is of the opinion that she is telling the truth.

Mr. Alt stated that he had received a wire from Mr. Purvis in Chicago asking that a witness in the Factor case by the name of Silver be located in Miami; that Silver is evading service and Mr. Purvis desires that further efforts be made at Miami to locate Silver and get him to Chicago within the next few days. Mr. Alt advised that Main is assisting Shivers in questioning the woman and he asked what he should do. He was instructed to have Shivers continue the questioning and to try to get Main down to Miami for a couple of days, and to call Mr. Purvis and tell him what is being done.

Respectfully,

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Agent in Charge Alt called from Tampa (12:00 noon). He advised that they had not secured such additional information from LaRue. He thinks they are going to have trouble with him.

Mr. Alt advised that the girl was released last night by court order; that she went to her home; that he had two Agents stay at her home last night, thinking that someone might attempt to contact her; that they brought her in again this morning and Agents Shivers and Main have been questioning her. Mr. Alt stated that they are going to endeavor to get complete details from her from the time she first met LaRue. They have secured information to the effect that shortly after a bank robbery she was in Texas and flew away with him in an aeroplane, which information she did not furnish them. Mr. Alt states that although she has not been shown the pictures of George and Kathryn Kelly, she has indicated quite clearly that on one trip to Cleveland, by accident or as arranged by him, they ran into Kathryn and George Kelly in May, 1933.

Mr. Alt stated that LaRue was giving them some information on who might have been involved in the Bremer case, but it is very vague. He further advised that just before they left St. Petersburg LaRue endeavored to bribe a Deputy Marshal to release him. Mr. Alt is having an Agent stay at the jail with him all the time now. Mr. Alt was instructed to report this offer of a bribe on the part of LaRue to the United States Attorney.

Mr. Alt advised that the Federal Judge at Tampa called him in this morning and advised him that he would stop any move to get LaRue away from Tampa and that if any court orders or anything else were needed he would furnish them.

Mr. Alt's attention was invited to the newspaper reports to the effect that LaRue was wanted in Chicago for the kidnaping of John Hackett and he was instructed that LaRue should be questioned in this connection. He was further instructed that LaRue should be questioned in connection with the Lincoln, Nebraska, case. Mr. Alt stated that he has intimated, and, in fact, almost stated that he was "in on that job" and that's where he is afraid of going.

Mr. Alt states that the newspapers at Tampa are working with him, but that he is giving them nothing that is not of record.

Edward G. Bremer

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Mr. Alt was asked whether they had received anything further from LaRue regarding Whitty Anderson. He stated that Agent Anderson is now questioning him in this connection. He was instructed to get everything possible from him regarding Anderson.

Mr. Alt was asked whether the girl had been taken into custody again. He stated she had not as yet but they may take her into custody again today.

Respectfully,

H. E. Clegg.

February 15, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the statement of LaRue that he, under the name of Edward Foley, was married to Doris Barton at New York City on July 27, 1932, the New York office of the Division advises that this matter has already been checked and it has been found that there exists in New York a record of this marriage, and that a photostatic copy of the certificate has been located. The handwriting on this certificate is identical with that of LaRue. Mr. Fay was instructed to send a telegram to this effect to the Jacksonville office.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Edward H. Brennan

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Detroit Michigan
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Building, Suite 1
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the original letter received by the Detroit Police Department today from Mr. W. C. Choplin, 3119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri dated February 18, 1934 which reads as follows:

"Chief of Police
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

If parts of clothing such as coat linings and other garments were used by kidnapers in making identification of Mr. Bremers belonging in the recent kidnaping communicate with me at once, if these were not used throw this in the waste basket.

Yours, respectfully,
W. C. Choplin
3119 Troost Ave
Kansas City, Mo."

This letter was turned over to this office by Lieutenant Hoffman of the Special Investigation Squad of the Detroit Police Department.

It is suggested that Mr. Choplin be contacted for the purpose of securing such information as he might have.

Very truly yours, N

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville. He advised that the package had just been opened. It contained \$900.00, \$90.00 in \$5.00 bills and the balance in \$10.00 bills. The numbers of these bills have not yet been obtained, as Mr. Alt left just as soon as he found what the package contained to call the Division. The numbers, however, will be found and Mr. Alt will call the Division later and give this information. Mr. Alt advised that Agent Austin is guarding the house until a search warrant can be secured. Mr. Alt also advised that they are departing for Tampa just as soon as they can get loaded; that they have three cars, four Deputy Marshals and five Agents, including himself.

Mr. Alt was requested to expedite the searching of the house.

Mr. Alt can be reached at Tampa through the office of the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. M. Clegg.

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

Gentlemen: Att. Mr. J E Hoover, Director

We are in receipt of yours of the 8th instant,
listing bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases,
and will do all we can to cooperate in this matter.

Yours truly,

L. S. Cornell,
Vice President.

Edward H. Bremer

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

OF SEATTLE

SECOND AVENUE AT SPRING STREET
CABLE ADDRESS 'COMMERCE'

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

February 17, 1934

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

Sir:

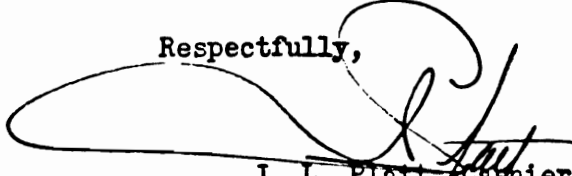
This is to acknowledge your communication of the
8th enclosing information relative to bank notes paid in
kidnapping cases.

This bank operates branches at the following
points:

Central Branch, Seattle
University Branch, Seattle
Grays Harbor Branch, Aberdeen, Wn.
Centralia Branch, Centralia, Wn.
Bremerton Branch, Bremerton, Wn.
Elma Branch, Elma, Wn.
Montesano Branch, Montesano, Wn.
Capital Branch, Olympia, Wn.

If this information has not already been sent to our branches
we would greatly appreciate it if it could be furnished them.

Respectfully,


J. L. Platt, Cashier

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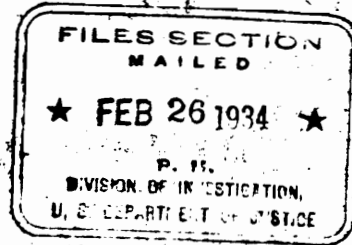
Mr. J. L. Platt,
Cashier,
The National Bank of Commerce,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of your communication dated February 17, 1934, setting forth the branch banks of The National Bank of Commerce.

I have requested my Special Agent in Charge located at All United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, to immediately transmit copies of these lists to the branch banks in order that the information might be readily available to the officials of those institutions.

I wish to assure you that your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated and your request will be complied with immediately.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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Division of Investigation

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

February 19, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find memorandum prepared by Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry under date of February 19, 1934, concerning an additional ransom note, as well as letter written by the Victim to his father.

Under separate cover by Special Delivery, there is forwarded to the Division, the original of the above ransom note, as well as the original letter mentioned in the enclosed memorandum. There is also forwarded, the handbag, which was obtained at the bus station upon receipt of the ransom note above mentioned, together with the contents that were in that bag with the exception of a ransom note found therein, which has previously been forwarded to the Division.

Check at the Union Bus Station in St. Paul so far has been without results as to identification of anyone who might have deposited this handbag at the Union Bus Station. As far as is known the persons handling the handbag outside of the grip proper and the lock opening same were WALTER MAGEE, ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., MR. NEWCOME, the writer and Special Agent E.N. Notesteen.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

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

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, while at the office, I was informed that the note signed by BREMER and addressed to JOHN MILLER had not been delivered to the Division of Investigation Office. On Monday morning, February 19, 1934, while at the home of ADOLPH BREMER, in company with MR. EDWARD BREMER, WALTER MAGEE informed me that he had the ransom note and had it in the desk drawer and had overlooked turning it over to Division Agents. At that time he and MR. BREMER went upstairs and got the note and delivered it to me and I turned it over to MR. ROBER at approximately 10 AM, February 19, 1934.

Before leaving the house of ADOLPH BREMER, I did not examine the notes but merely took what was handed to me by MR. BREMER and after my arrival at the office, I examined the contents of the notes and I found that one of the notes was written in the handwriting of EDWARD BREMER, and addressed, "My Dear Pa":

"My Dear Pa;

This week has been hell on earth. The boys told me I'd have been home long ago if the money had been paid. I know you are willing to pay in order to have me back but the difficulty is that the arrangements have not been satisfactory. You must arrange that everybody but you stop out of the picture and deliver the money as instructed so that no harm come to the boys and then no harm will come to me. All police - government men and any other authority must quit right now and let you work alone. They must understand that you can only payoff if they do so for them to keep on working will ruin all chances to have me back. Explain it to them & don't let them talk you out of it. If they were in my place they would say the same thing I am saying. Why should they persist in staying on the case when it means my life & not theirs. You must not only ask them to stay off but must also see that they do. You word has always been good with them & for this time for God's sake ask them to keep their word with you.

After you get this letter you will be given another chance to pay. For God's sake pay & see that you pay alone. The people that you

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are to pay to are not the people that have me but if any of them get hurt the people that have me will still have me. Please see that the money is paid without any one knowing about it & without anyone getting hurt. I want to get back to you all so bad so please hurry. The government & police have stepped out of every case so far when the payoff came why shouldnt they do it for you & I. Please hurry Pa & pay tonight - I cant stand this much longer but be sure no police or government men are there so that it all goes off as I said, no hitch but smooth so that I can come back to you.

Say hello to Emily & Hertz for me & kiss them for me. Oh if I could only hold them in my arms again - Please hurry Pa its driving me mad.

Please Hurry

EDWARD"

The second note was written on a typewriter addressed to, "Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer", with a postscript addressed to "Mr. Walter or Adolph".

"YOUR LAST CHANCE

"Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer

You better stop listening to those assholes this time do what we tell you.

The money must be delivered tonight.

With all the coniving we still got the boy

We keep our word. Either you get him back tonight or the coppers bring him back stiff

Dont stall. Dont ask questions. Follow our instructions. Your the only one that can make the plan fail

Bring the money and this tag to the Jefferson lines Bus Station tonight at 8.20 pm sharp.

This tag is for bagage checking locker in the waiting room, Inside of

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HANDBAG are farther instructions Dont open this BAG even one minute
before 8.30 pm It is watched.

REMEMBER

If this payoff fails we are through forever

You are watched from the time you start.

Its up to you--you get the boy alive or dead.

Mr. Walter or Adolph

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

Signed: E.G. BREMER

I was under the impression that the note addressed to JOHN
MILLER was in the package handed to me by MR. MAGEE and MR. BREMER; however,
no note addressed to JOHN MILLER was delivered with the two notes above
described.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY, Special Agent.

SLF:IM
3-Division
9-St. Paul

P.S. Note addressed to Walter McGee and Adolph Bremer was in a plain white
lettersize envelope with the following typewritten on same; "Walter McGee
And Adolph Bremer - Please deliver at once VERY IMPORTANT CONFIDENTALLY".

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RM:LC

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

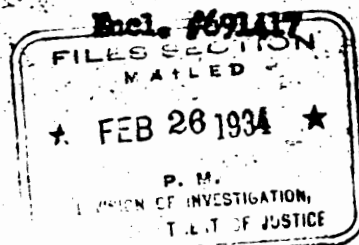
Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated February 17, 1934, signed by Mr. J. L. Flatt, Cashier of The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, Washington, which apparently has reference to your communication transmitting him a list of the bills paid as ransom money in connection with kidnaping cases being investigated by the Division.

