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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction of Justice -  
National Firearms Act

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Dear Sir:

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For your information, Confidential Informant referred  
to in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 4/9/35,  
on page 23, is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This man is intimately acquainted  
with the underworld, racketeers and gangsters in Detroit, and is also  
acquainted with Cassius M. McDonald.

Confidential Informant also mentioned in this report  
on page 23, is [REDACTED]

He is acquainted with Cassius M. McDonald and other members  
of the gambling fraternity throughout the United States, and is also very  
familiar with criminals and gangs operating in Detroit.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/30 &amp; 31/35, 4/1 &amp; 2/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. J. Gahan</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, - FUGITIVE et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Belle Born of Mankato, Minn., had visited with the family of George McKenzie in Los Angeles, Calif., some months ago. Belle Murphy was not known at that address.

REFERENCE:

Telegram from Detroit Bureau office, 3-30-35.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Investigation developed that the address given in reference telegram, 3547 Sabina Street, to which a letter had been sent from Toledo, Ohio, addressed to "Belle Murphy, care of B. Born", is a flat in a two-story four-flat building. This flat was vacated about two weeks ago by Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MCKENZIE; the head of the family, George McKenzie, is a veteran employee of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and was transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, having occupied the flat for fourteen months.

DETAILS:

It was learned that Mrs. McKenzie had not yet joined her husband in Nevada and was temporarily stopping with a married son at 907 East 81st Street, Los Angeles.

J. L. KILLRAIN, manager of the apartment building, had advised this agent that a young woman whom the McKenzies had called Belle had visited them at this address on one or two occasions; that she was last here in the fall of 1934 (about October or November) but he never heard her surname. He said the McKenzies had never had any male guests stopping with them here.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5502	RECORDED AND INDEX APR 18 1935
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Letter Carrier EMIL NEUMANN, who carries the mail in this neighborhood, stated that he knew the McKenzies and the other occupants of the building and that he had never delivered mail to any Belle Murphy or B. Born; that is, not within the last six or seven months. He was shown a photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD and stated that the letter was not McKenzie and did not answer his description at all.

Mrs. McKenzie was contacted on pretext of inquiry as to mail coming to her former address for Belle Murphy, care of B. Born, and she stated that she did not