Mr. Flatt has been informed that additional copies of this list will be forwarded to the branch banks mentioned in his letter, and it is my desire that you give this request prompt attention. It would also seem desirable that the names of these branch banks be included on the list of banks located in your district.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called from St. Petersburg and submitted the numbers of the remaining bills mailed to Mrs. Foley. These numbers have been checked against the numbers of the Bremer, Lindbergh, Hamm and Factor ransom notes, but found not to be identical.

Mr. Alt stated that Mr. Anderson had arrived and that it appeared that the woman arrested with Foley is going to be willing to talk and give all the information she has concerning the activities of Foley. He stated, however, that he did not believe she had any information concerning offenses committed by Foley. He stated also that Foley is also talking more than he had been.

Respectfully,

S. F. Cowley.

*Edward Foley
Edward R. Bremer
Edward R. Bremer*

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Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville. He stated that the package had arrived this morning; that Agent Shivers had examined it on the outside and is of the opinion that it contains money; that, however, the Postmaster will not deliver the package to anybody except the addressee under a court order, subpoena or anything else. Mr. Alt was instructed to immediately confer with the United States Attorney at Jacksonville or Tampa and have arrangements made so this package could be examined.

Mr. Alt was instructed that if he secured the numbers of any money found he should immediately call the Division so these numbers could be checked against the lists here, Mr. Alt stating that he had not yet received the Bremer list.

Mr. Alt advised that both LaRue and the woman have stated that there is absolutely nothing in the safety deposit box at the bank. He was instructed, however, to have this box examined at once. The woman has stated that she will go to the bank with the Agents in order that the box may be examined. He was instructed that if this were done every precaution should be exercised in order to prevent members of LaRue's mob from interfering.

Mr. Alt stated that they had both LaRue and the woman together this morning; that LaRue is endeavoring in every possible way to have her released; that he, Alt, is convinced that the woman does not know what LaRue's racket is, but knows that he has been handling "hot" money; that she begged him to tell her what it is all about, but he advised her that she would hear nothing from him. Mr. Alt was instructed to confer with the United States Attorney in an endeavor to get a complaint filed against her. Mr. Alt stated that if necessary they could file a White Slave complaint against her. He stated that LaRue claimed that they had been married; that they had secured a license in New York City on July 27, 1932 and were married by a minister, but he could not recall his name; that they did not have a marriage certificate and that LaRue intimated that they were, in fact, not married. He claimed that the license was secured under the names of Edward Foley and Doris Barton. The New York office has been instructed to immediately check up on this angle.

Mr. Alt stated that the woman claimed that she had been in Vermont at her home and LaRue has been there with her. He requested the Boston office check up on this matter. He was advised that Boston was instructed to cover this angle by telephone last night.

Mr. Alt again referred to the terrible conditions at the jail in connection with the questioning of LaRue.

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Mr. Alt was advised that Agent Andersen would soon arrive to question LaRue about the Kansas City massacre case. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised that he and George Kelly were in Texas when that occurred, although he could not recall the exact date. LaRue admits that he was "running around" with Kelly and Bailey.

I asked Mr. Alt whether he had questioned LaRue about the Woolverton case. He stated he had but that LaRue had stated that he did not want to talk about it. Mr. Alt was instructed to tell LaRue that the quicker he talks the quicker the matter can be cleared up. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised him that he was not afraid of the Government; that if he was ever moved from St. Petersburg he would go back to Lincoln, Nebraska, on some state case.

Mr. Alt will call the Division again after conferring with the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-36.

Mr. Shuttleworth called up and said there is a man named RAY ARENDS, who was formerly connected with the Minneapolis Alcohol Syndicate. This man is alleged to be at Rochester, Minnesota, and to be running a night club there; that he was formerly a close associate of HARVEY BAILEY; that he learned that, recently, ARENDS has been broke. About five or six years ago, ARENDS served a term of a year in the Ramsey County Jail on a liquor charge. At that time, his wife was killed in an air plane accident at Red Wing, Minnesota.

Shuttleworth also said that he understood that there was quite a ring operating liquor between Dubuque and other places in Iowa. When the heat is on one place they move to another.

H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box 217,
Birmingham, Alabama.
February 18, 1934.

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

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation of this date between Special Agent D. O. Smith, who at the present time is in the Chicago Office, and the writer, at which time Agent Smith requested that the Birmingham files in connection with Basil Hugh Banghart be reviewed for the purpose of determining if any reference was made therein in reference to a WHITEY ANDERSON.

This is to advise that a check has been made of these files, and no such reference was found. However, the matter is being taken up with Special Agent C. O. Pickard, who is in the field at this time, to determine if he has any recollection of a person having such a name having been mentioned during his recent investigation in eastern Tennessee, where the Banghart crowd was located some months ago. The Chicago office will be promptly advised in this respect.

Very truly yours,

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

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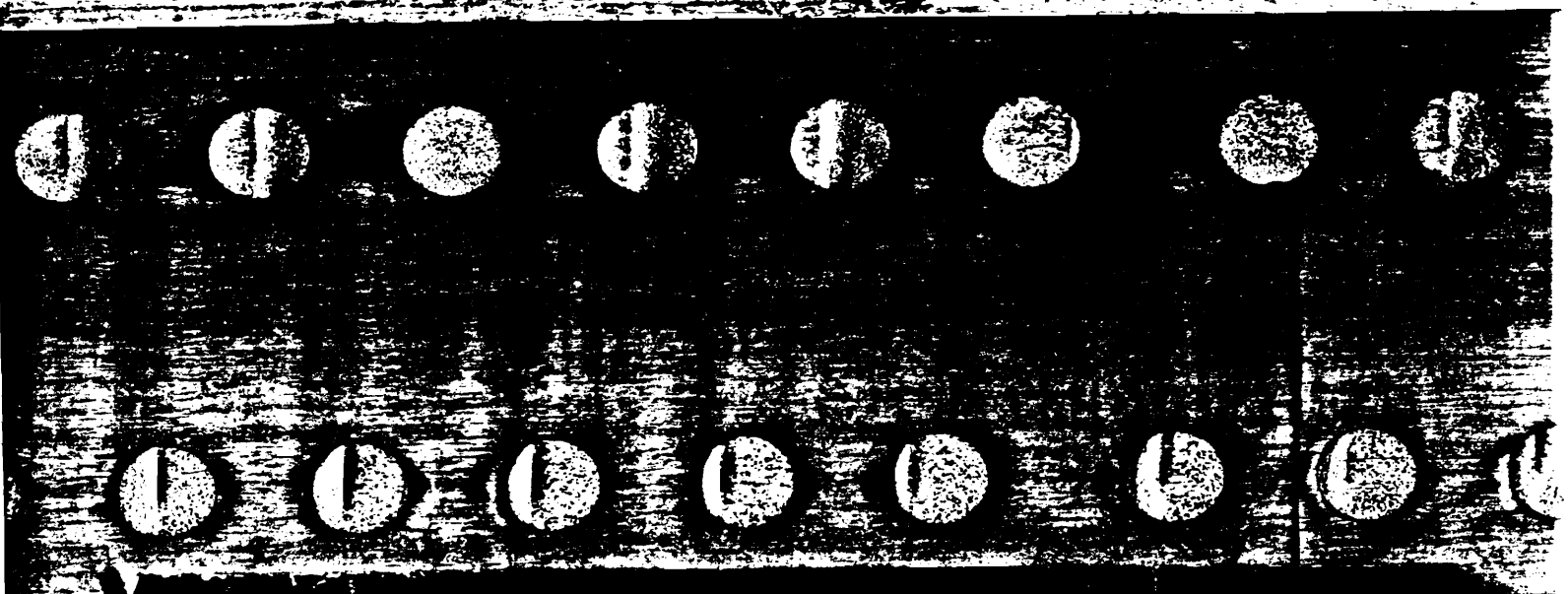
Mr. Alt telephoned. The fingerprints of the man arrested at St. Petersburg, Florida, this afternoon were identical with the fingerprints of Eddie LaRue, fugitive. LaRue was found making his home on a thirty-eight acre farm in the city limits of St. Petersburg, Special Agent Shivers having information indicating that LaRue was in this vicinity and probably on this farm, conferred with Captain Liphard, of the St. Petersburg Police Department. It was found that LaRue had purchased this farm from a close friend of Captain Liphard and an examination of the handwriting on the documents executed on the occasion of the sale disclosed a striking resemblance between that handwriting and the handwriting of LaRue. Special Agent Shivers proceeded to this farm and engaged LaRue in conversation. He found LaRue working on a chicken coop. Then Special Agent Shivers and Captain Liphard took LaRue into custody and carried him to the City Jail. They have placed him in a cell and he is not being permitted to communicate with anyone. At the time LaRue was arrested his wife was also taken into custody. She was held for a time in the custody of a woman Deputy Sheriff but she, too, is being placed in a cell so that she cannot communicate with anyone. The house has been searched but nothing of particular value has been found. The home is luxuriously furnished, the furniture being estimated as valued at three to four thousand dollars. They had all kinds of clothing, trunks and baggage and several trunks were shipped from Chicago to St. Petersburg and placed in this residence about a month ago. Special Agent in Charge Alt is proceeding to St. Petersburg immediately and is leaving instructions for Special Agent Main at Miami to join him at once and for Special Agent Kingman to proceed to the Jacksonville office. The lead which led to St. Petersburg upon which LaRue was apprehended was obtained by the Boston office at Danville, Vermont, by tracing a package mailed by G. E. Crane, the brother of Doris Barton, a known associate of Eddie LaRue, to Doris C. Foley, St. Petersburg, Florida. Information was also received at Danville, Vermont, to the effect that Doris Barton, under the name of Doris Foley, had purchased a small farm near St. Petersburg during the past two years. The package mailed to Doris S. Foley from Danville, Vermont, was registered and valued at \$1,000. It has not as yet, however, arrived at St. Petersburg. The Identification Order of LaRue was exhibited to a number of persons at Danville, Vermont, none of whom made a positive identification, but all of whom stated that the photograph appearing on it resembled very much that of the person known to them as Foley, the husband of Doris S. Barton. This information was communicated to the Jacksonville office this morning which resulted in the apprehension.

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- MR. COWLEY
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- MR. EGAN
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- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Wilmington, Delaware,
February 20, 1934.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: List of Bank Notes paid as ransom
in kidnapping cases.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
February 8, 1934, transmitting list of the bank notes
above mentioned, and the same will be duly filed for
future reference and appropriate action.

Yours very truly,

Leonard E. Wales
LEONARD E. WALES,
United States Attorney.



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FEBRUARY 20, 1934

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

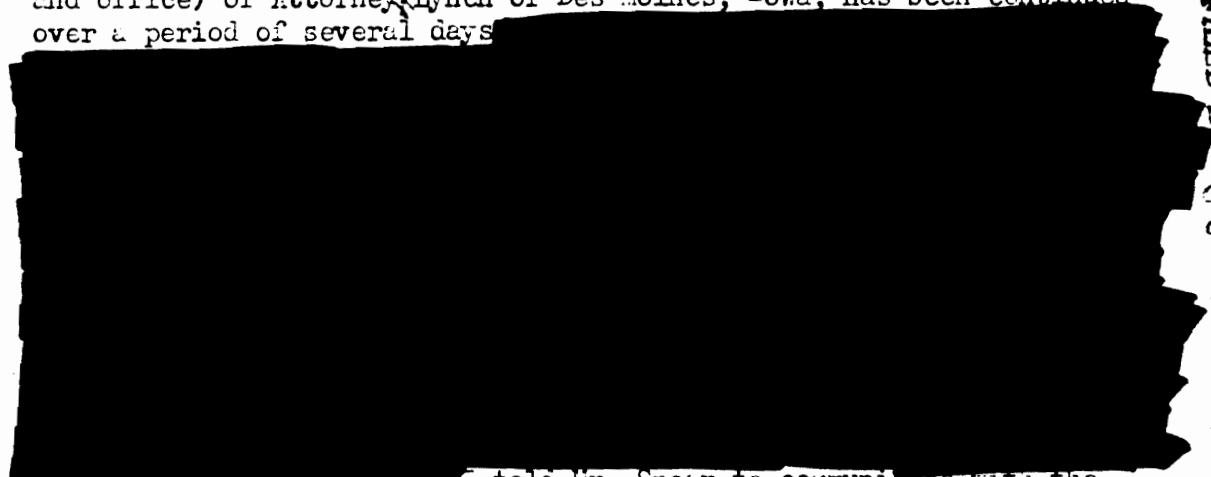
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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Acting Agent in Charge M. C. Spear telephoned from Kansas City Saturday night. The wire tap on the telephones (both residence and office) of Attorney Lynch of Des Moines, Iowa, has been continued over a period of several days



I told Mr. Spear to communicate with the Division Monday to determine the Director's desires as to a continuation of this cover.

A wire was sent to the Kansas City office this morning asking that they continue this cover on the telephones of this attorney for an additional week.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR D. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

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

Recently, EDWARD BREMER, the victim in this case, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. BRENNAN and furnished Agent BRENNAN with the location of the goggles which he claimed were on his eyes when he was released in Rochester, Minnesota. Agent BRENNAN furnished the writer with this information and the goggles in question were located in the 400 block on First Place Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota, in the rear of a red brick building which stands on the southwest corner of Fourth Street and First Place Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota. At the rear of this building is a cluster of weeds and under about three inches of snow the goggles were found in these weeds. The weeds are located at the rear of the building above described, in an open space between said building and a wire fence on the west side of First Place Southeast. The goggles in question were located by Detective GEORGE E. RHODE of the Rochester Police Department and the writer. After they were located, they were taken to the police headquarters and the snow that remained on the goggles was dried off on the radiator and the goggles were not handled by Detective RHODE or the writer.

LUCILLE HEIN, aged 15 years, 14-1/2 Fifth Street Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota, stated that on the night of November 7th at 8:00 p.m., she was coming home from the downtown district of Rochester, Minnesota; that as she crossed an iron bridge over the Zumbrota River, about one block off Broadway, she noticed a car coming from the south on First Place Southeast; that this car had very brilliant headlights; that as she approached the building located on the southwest corner of First Place Southeast, she remained there for a moment as she was afraid to leave Fourth Street because the car in her opinion, with the bright headlights, looked somewhat suspicious.

She stated that after she arrived at the corner above described, she saw the individuals in this car push a man out of the car; that this man, as near as she can recall, was in the back seat of the car; that there were two men in the front. She stated that after the man was put out on the sidewalk, the occupants of the car drove away speedily.

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east on Fourth Street. She stated further that the brilliant headlights on the automobile in question prevented her from securing a description of the occupants. She stated, however, that the car was a late model Ford sedan, that is, either a 1933 or 1934.

MISS HEIN also stated that after the party had been pushed out of the car above described, he crossed the street with his hat in one hand and something in the other. She stated that he crossed the street as though he were intoxicated, and that after he reached the west side of First Place Southeast, the street on which he was released, she noticed him put his hat back on his head and throw something into a cluster of weeds in the rear of the building located on the southwest corner of First Place Southeast and Fourth Street. She stated further that every morning since this happened, while enroute to school, she looked in the weeds to see what was thrown in there. However, she did not notice the goggles at any time. MISS HEIN was unable to give a description of any kind of the occupants of the automobile above described and was also unable to give the license plates on said car. She did not know whether or not they were Minnesota or foreign license plates.

The photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to MISS HEIN, but she failed to identify any of them:

JULIUS SCHREIBER
HEN GROSS
ANDREW YOUNG
TED BENZ
GALE HAROLD JOHNSON
CLARENCE "DOC" EATON
LUDWIG SCHMIDT
EDDIE LARUE
CHARLES O. CONNORS
ABE SCHAFFNER
Grover Comstock
MICHAEL DeLAURENTIA
ED BENE
MORRIS ROISNER
VAN V. AUSTIN.

Very truly yours,

M. F. GLYNN,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division ✓
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

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

With reference to the movements of EVERETT FAIRBANKS, whom, it will be remembered, stated that he had stored the Ford 1932, V-8 automobile bearing license plates 176876, Minnesota 1933, at Orr, Minnesota, on January 15, 1934, a long distance telephone call to the Superintendent of the Indian Agency, at Cass Lake, Minnesota, on February 17, 1934, developed the following record for Mr. FAIRBANKS, who, according to MR. BARKER, his immediate employer at the Cass Lake Agency, was at Grand Portage on January 27, 1934, and sent in certain records and communications on that day, was at Danbury, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1934, on which records of work done in the Indian Census Survey were submitted and, according to MR. BARKER'S records, FAIRBANKS remained at Danbury, Wisconsin, until February 1, 1934, and on that date, per instructions from the Cass Lake Agency, he proceeded to Federal Dam, Minnesota, where he was employed on the census work from February 1, 1934 until February 5, 1934, inclusive, submitting reports on each day and on February 6, 1934, he was, per instructions from MR. BARKER, sent to Mille Lacs where he worked on February 6, 1934, up until February 11, 1934, submitting reports on each date.

According to MR. BARKER, EVERETT FAIRBANKS requested leave to visit relatives at Faribault, Minnesota, over the week-end of February 11, 1934, and insofar as he, MR. BARKER, knew, did in fact go to Faribault on February 11, 1934, or on the night of February 10, 1934. MR. BARKER further stated that EVERETT FAIRBANKS returned to Mille Lacs Lake on February 13, 1934, and upon instructions from Cass Lake, he proceeded to Cass Lake on the 13th and has since that date continued in his employment, taking the Indian census.

Investigation made by Special Agent John V. Anderson in connection with the above entitled matter, is as follows:

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Agent in company of Jeff Cusson, Deputy Sheriff, Virginia and Axel Dahl, Virginia Police Department, made the following investigation at Orr, Minnesota.

The automobile in question was found stored in an old barn, now used as a heated garage. An examination of this car disclosed that it was a 1932 V8 Ford Coach. It bore 1933 Minnesota license plates BL76,876 and motor number 18-95633. The car is of dark blue color, has five black wire wheels and five Goodrich Silvertown cord tires. The lenses in the headlights are not made of plain glass but are checked as the regular Ford lenses are. A complete search of the car was made but nothing of apparent value was obtained. Several articles found therein will be set out later.

FRANK LUMBAR, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he was employed as cook at Civilian Conservation Corps Camp #725 at Cusson, Minnesota, four miles from Orr; that he works from noon one day until noon the next; that on the off day he is at Orr and cares for the garage; that he is around the garage every other day; that up to about January 23, 1934, his brother, FRED LUMBAR, was at the garage and that he, FRANK LUMBAR, did not have any duties at the garage. He advised that he was not present when EVERETT FAIRBANKS brought the car to the garage, but that he saw the car in the garage for the first time about one month ago. He related that he is absolutely positive that the car has not been removed from the garage since January 23 to the present date. He stated that FAIRBANKS and the man known to him as CASWELL did attempt to remove this car on January 19, but were unsuccessful as it would not start; that the car was first placed in the garage at the rate of 50 cents per day; that when FAIRBANKS could not start it he asked for the monthly rate, \$6.00, which was given him; that he then left Orr with Caswell in the latter's Plymouth automobile and that neither CASWELL nor FAIRBANKS came back to Orr up until February 8. He stated that FAIRBANKS returned to Orr on February 16, 1934. LUMBAR advised that he has been in the garage every other day and that the car was parked in the southwest corner facing in a southerly direction; that he observed the car every day in the garage that he came there; that he also observed the license plate and that he is positive that they were not removed.

S. W. ERICKSON, who operates a lumber yard at Orr and who resides at 111 Hillcrest Apartment, Fourth Avenue East and Seventeenth Street, Duluth, Minnesota, advised that he has been parking his car in this garage for several months; that when he first learned from newspaper articles and gossip at Orr about the Ford V8 automobile at the garage, he was quite positive that the car had not been in the garage all the time during the past month; that he then went to the garage and examined the car noticing that it was pretty heavily covered with dust and that if he had not seen this dust on the car he would be positive that the car had been out of the garage. He related that he goes to Duluth over every week end;

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that he recollects that on Tuesday morning, February 8, 1934, he returned to Orr about 2:00 A.M.; that he went to the garage, found it quite smoky from the stove that it used to heat it; that he shined his flashlight about the garage and is quite strongly of the impression that the car in question was not in the garage at that time. He advised that he is not positive of this and could not swear that the car was not there.

Neither FRANK LUMBAR nor S. W. ERICKSON noticed any strangers around the garage or at Orr during the above period.

MRS. D. A. COX, sister of LUMBAR, who resides at the old William Orr estate, of the town of Orr, of which the garage in question is a part, advised that she is quite positive that the car was not out of the garage except for the occasion when CASWELL and FAIRBANKS attempted to start it. She stated that up to January 25, 1934, she had not gone to the garage for some time; that since January 23, and to date, she has been in the garage three or four times; that she did not observe the car in question in particular and does not know of her own knowledge that it was there.

She produced a small book which described that CASWELL started to store a car in the garage on January 12, and that the Ford in question was first stored in the garage on January 14, 1934. MRS. COX related that the garage is kept locked at all times; that there are four keys for it; that she has one and that S. W. ERICKSON, JOHN JOHNSON, an oil salesman, and L. B. WHEAT, a school teacher, who all store their cars in the garage, each have a key. She advised that she has seen no strangers at Orr during the past month.

J. B. WHEAT, teacher, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he has been parking his car in the garage since November, on an average of about three or four times per week; that J. W. WAHLEY, another teacher, occasionally drives the car to the garage; that he has no distinct recollection of ever having seen the car in question in the garage at any time during the past month; that he usually drove his car into the garage without paying any particular attention as to other cars parked therein; that he is of the impression, however, that since November he has driven into the garage when there were no other cars parked therein; that he is also of the impression that this was during the past month, but he is not sure. He advised that every time he has come to the garage it has been locked.

J. W. WAHLEY, teacher, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he sometimes drives J. B. WHEAT's car to the garage; that he has been doing this on an average of about twice per week for several months; that the first distinct recollection he has of seeing the car in question was last night, February 16, and that he observed it then because FAIRBANKS had spoken to him about some trouble he was having with it, particularly as to starting it. He advised that the garage was

always padlocked when he came to it.

Agent examined the car for mileage and found it to have been driven 16,600 miles. The license plates were closely examined and there is no indication that they have been removed. The screw bolts were quite rusty. The car has a heavy coating of dust, appearing as though it has stood for some time.

JAMES ARSENAU, a fifteen year old Indian boy and a son of MRS. COX, advised that since FRED LUMBAR left Orr, Minnesota, he goes to the garage at least twice every day, before school in the morning and after school in the afternoon; that the Ford V8 Coach has been in the garage to date; that he did not specifically look for the car every time he went to the garage but that he never noticed that it was at any time missing. He stated that the garage was always locked. This boy cares for the fires in the garage.

JAMES SECOME, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he parked his car in the above garage from January 15 to about January 25, 1934; that he has no recollection of having seen a V8 Ford Coach in the garage. He advised that he paid no attention to other cars in the garage.

JOHN JOHNSON, oil salesman, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he parks his oil truck in the shanty adjoining the garage in question; that there is an open door between the room where he parks the truck and the main part where the V8 Ford is alleged to have been parked; that he has not been in the main part of the garage more than twice during the past month and has not observed the car in question.

ADOLPH JOHNSON, Deputy Sheriff, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he has been present when the mechanic tried to start the above car; that undoubtedly the car could not be started as the gas pump was not working and that he had been unable to secure any definite information that the car had been out of the garage. At the present time JOHNSON is holding the V8 Ford in question and will do so until advised by the St. Paul Division office.

EVERETT FAIRBANKS, who came back to Orr on February 16 and who has been requested to remain at Orr by Deputy Sheriff JOHNSON advised that he has a hunting lodge on Sugar Point located on Leach Lake, about ten miles from Federal Dam, Minnesota. He advised that the ESWEINS, parents of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER and (or) the VON DER WEYERS, brother-in-law and sister of the E.G. BREMERS, have a cabin about two and one-half miles from his place on Black Duck Point; that their guide purchased ice from him, FAIRBANKS, the past summer but that he does not know any of these people.

FAIRBANKS advised that he hired out to do C. W. A. work at Cass on December 18, 1933; that he was supposed to take a census of

the various Indians living around the country; that he was told that it was necessary to have an automobile; that he made arrangements with IRWIN OSTROM, his brother-in-law, who operates a grocery store at Faribault, to borrow his Ford for a while; that about December 22, 1933, BEN FAIRBANKS, his brother and who is employed by OSTROM, drove the car to Federal Dam; that he, EVERETT FAIRBANKS, had the car a few days but that the car was stored in a garage at Federal Dam operated by a man by the name of KIRK between January 2 and 14, 1934. He advised that on Sunday, January 14, 1934, he drove the Ford to Orr, Minnesota, where he joined OLIVER CASWELL of Cass Lake and RAY SWANSON of Amery, who were working for the C.W.A. out of the Indian office at Cass Lake in ascertaining the number and condition of Indians at Nett Lake, twenty miles from Orr. He advised that he did not drive the Ford at Orr but placed it in the garage; that between January 14 and 19 it remained in the garage; that on this latter date CASWELL and he attempted to start same, but could not and that the car was put back in the garage and was not moved until February 14, 1934, to his knowledge. FAIRBANKS also gave an itinerary of his travel up to date but same is not being set out here.

FAIRBANKS advised that when he first received the car at Federal Dam the meter reading was 16,034 miles; that he has driven the car 378 miles for which he can collect from the C.W.A. and that other mileage is miscellaneous.

It will be noted here that FAIRBANKS is a quarter-blood Chippewa Indian and that the LUMBARS, MRS. COX and the ARSENAU boy are all part Indians.

A Handbook of the Minnesota State Prison, published June, 1933, was found in the car as well as a letter signed "MERLIN" addressed to IRWIN, undoubtedly IRWIN OSTROM. These and several miscellaneous articles or papers are forwarded herewith.

Agent ascertained that McMULLIN, a St. Paul officer, has a main lodge with five or six cabins about eight miles north of Harding, Minnesota; that there is no road to get to this place and that it would be necessary to go by snow shoes or skis at this time, and that in the summer one can get to this point by water. For this reason, Agent did not drive up through this country.

Very truly yours,

E.N. NOTESTEEN,
JOHN V. ANDERSON,
Special Agents.

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REPORT MADE AT: Pittsburgh, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/16 to 20/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. RIDER
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Only two Pittsburgh news dealers handle Minneapolis newspapers to wit: Minneapolis Tribune, but do not handle St. Paul newspapers. These dealers have no recollection of inquiries being made or sales of Minneapolis newspapers to persons of the same general description of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis, who are all unknown to the Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgher Hotel and Ft. Pitt Hotel. Photographs of referred to persons furnished the hereinmentioned hotels, Supt. of Police Pennsylvania Railroad and City Detectives for possible use in locating and identifying the Barkers and Alvin Karpis.



REFERENCE:

Wires St. Paul, Minnesota Division Office 2-16-34 and Division letter 2-18-34.

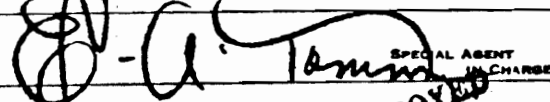
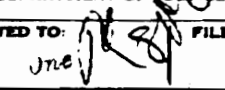
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DETAILS:

Sergeant Bishop, in charge of the Identification Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department made a search of criminal records, which failed to reveal the names of Fred Barker or Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker, however, Sergeant Bishop found on file an identification order, State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, which referred to Alvin Karpis, #7071, escaped March 9, 1929, record disclosing that Karpis had been received from Jackson County, Feb. 25, 1926 on a charge of Burglary, second degree. The fingerprints of Karpis are identical with those noted in the

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reference wire. Sergeant Bishop placed a Wanted Notice in the files for Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis and promised to notify the Pittsburgh Division Office in the event information concerning either of the above named persons was received.

Upon receipt of reference letter, containing photographs of Karpis, Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker also Volney Davis and Harry Campbell and with special reference to the first three named, Sergeant Bishop reproduced 3 photostatic copies, maintaining one of each for his files.

Frank Boyd, Inspector of Detectives, detailed Charles J. Weizenhofer who covers the principal hotels of Pittsburgh, to be on the look-out for the referred to Barkers and Karpis. Photographs and descriptions of these men were furnished Weizenhofer.

Inquiry made at the General Delivery Division of the Pittsburgh Postoffice disclosed no information indicating that Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis were receiving or had received mail.

A survey made of all dealers handling newspapers of cities other than Pittsburgh, developed that but two dealers received Minneapolis but no St. Paul newspapers, and referred to as W. A. McGrath who conducts a stand at the corner of the Federal Building, Fourth Avenue and Smithfield Street also Pete Harlick with a stand at the corner of the old City Hall, Smithfield Street and Oliver Avenue, both of whom stated that they each received by mail one copy of the Minneapolis Tribune but no St. Paul papers; that to their knowledge no other dealers in Pittsburgh handle newspapers published at Minneapolis or St. Paul; that neither have any recollection of sales having been made or inquiries made for Minneapolis newspapers by persons whose descriptions or photographs correspond with those of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis. Both McGrath and Harlick asserted that they infrequently sell the Minneapolis Tribune or have inquiries concerning same.

In endeavoring to determine whether other dealers in Pittsburgh handled either St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, inquiries were made at the news stands of the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgher Hotel, Fort Pitt Hotel, Union News Company, Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Stations and Union Bus Terminal, 1110 Liberty Avenue, all of whom handle foreign newspapers, and they asserted that they had no recollection of inquiries being made for Minneapolis or St. Paul papers, which they do not handle.

Photographs and descriptions of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis have been furnished to E. J. Ruch, Credit Manager, Wm. Penn Hotel, Joseph F. Duddy, Assistant Manager, Pittsburgher Hotel and Edward Ferris, Asst. Manager Fort Pitt Hotel, all of whom volunteered their cooperation in the matter of being on the look-out for referred to persons and to notify this office in the event any or all of them were identified among their guests.

J. G. Search, Superintendent of Police, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 619 Pennsylvania Station, was also furnished with photographs of each of the hereinmentioned persons and has caused an order to be made directing the station police officers to be on the look-out for referred to individuals and notify this office forthwith in the event they are located.

It is to be noted that Detective Waisenhofer, who is favorably known to the managements of the herein referred to hotels, and visits same several times daily, has promised to exercise every endeavor to ascertain whether any of the hereinmentioned persons are seen or known at the hotels.

Waisenhofer is also acquainted with news dealers McGraw and Harlick and has contacted them and will continue contacting with them for the purpose of learning whether or not inquiries are made by any persons for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, in the event of which Waisenhofer has promised to follow up the matter of determining the identities of these persons.

P E N D I N G

Addendum: Persons interviewed in this report have not been notified as to the cause for which these individuals are sought but are known by reporting office to be absolutely reliable and will not disclose the Division's inquiry in the event they have deduced the identity of the case.

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February 20, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the examination of the latent fingerprints which have been obtained in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, you are advised the photographic enlargement of the latent print reported found on the Chevrolet coupe, which was submitted by both your office and the St. Paul Police Department, has been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. It has been placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to possible identification at a subsequent time as additional fingerprints are added thereto.

One latent print developed on the signal lights is too fragmentary for classification, but may be of value for direct comparisons and is being included for such comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects. The signal lights have been photographed, and the original lights and batteries have been transmitted to your office for further field investigation.

Five latent prints were detected on the Shell gasoline signs, two of which were identical. It has been possible to classify one of these latent prints, and it has been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. It will also be placed on file therein, and all latent prints compared with the fingerprints of suspects. Photographs of the Shell signs have been made and furnished your office, and the original signs have been forwarded to the Chicago Office for investigation at that point.

On the gasoline tanks and funnel submitted by your office, there were four latent fingerprints and one fragment which appears to be of the palmar surface of a hand. One of these latent prints has been identified with the right index fingerprint of Arthur Barker, our file #269438, of which identification you have previously been informed. Photographs of these gasoline tanks and the funnel have been made and transmitted to your office. The original tanks are, for the present, being retained in the Division's laboratory. The remaining fragmentary latent prints will be compared with the finger impressions of suspects.

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February 20, 1934.

On a letter beginning "Adolph Bremer: We are now dealing," and the accompanying envelope, three fragmentary latent prints were developed on the letter, and two on the envelope. No identifications have yet been effected.

A single latent print of value was developed on the membership card of E. G. Bremer in the American Game Association, and has been found to be identical with the left thumb print of Lillian Dickman.

On handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Lil: As my old stand-by," and the accompanying envelope, there were developed 23 latent prints of value on the letter, 13 of which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of the victim and three of which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of Lillian Dickman. Eight latent prints were developed on the envelope, two of which were found to be those of the victim, and six those of Lillian Dickman.

On the handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Father Deere: I am calling on you," 21 latent prints of value were developed, 18 of which were identified as fingerprints of the victim. In addition, there were two latent impressions which appear to be those of the palmar surface of a hand. On the envelope which accompanied this letter, there were developed four latent fingerprints and one fragmentary palm print. In connection with this letter, your attention is directed to the fact that the fingerprints of Father Deere have not been submitted for elimination purposes.

On the letter beginning "My Dear Father: I've seen the newspaper," 29 latent prints were developed, as well as two prints of the palmar surface of a hand. Twenty-four of these latent fingerprints have been found to be those of the victim. On the accompanying envelope, five latent prints were developed, two of which were identified with those of the victim.

On the letter beginning "My Dearest Patz and Hertz: Oh, I've been thinking," there were developed 15 latent prints of value and two palm prints. Eight of the fingerprints were found to be those of the victim. No prints of value were developed on the envelope. No latent prints of any value could be developed on the following material: Letter beginning "To the payoff man: - From here," and the envelope which accompanied the same; letter beginning "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph: The coppers jinned," and the accompanying envelope; the newspaper clipping which accompanied the above; the membership cards of the victim in the Midland Hills Country Club and Minnesota State Automobile Association.

There have been received in the Division, and will be examined for latent fingerprints, the coffee can delivered to the Millers, the goggles found at Rochester, Minnesota, the wallet of the victim, including the various membership cards, and the two letters most recently submitted under date of February 19th.

Mr. W. A. Rorer

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February 23, 1934.

It has not been possible to develop latent prints on the leather wallet, itself, and the same is returned herewith.

You are instructed to give consideration to the desirability of obtaining palm prints, where possible, for elimination purposes in connection with the latent prints of the palmar surface of the hand as described in this report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #234984

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February 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned at 4:00 P.M. Special Agent D. O. Smith will immediately wire Chicago advising when he will arrive in Chicago as a witness in the Factor kidnaping case. Smith will depart immediately for Chicago.

Today Larus made a statement admitting that he was one of the parties involved in the Effingham, Illinois, mail robbery in October, 1933.

Concerning the Lincoln Bank robbery in Lincoln, Nebraska, this statement was made by him today:

"When we made out getaway after that Lincoln bank job, we got quite a kick out of the officers searching for us. They were looking in the wrong direction".

He stated that if he could be brought before the Attorney General or the Director, he would name the brother of a man involved in the Bremer kidnaping case and that we could then locate the three others who were involved. I told Alt to have Anderson inform Larus that he was the personal representative of the Attorney General and the Director handling this case and that any information should be given to Anderson.

Mr. Alt stated it was essential that an additional Agent be sent to him at Tampa to take the place of Agent D. O. Smith on his departure for Chicago.

*W.A. Scott from Birmingham
went from Tampa.* Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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FROM SAC DETROIT

RE BREMER FOLLOWING ARE SUSPECTS HOLLAND MICHIGAN BANK ROBBERY SECURED FROM STATE
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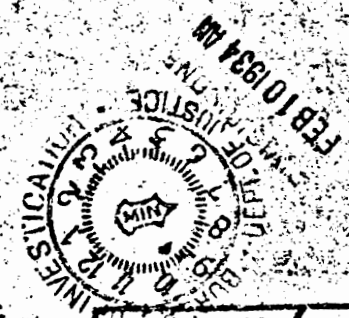
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 To
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- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
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- MR. LOOKE
- MR. ROSEN

MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General
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- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens
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- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean
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Gotham Securities Company,
Dallas,
Texas.

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Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated February 8, 1934, referred to me by the President, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

I wish to assure you that every possible effort will be exerted by this Division to bring this case to a successful conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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February 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent West of the Boston office called last night and advised as a result of the telegram sent to the Boston office requesting that a review of their files be made concerning Ed LaRue, I.O. 1214, it had been developed that G. H. Crane, a brother of Doris Barton, a known associate of LaRue, mailed a package from Danville, Vermont to Doris G. Foley at Box 270a, Route 2, St. Petersburg, Florida and they had also received information to the effect that Doris Barton, under the name of Doris Foley, had purchased a 25 acre farm near St. Petersburg, Florida about two years ago.

This information was communicated to Mr. Alt at Jacksonville with the request that same be given immediate attention in an effort to cause the apprehension of and determine the whereabouts of LaRue.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Shivers was at Tampa, a distance of about 20 miles from St. Petersburg, and that he would call him and have him proceed immediately to St. Petersburg.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul. He said he had talked with Bremer again but received nothing outstanding from him. He did receive more definite information from him relative to the location of the goggles and the bandage, which is being checked. They are also checking up on the manufacturers of sirens. They are also checking up on the lead from Davenport, Iowa, relative to the woman who saw suspicious movements in a house. They have sent a sketch of the floorplan to the Kansas City office and instructed them to handle that angle. They are working further on the wallpaper angle. Mr. Rorer advised that he sent in a plan of the hide-out to the Division. He talked further about the trip down but gave no definite information. He stated something about stopping and one of the men saying they had only one light burning. He said that the second Sunday of his stay was the coldest day he was away; that it was about five below zero but he cannot fix the date.

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Mr. Nathan advised that Agent Dewey called him today with reference to the telephone tap at Des Moines, Iowa, on the phones of a lawyer by the name of Lynch.

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Mr. Nathan thought this would be O. K.

Mr. Nathan will call Agent Dewey and tell him to keep the tap on until tomorrow.

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I asked Mr. Nathan as to whether he had any information as to how the information appearing in the press regarding the serial numbers and the wallpaper got out. He said he had no idea. I called his attention to the editorial in a newspaper at Red Wing, Minnesota, to the effect that the Division first gave out the information regarding the wallpaper and the serial numbers and asked that he furnish information which would form the basis of an answer to these charges. Mr. Nathan said he had no information as to where this information came from but that we could state positively that it did not come from the Division. He will, however, forward a letter to the Division tonight in this connection. Mr. Nathan was asked whether Bremer mentioned these matters in these interviews. He stated that he did not think so.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
EDWARDS
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The case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, has been designated as a special assignment under the direct investigative supervision of Inspector F. A. Rorer. All correspondence concerning this matter, which is prepared for Special Agents of this Division in the St. Paul district, should be addressed to Mr. Rorer.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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WERNER HANWI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

INSPECTOR RORER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY ME TO ASSUME CHARGE OF BREMER KIDNAPING CASE HE IS TO HAVE DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THIS MATTER AND IT WILL BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT HE IS AT LIBERTY TO CALL UPON YOUR OFFICE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE HE NEEDS LETTER FOLLOWS DESIGNATING AGENTS WHO ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO MR RORER NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE EXCEPT WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT ALL INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE AVAILABLE IN THIS MATTER ARE IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO MR RORER ADVISE MR HATHAM ALSO OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Edward G. Bremer

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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February 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley telephoned about 2:15 P.M. He stated that in connection with locating the Barker-Karpis mob, he had an informant in the Oklahoma City territory who is now working and receiving \$20 per week salary; that this informant had been previously convicted five times and he believed that he could locate the Barker-Karpis mob and he will advise the Oklahoma City office of such location. I told Mr. Brantley that unless he heard promptly to the contrary to obtain the services of this individual and that he was authorized to commit the Division in a sum not exceeding \$100 for such purpose and that before this sum had been expended, in the event additional expenditures were necessary, to communicate with the Division; that this individual should not be placed upon the rolls of the Division as individuals with previous criminal records are not accepted but that if he rendered personal services and travelled under the direction of Mr. Brantley, that he might start such negotiations at once. I subsequently talked with Mr. Tolson who approved the expenditure although he did not place the limitation at \$100, but in view of the fact that this matter would be promptly initiated under the authorization I had given Mr. Brantley, I did not call Mr. Brantley again on the matter.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.** N.Y. FILE NO. **7-129**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 2/21/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/16-21/34	REPORT MADE BY J. E. O'LEARY
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.	

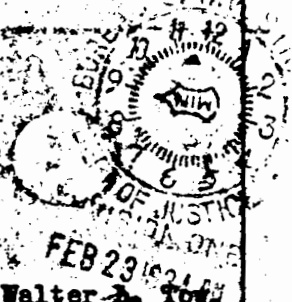
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
 Sock worn by victim manufactured upon an 84-needle machine. List of manufacturers using 84-needle machines secured. Sock identified as being manufactured by the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company by representatives of various hosiery companies in New York City.

REFERENCE: Division letter dated February 14, 1934.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY.

The sock worn by victim was exhibited to Mr. Walter B. Toy, Vice-President of the Scott-Williams Knitting Machine Company, 366 Broadway, New York City. Upon examination of the sock, Mr. Toy stated that it was an ordinary bundle sock and had been manufactured upon what is known to the trade as an 84-needle machine. Mr. Toy stated that the sock was probably made on an ordinary Jenks machine but might have been made on a Scott-Williams or a Banner machine. The Jenks machine is no longer made.

Mr. Earl Constantine, Managing Director of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, 468 Fourth Avenue, New York City, upon interview informed that he was also a member of the Code Authority for the hosiery trade, and that under the National Recovery Act a survey had been made of



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the hosiery manufacturers and their equipment listed. Mr. Constantine obtained from his Statistical Division the names and addresses of all companies manufacturing 84-needle bundle goods.

The names and addresses of the companies are as follows, and where the company has a New York representative, that name is also included:

Ballston-Stillwater Knitting Co., Inc., Ballston Spa, N. Y.
New York City office - 93 Worth Street.

Durham Hosiery Mills, Durham, N. C.
New York City office - 271 Church Street.

John L. Fead & Sons, Port Huron, Mich.
New York office - 93 Worth Street.

Gilbert Knitting Company, Inc., Little Falls, N. Y.
New York office - 346 Broadway.

Hagerstown Hosiery Company, Hagerstown, Md.
No New York City office listed.

Portage Hosiery Company, Portage, Wisc.
New York City office - 40 Worth Street.

Republic Knitting Mills, 1907 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Mich.
No New York City office listed.

Ripon Knitting Works, Ripon, Wisc.
No New York City office listed.

Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, Rockford, Ill.
New York City office - 93 Worth Street.

LaCrosse Hosiery Company, LaCrosse, Wisc.
No New York City office listed.

Seneca Knitting Mills, Inc., Box "E", Seneca Falls, N. Y.
No New York City office listed.

Adler Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Represented in New York City by Cozzens & Company, 361 Broadway.

Garons Knitting Mills, 101 North 30th Avenue, Duluth, Minn.
No New York City office.

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Millbridge Knitting Company, Millbridge, Me.
No New York City office.

Mr. C. C. Lohr, President of Cozzens & Company, 561 Broadway, New York, representatives of Adler Company, upon examination of sock stated that the same was without a doubt the product of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company of Rockford, Ill. Mr. Lohr stated that he based his opinion upon the peculiar construction of the heel and toe of the sock, stating that the work of this nature could be turned out only on machines such as were used by the Rockford Company, stating that these machines were of their own make and were used by no other company.

Mr. H. F. Washburn, Manager of the New York office of the Gilbert Knitting Company, 346 Broadway, upon examining the sock, stated that it was his opinion that the sock had been manufactured by the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, but stated that he could not positively identify it as being the product of that company.

Mr. A. R. Cooper, Office Manager, of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, 93 Worth Street, being absent from New York City, and Mr. J. Kostelo, presently in charge of the office, being unable to definitely commit himself as to whether or not the sock was the product of his company, this information was transmitted to the Division by teletype, together with information received from Mr. Earl Constantine, to the effect that Mr. J. E. Glasner of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, Rockford, Ill., who was also the Secretary of the Woolen Hosiery Institute, could in all probability identify the manufacturer of the sock in question, inasmuch as it was thought that Mr. Glasner knew as much concerning the manufacture of bundle socks as any person in the business.

On February 21st, Mr. A. R. Cooper, Office Manager of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, examined the sock in question and stated that beyond a doubt it was the product of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, stating that he based his opinion upon the peculiar construction of the toe and heel and that such work could be done only upon machines such as were used in the Rockford plant.

In view of the positive identification of the sock by the representative of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, as well as others, it was deemed unnecessary to further exhibit the sock to representatives of the hosiery industry in New York City. The sock furnished to the New York Division office for this purpose by the Division is being returned to the Division.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE

At Rockford, Ill.: This office is requested to exhibit sock worn by victim to Mr. J. W. Glasner of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, in order that positive identification may be had as to the manufacturer of this sock.

PENDING.

Division of Investigation

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

February 19, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find fingerprints of FATHER DEERE, one of the men contacted in the Bremer case by the kidnapers.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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W A RORER
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

WIRE ME WHEN SPECIFIC STEPS WERE TAKEN TO CHECK SALE OF FLASHLIGHTS IN STPAUL
STORES I WANT THE DATE WHEN THIS INVESTIGATIVE STEP WAS TAKEN I ALSO WANT
DATE AS TO WHEN STPAUL OFFICE RECEIVED FLASHLIGHT AND HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN
THAT TIME AND THE TIME STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN PLACE AT WHICH
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping.

In accordance with telephonic request of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, there is transmitted herewith a list of towns in northern Illinois which have street car lines running through them. This list was prepared by Special Agent Charles Jenkins who has done considerable road work in northern Illinois and who is familiar with all the towns in that section. An effort will be made to check this list with some official list tomorrow to determine whether all towns are included.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TOWNS IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS HAVING STREET CAR LINES

Rockford
Maukegan
Evanston
Oak Park
Joliet
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La Salle
Peoria

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J.E.P. DURN,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
617 FEDERAL BLDG.,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES BREMER KIDNAP UNKNOWN MAN DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN BOARDED UNION PACIFIC TRAIN SEVENTEEN CHEYENNE WYOMING ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST NIGHT DESTINATION PORTLAND OR SEATTLE HE HAD NO SPACE SECURED ROOM FROM G W EDWARDS CONDUCTOR REMARKED HAD PLENTY MONEY EXHIBITED LARGE ROLL FIVES AND TENS SECURED ROOM TEN STOP TRAIN SPLIT AT GREEN RIVER WYOMING TRAIN SEVENTEEN PROCEEDING PORTLAND ARRIVING THERE ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY SUNDAY MORNING STOP EDWARDS PROCEEDED LOSANGELES TRAIN SEVEN STOP THROUGH W J McCLEMENT CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT LA&SL RAILROAD LOS ANGELES OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ENDEAVOR CONTACT EDWARDS TRAIN SEVEN AT CALIENITE NEVADA OR OTHER POINT ENROUTE SECURE UNKNOWN MANS DESCRIPTION INCLUDING DRESS A D TELEGRAPH PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING UNKNOWN MAN TRAIN SEVENTEEN PRIOR TO OR UPON ARRIVAL PORTLAND AM WIRING PORTLAND DETAILS STOP CONNECTION SUBJECT CASE POSSIBLE

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
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C.C. SPEARS,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 U.S. Court House,
PORTLAND, OREGON.

CHARLES BREMER KIDNAP UNKNOWN MAN DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN BOARDED UNION PACIFIC TRAIN SEVENTEEN CHEYENNE ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST NIGHT DESTINATION PORTLAND OR SEATTLE HAD NO SPACE SECURED ROOM TEN ABOARD STOP WHEN CONSIDERING COST REMARKED HAD PLENTY MONEY PRODUCED LARGE ROLL FIVES TENS G W EDWARDS CONDUCTOR PROCEEDED LOSANGELES WITH TRAIN SEVEN STOP CAR TRAVELLING IN UNKNOWN AND SEVENTEEN ARRIVES PORTLAND SUNDAY MORNING STOP HAVE WIRED LOSANGELES THROUGH RAILROAD SPECIAL AGENT ENDEAVOR CONTACT EDWARDS TELEGRAPHICALLY ENROUTE THERE FOR DESCRIPTION MAN AND TO TELEGRAPH YOU STOP SUGGEST THROUGH RAILROAD AGENT PORTLAND ENDEAVOR BOARD TRAIN BEFORE ARRIVAL PORTLAND ENDEAVORING LOCATE MAN MAKE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION. POSSIBLE CONNECTION SUBJECT CASE.

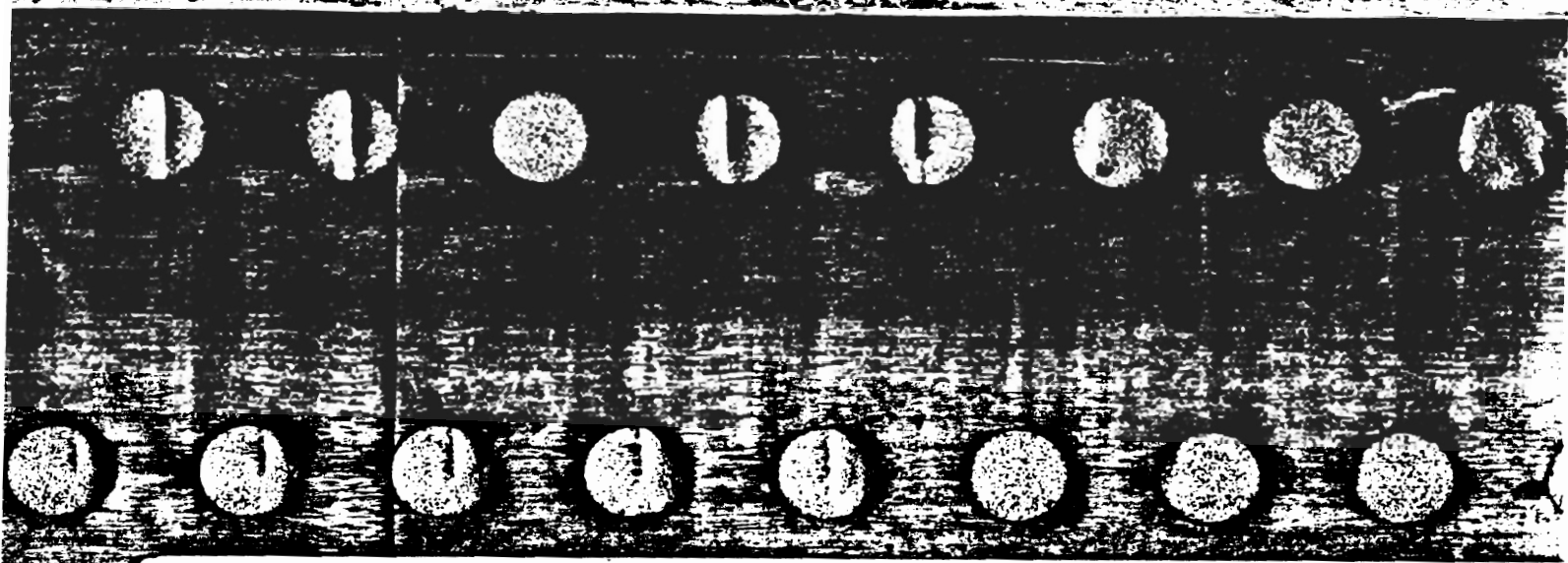
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WERNER HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BLDG
ST PAUL MINN

BREMER CASE FLASHLIGHTS IDENTIFIED TRADE NAME A MERIT PRODUCT DESCRIBED AS
THREE CELL FOCUSING SEARCHLIGHTS MANUFACTURED BY UNITED STATES ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING
CORPORATION NEW YORK MODELS SIX TWO SIX AND SIX THREE SEVEN STOP THESE LIGHTS
PROBABLY HANDLED FOLLOWING STORES YOUR DISTRICT H L GREEN STORES MADISON GREENBAY
ASHLAND RAU CLAIRE WATERTOWN WISCONSIN MANKATO AND ST PAUL MINNESOTA THE KILLIAN
COMPANY CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA FOX AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY DULUTH MINNESOTA 16 1934 A.M.

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BOSTON, MASS., FEBRUARY 14, 1934.

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



EATON PAPER COMPANY PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS ADVISE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED CUSTOMERS PAPER IN QUESTION PREPARATION LIST WOULD REQUIRE SERVICES THREE PERSONS THREE WEEKS. HAVE REQUESTED LIST CUSTOMERS MINNESOTA WISCONSIN IN ORDER EXPEDITE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER PAPER PLAIN OR RULED.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

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1891 WALNUT ST.
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701 LINCOLN AVE.
Phone Orchard 8314

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Received credit from Pearl Hosiery co. of \$1.45 to cover
overcharge of 55¢ and two missing pairs of socks, English Wool
at 45¢ per pair making a total of \$1.45.

January 30, 1933
This is for merchandise bought in November 22, 1932 and
sent to Nozels Service, Stanley Wis.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18, 17, 19/34	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES JENKINS
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


 Sock mentioned in reference telegram and laboratory report, manufactured by Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Ill. Shipments of this style sock made to Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, Illinois, and Gem Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wis. No information as to identity of persons purchasing socks available at Chicago Mail Order Company. Gem Hosiery Company sold socks to Pearl Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wis. Records last named concern show socks of said style sold 11-22-32 to D. M. Nozel of Nozel Service, Stanley, Wis. No record of other sales which were made over counter.

REFERENCE: Division telegram dated February 15, 1934.

DETAILS: AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

Agent called at the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, 415 South Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois, where he was informed that J. B. Glasner, Secretary of the said concern was in Cleveland, Ohio, and would not return for several days. In the absence of Mr. Glasner, J. H. Ederstrom, Assistant Secretary, and E. F. Kingman, Sales Manager of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills were interviewed. Mr. Ederstrom and Mr. Kingman, after examining the sock which was forwarded by the Division, stated that it had been manufactured by the said concern and was known as style 213/A. This style of sock differs from the sock manufactured by other concerns in that the stitch in the toe and heel is continuous, whereas the other manufacturers have a break in the stitching in the middle of the heel and

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-660	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 23 1934
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at the beginning of the tee. The records of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills show that during the year 1933 the following quantities of the said style sock were shipped to the Chicago Mail Order Company, 511 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois:

Order #A-47208 for 60 dozen, shipped April 28, 1933.
Order #A-55690 for 80 dozen, shipped May 23, 1933.
Order #A-65097 for 250 dozen, shipped June 28, 1933.

There was also shipped to the Gem Hosiery Company, 309 W. Brown Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the following quantities:

May 20, 1933 - 10 dozen.
November 25, 1933 - 5 dozen.
December 14, 1933 - 7½ dozen.
December 23, 1933 - 5 dozen.
January 26, 1934 - 10 dozen.

The identification of this sock as the product of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills was corroborated by several employees in the Manufacturing Department, who were consulted by Mr. Kingman.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. C. R. Tyson, Manager of the Staple Merchandise Division of the Chicago Mail Order Company, 511 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the sock purchased from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, style 213/A was known as Item 3568 in the catalogue issued by the Chicago Mail Order Company; that no record is made of the articles sold by mail; that the only record is the name and address of the purchaser and the amount which he enclosed with his order; that the amount might be one article or a dozen, and unless the name of the purchaser was furnished no information would be available as to the amount which he had sent in with his order and that eighteen million catalogues have been distributed throughout the country.

Mr. Tyson also stated that his concern does not handle flash-lights.

Mr. Tyson further stated that his concern did not sell the underwear or shirts described in laboratory report dated February 14, 1934.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

William Zens, proprietor, Gem Hosiery Company, now located at 311 West Lloyd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that the only concern to which he sold style 213/A sock, obtained by him from the Rockford

Kitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Illinois, was the Pearl Hosiery Company, 1801 W. Walnut Street, and that the Pearl Hosiery Company operated several stores in Milwaukee.

Ben Horwitz, President of the Pearl Hosiery Company, Inc., 1801 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that his concern operates four stores located at 1801 W. Walnut Street, Room 207 Empire Building, 3261 North Green Bay Avenue, and 5019 W. Lincoln Avenue, all in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that the only store which does a mail order business is the one located at 1801 W. Walnut Street. Mr. Horwitz had his entire record of mail orders searched without finding that there had been any shipment of style 213/A socks.

Miss Lucille Pleshek and Miss Pearl Wald, clerks at the store at 1801 W. Walnut Street, recalled that the proprietor of an oil station at Stanley, Wisconsin, had purchased style 213/A socks and had made a claim for shortage in the number of socks, and that an adjustment had been made with him. A search of the files of the Pearl Hosiery Company revealed that a memorandum on the letterhead of the Pearl Hosiery Company related to the said purchase. The memorandum reads, "Received credit from Pearl Hosiery Company of \$1.45 to cover overcharge of 55¢ and two missing pairs of socks, English wool, at 45¢ per pair, making a total of \$1.45." A further notation on the said memorandum reads as follows:

"January 30, 1933.

"This is for merchandise bought November 22, 1932, and sent to Nozels Service, Stanley, Wisconsin.

(Signed) D. M. Nozel,
per Nozel Service.

The original of this memorandum is being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul Office and photostatic copies of same are being sent to the Division.

There is no further record in the files of this transaction.

Miss Pleshek, who waited on D. M. Nozel, stated that the said Nozel and a woman, whom she believed to be his wife, called at the Pearl Hosiery Company in November and again in January, 1933; that she recalled the visits of the said Nozel and the woman above mentioned, but could not recall any further visits from either of the said parties.

Miss Pleshek and Miss Wald described Mr. Nozel as follows:

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Age: 30-35 yrs.
Height: 5'4-5"
Build: Slender
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Smooth shaven

They described Mrs. Nozel as follows:

Age: 30-35 yrs.
Height: 5'5"
Build: Slender
Complexion: Medium

Ben Horwitz stated that all sales, other than those recorded in his mail order record, were made over the counter and for cash.

Mr. Horwitz questioned various employees in his store but no information as to the identity of the purchasers of socks, style 213/A could be obtained. Mr. Horwitz also advised that the employees of the store at 1519 W. Lincoln Avenue had no information as to the purchasers of any of the said hose.

Hyman Horwitz, Manager of the store at 3261 North Green Bay Avenue, advised agent that all sales of socks styled 213/A were made over the counter and for cash and that neither he nor the other employees had any information as to the parties to whom the said article was sold.

Lillian Horwitz, Manager of the store located at Room 207 Empire Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised agent that her store did not carry the sock styled 213/A.

In addition to hosiery, the only other line of merchandise handled by the Pearl Hosiery Company is rayon silk underwear.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE will conduct an investigation at Stanley, Wisconsin, to ascertain whether the Nozel Service, conducted by D. M. Nozel at that place, handles general merchandise and whether any information as to the purchaser of the instant sock can be obtained.

For the assistance of the St. Paul Office the sock is being forwarded herewith by registered mail.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING,
Chicago File # 7-82

Dear Sir:

On date of February 13, 1934, this Office received a letter from the Kansas City Office which is being set out herein.

This Office has not received a full report on the Bremer kidnaping, but information secured indicates that Bremer was held in the basement of a house, the location of which is not known. It is further known that Bremer was transported a considerable distance and it is believed that he may have been transported to some point in the State of Illinois. It is desired that the information contained in the letter quoted herein be scrutinized carefully and that efforts be made at Lincoln, Illinois to locate the house mentioned in quoted letter, and to secure any information as to whether or not Bremer was held in that house.

Efforts should also be made to ascertain the names of parties frequenting that house and whether or not such parties are members of a well organized gang which might possibly be associated with Eddie Doll, with aliases, subject of I.O. 1214, since he is the principal suspect in this case.

The Kansas City letter is set out as follows:

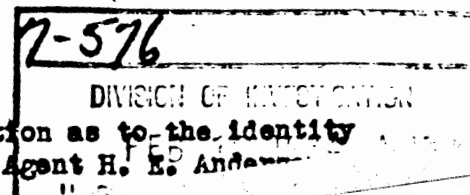
SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
FEBRUARY 12, 1934

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:

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 Bents 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 Bents 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, Bents, 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.

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 outside. The room has small windows, and nothing but vacant fields can be observed if looking out. Bents 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.

Kelly furnished the following description of the owner of this 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 Dell, 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 Bents 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 Bents did not participate with George Bates and himself in the Urschel 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,

(Signed) E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division
Chicago

Your early attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
St. Paul

1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois.
February 14, 1934.

Mr. R.A. Alt,
Care of City Jail,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnapping,
Chicago File # 7-32.

7-576
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 16 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Dear Sir:

This office has been informed by Mr. Clegg of the Division that Eddie LaRue, alias Eddie Doll, Subject of I.O. 1214, is now in custody at St. Petersburg, Florida. In view of the fact that LaRue with aliases is the principal suspect in the above entitled case, this office has been requested to forward to you such material as might be of assistance in questioning him.

The report of Special Agent F.F. Yearaley, St. Louis, Mo, dated 7-3-33, entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, discloses the nature of the case which the Division has against him. Included herewith is the report of Special Agent O.C. Doway, Kansas City, Mo, dated 8-28-33, entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, FUGITIVE, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which should be helpful. Sol Goldstein has played a part in the activities of LaRue, and a signed statement secured from him is being forwarded herewith, believed to contain information of value.

Information secured discloses that LaRue was an intimate friend of George Kelley, alias Machine Gun Kelley; that they conducted several kidnappings together in the vicinity of Chicago, and that the manner in which Bremer was kidnapped, and the method by which the ransom money was collected is similar, if not identical with the manner in which LaRue has planned and carried out other kidnappings. For your assistance there is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office, dated February 10, 1934, in the above entitled matter; also a photostatic copy of a letter dated February 9, 1934, from the Detroit office to the St. Paul Office; also a photostatic copy of a letter from the Detroit Office to the St. Paul Office dated January 23, 1934.

In keeping with this same line of thought, a letter dated February 12, 1934, in the above entitled matter, directed by the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul office is being forwarded herewith.

There is strong reason for believing that the same group of persons who held up and robbed the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan on September 1932, and who kidnaped Mr. Hamm of St. Paul, Minn, is responsible for the instant kidnaping. Laboratory tests of a lead chart found in an abandoned auto of the Holland bank robbers, and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnaping disclose that the same typewriter was used in those instances as in the instant case to write the ransom notes. For this reason it is believed that LaRue, alias Doll, should be questioned carefully as to other parties mentioned in the material which is being forwarded.

For your assistance in questioning with regard to the Holland bank robbery there is enclosed herewith the following; letter dated February 10, 1934, directed by the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office, in the above entitled matter; letter dated February 9, 1934, directed by the Chicago Office to the Director in the above entitled matter; a photostatic copy of a letter dated February 10, 1934, directed by the Detroit Office to the St. Paul Office in the above entitled matter.

There is also good reason for believing that the party or parties responsible for the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, of South Bend, Indiana, during January 1932, are responsible for the instant kidnaping. Very definite information has been secured from Machine Gun Kelley that Eddie LaRue, alias Doll kidnaped Woolverton. For your assistance in this matter a copy of the statement of Howard A. Woolverton, together with the report of Special Agent J.T. Hartin, Chicago, Ill, dated 2-12-34, in the above entitled matter is being forwarded to you.

As noted in the copy of the letter of February 10, 1934, directed by the Kansas City Office to St. Paul Office, Woolverton was held at a farm house midway between Joliet and Aurora, Ill. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to locate this house. It is therefore requested that LaRue be questioned specifically as to the location of this house. He should also be questioned as to his ownership of a typewriter, or his knowledge of a typewriter which was used to write the ransom letters in instant case. Reference should also be had to the letter of February 12, 1934, from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office in which George Kelley, alias Machine Gun Kelley mentions a home in Lincoln, Ill, which may have been used to harbor a victim. LaRue should be questioned closely as to this.

Your attention is also directed to the report of Special Agent E.P. Guinane dated at Chicago, Ill, December 11, 1933, in the case entitled John Klutas, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which may be of some assistance to you in this investigation. It is observed that you have a file in this matter.

It is understood that both Woolverton and Bremer were held in basement rooms, and this should be remembered in questioning LaRue. It is to be noted that LaRue was a party to the original plan to kidnap Urschel, and it was his intention to bring Urschel to Aurora, Ill. This should be born in mind, since it is possible that Bremer may have been brought to that point.

Very truly yours,

W.A. Smith, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Div. ✓
St. Paul
Enclosures to R.A. Alt.

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Per K.R.M.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Notestadt
TITLE: Charged: ALVIN KARPIS alias GEORGE DUBOIS alias R. E. HAMILTON alias RAYMOND MADLEY alias GEORGE HALLER UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Photograph of ALVIN KARPIS positively identified by clerk in F. & W. GRAND SILVER STORE as purchaser of flashlights used in signalling at time of ransom payment. Cap found in kidnapers' car also identified as worn by Subject KARPIS. Subject had filmolens in hand and made inquiry concerning purchase of additional lenses at SILVER STORE. Signed statement obtained, Clark's fingerprints being forwarded to Division.</p>			
REFERENCE: Memorandum from Detroit Office, dated February 12, 1934, with copies furnished Division.			
DETAILS: <p>At the F. & W. GRAND SILVER STORE, 57-7th Street, St. Paul, it was ascertained that MERIT PRODUCT flashlights are carried in stock by that concern. One, MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY, the clerk at the hardware counter, was interviewed and advised that on Saturday, January 27, 1934, she sold three flashlights bearing the MERIT PRODUCT trade mark on the base, two of the lights having a black painted shaft and one a nickel plated shaft, to an unknown person. MRS. HUMPHERY further advised that this man came into the SILVER STORE, at about 11:30 in the morning, on the above date, and was standing at the hardware counter examining the flashlights when she noticed him and came from an adjoining counter to take care of his purchase. He stated to her that he wanted three of the lights, indicating, by pointing to the flashlight counter. He finally picked up two of the large reflector type flashlights with a black painted shaft, and one with a nickel plated shaft. He tried each to see if it</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-662	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 28 1934
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was in good working order and remarked that he wanted to be sure that they would work.

MRS. HUMPHERY further advised that she inquired as to what type of battery he wished and whether or not he desired to pay five cents each for three Arrow batteries for each light, or ten cents each for three Everready batteries for each light. He stated that he would be sure that the lights were satisfactory by choosing Everready batteries for one light and Arrow batteries for the other two lights. During the period of the negotiation, the man appeared to be in somewhat of a hurry, constantly glancing towards the front of the store and at the same time he was particularly interested in being sure that the lights were of good quality and in perfect working order. MRS. HUMPHERY stated, in response to an inquiry by Agent, that she noticed one of his hands particularly and that he held something in the other during his examination of the flashlights. She noticed that, in his right hand he had a small red disk, apparently of glass, or some other material and, after he had completed the purchase of the lights, he held this article up to her and inquired whether or not she carried such an item in stock.

Agent showed a film lens to MRS. HUMPHERY and she stated that the man, in question, had such a lens in his hand and was apparently placing same over the bulb and reflector of the flashlights as he made his choice. She replied to the man's question, referred to above, that the SILVER STORES did not carry any such type article. During the wrapping of the package, MRS. HUMPHERY noted, over her shoulder, that the man continued to examine the flashlights and retained the red disk in his right hand as he did so.

Concerning the description of the customer, MRS. HUMPHERY was very positive and apparently had an excellent recollection of the transaction and in explanation she advised that she noted the man particularly because of the fact that he was nice looking, had large attractive brown eyes, and was a very pleasant customer. Also, because of the fact that he bought three flashlights, whereas, the usual customer buys only one, which aroused her curiosity and she inquired as to the reason for such a purchase and the man replied that he was going on a camping trip and might need three lights.

The following signed statement was obtained from MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY, after she had been shown a cap, which was found by WALTER MAGEE in the car provided by the kidnapers for MAGEE'S use in the payment of the ransom. MRS. HUMPHERY stated that she was positive that the purchaser of the flashlights had on such a cap at the time he called at the SILVER STORE. She noted this particularly because of the long visor and that when the customer first came to the hardware counter the visor was down over his eyes and he, later, raised same allowing the cap to rest on the back of his head. The original of the following statement is retained in the St. Paul Division

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St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 20/34

I, Florence Himphey am twenty six years of age, married and reside at 817-Carrol Avenue, St. Paul. For the past three and one half years I have been employed at the F. & W. Grand & Silver Store 87 - 7th Street, St. Paul. Since May, 1933 I have worked continuously on the Hardware counter which includes flashlights and electrical equipments. On Saturday morning, January 27, 1934, at about 11:30 A.M., a man called at my counter and said "I want three flashlights" - "I'm going out to camp". He picked out three flashlights of the large reflector type and bearing the name "Merrill Produs" on the base. Two of these lights had a black painted shaft and one a nickel plated shaft. He had a red disc in his hand and asked me if we had anything like it and I replied that we did not. He held the red disc in his hand while I was wrapping the flashlights and he was handling the flashlights at the counter at that time. He said he was in a hurry and kept turning around and when I gave him his package he walked very fast down the aisle and out of the store. The lights were filled by me with arrow and everready batteries. I put the \$5 arrow batteries in two of the lights and I'm quite certain that I put 10¢ everready batteries in the other light because one of the lights was more than the other. He also bought three extra bulbs for the lights and the total bill was \$3.12. He gave me a \$5.00 bill and he had to wait for change. The man was pleasant appearing and just a little taller than I am. I had to look up to him a little. I am about five feet five. He was not heavily built and was medium to slight. I think he would weigh about 135 pounds. His hair was brown and so were his eyes which were quite large. His complexion was light to medium. His skin was quite clear. He smiled quite a good deal and I think he had fairly nice teeth. He talked a lot about the lights and as to whether they were in good working order or not. He had on high top leather boots with wool socks turned over the tops. The trousers he wore were of dark material. His jacket was of the dark zipper type but was of wool. He had a coat under the jacket which matched the trousers. I thought it was a uniform and that he was a bus driver or taxi driver. The color of his trousers and jacket was not a tan and was not black but was some shade between the two. I do not recall what sort of a shirt he had on. His necktie was dark but not black. He wore a cap of wool pulled over his eyes - he later pushed it up so I saw his face clearly. The cap was black or blue and had a long bill on it. I have looked at a cap shown me by Mr. E. N. Notesteen of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and I am sure that he wore a cap like it or the one shown me.

I have been shown a photograph carrying the number 1539 K.S.P. and am positive that the photo is a picture of the man to whom I sold the flashlights. The photograph was not handed to me alone but with a group of other pictures and I knew when I saw the photo with No. 1539 K.S.P. on it

that it was the man who bought the lights. I am sure because I noted his eyes and mouth particularly. I always notice and think about a person's eyes. I would know him again if I saw him. The whole thing was a little unusual. He was quite good looking and he bought three flashlights and he had a little red disc in his hand. He was very pleasant, smiled a lot, but was very careful that the lights were just right and he was also in a hurry.

I have read the foregoing statement of four pages and same is all true of my own knowledge.

(Signed) Florence Humphery

Witness:-

E.N. Notestein
Special Agent
Division of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul.

It may be noted that several photographs were placed on a counter in the storeroom of the SILVER STORE where the clerk was interviewed and she was allowed, without interruption, to examine these photographs at her leisure. From this group of photographs, she chose the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, bearing the number 1539, K.S.P., and stated that she was positive that this was the man who had purchased the flashlights and that she would know him again anywhere. The name of KARPIS was not divulged to MRS. HUMPHERY, nor was it mentioned during the course of the interview.

Two sets of fingerprints, which are being forwarded herewith to the Division with copies of this report, were taken of MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY. MRS. HUMPHERY was instructed to speak to no one relative to the interview, or the facts developed, and stated that she believed it was to her interest to keep her own counsel inasmuch as she had no desire to be "mixed up with gangsters, or racketeers".

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY is twenty-seven years of age, married, and resides with her husband at 817 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She has been employed at the SILVER STORE for the past three and one-half years and has worked during the past year on the hardware counter, which is her choice. Relative to the possibility of obtaining fingerprints from the

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and eliminating those of MRS. HUMPHERY, she advised that it is her custom in handling the flashlights, due to the position on the counter, to grasp the shaft of the light in her right hand, placing her left hand over the reflector while raising, or handling.

It may be further noted, in connection with this purchase, that MRS. HUMPHERY indicated that as an afterthought, after she had partially wrapped the bundle, the customer stated that he believed he would take three extra flashlight bulbs so that they might be ready for use in the event that some of the bulbs were defective, or burned out. Concerning the batteries, he inquired particularly as to which was the best battery, the Arrow, or the Everready, and in making his choice decided to take some of each in order that he would be sure to get the best battery.

Concerning MRS. HUMPHERY'S description of the customer, it may be noted that she was not assisted by Agent and volunteered the entire information in this connection.

The following is a description of Subject ALVIN KARPIS, taken from the files of the St. Paul Division Office:

Name:	ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.
Age:	24 years
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	132 pounds (1930)
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Scars and marks:	1 scar, c/o, r.; small pit, c/o, on face.
Police number:	Kansas City, Mo., PD, #1530

For the benefit of the interested offices, who may not have same, the descriptions of the following known associates of ALVIN KARPIS are being set out:

Name:	FRED BARKER, with aliases.
Age:	32 years
Height:	5'4 1/2"
Weight:	115 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Build:	Small

(Description of FRED BARKER, continued)

Nationality:	American
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Light brown
Scars:	1" gun shot wrist inner; gun shot wound base left finger, palm hand.
Police number:	#9836 Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

VOLNEY DAVIS

Age:	31 years
Height:	5'8-3/4"
Weight:	123 pounds (1925)
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Light chestnut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Occupation:	Printer
Nationality:	American
Police Number:	#12308 State Penitentiary, McAllister, Oklahoma.

ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER,

Age:	34 years
Height:	5' 3/4"
Weight:	112 pounds (1922)
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium
Hair:	Chestnut
Build:	Short
Marks:	Flesh colored moles one on left cheek; two on right cheek.
Police number:	#11908 State Penitentiary, McAllister, Oklahoma.

HARRY CAMPBELL alias DAVE

Age:	30 years
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	135 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	ruddy
Nationality:	American (Born Wheeling, West Va.)
Build:	Medium
Police number:	#9480, SO, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Inquiry has already been made at the six Western Auto Supply Company stores in the Twin Cities, and at REINHARD BROTHERS in Minneapolis. At this point in the investigation, it appears that these two concerns are the only stores in the Twin Cities which sell the genuine filmolens. REINHARD BROTHERS has been eliminated, temporarily, due to the fact that their records show only one sale over the retail counter of two lenses during the period of December, January, and February, and the clerks at the retail counter have all been unable to recall anything concerning this sale. In the wholesale department, shipments in dozen lots and twenty-four lots have been made during the period to the REINHARD BROTHERS branch store at Aberdeen, South Dakota. The preliminary investigation in this connection has already been submitted to the Division in memorandum form.

At the Western Auto Supply Company Stores, through the general manager, MR. GEORGE DERSE, official in charge of all Western Auto Stores in the Twin Cities, a check has been made of all sale slips for all stores in an effort to determine when and where and in what quantity filmolens have been sold in the Twin Cities during the month of January, and February, 1934. It has been ascertained, to date, that no sales of filmolens in excess of two to one person have been sold at any store in the Twin Cities, during the period in question. All employees of these various stores have been questioned and none have any recollection whatever concerning these sales. MR. DERSE has given his wholehearted cooperation in this matter and obtained all of the sales slips from the Kansas City Auditor's Office for examination. Due to the fact that during the period in question thirteen of these lenses were sold at the University Avenue store, a special effort has been made to place the purchase at that concern. Sales slips, however, reflect only individual sales of one at a time and not on consecutive days. Further investigation is being made in this connection.

It may be noted, through invoices and shipping records in possession of MR. DERSE, that on December 27, 1933, twenty-four filmolens were shipped from the St. Paul stock room to the Wichita, Kansas, branch store of the Western Auto Supply Company; that on December 27, 1933, twenty-four of the lenses were also shipped to the Des Moines, Iowa, branch store and on December 29, 1933, twenty-four were sent to the Kansas City, branch store. Leads are being set out for investigation at those stores.

All other concerns, dealing in automobile accessories, have been contacted, the filmolens being declared obsolete in type and in use only on Model "T" Fords has been discontinued by practically all dealers in automobile accessories. It may be further noted that only the three inch lens is in question due to the fact that three inch lenses were used exclusively in the flashlights which made up the signal at the time of the ransom payment. These three inch lenses, as previously reported, were cut down to fit the flashlight but still carried the trade mark stamp, "Filmolens". The lens is made for pyralin, is red in color, and appears to be of cellulose material.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

St. Paul Division Office,

At St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, will continue the investigation in an effort to locate persons who sold nine filmolenses to the kidnapers.

Kansas City Division Office,

At Wichita, Kansas; Des Moines, Iowa; and Kansas City, Missouri, will make appropriate investigation at the Western Auto Supply Company stores in those cities to determine, if possible, whether or not filmolenses were sold during the months of January or February, 1934, in quantities in excess of one unit. Efforts should be made to determine from all clerks handling these sales whether or not they have any recollection concerning the purchasers and, if so, photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL, should be exhibited to them in an effort to obtain identification of one, or more, of these parties as the purchaser of filmolens. It is requested that this lead be EXPEDITED.

It is noted that the Kansas City Division Office already has photographs of the above named persons.

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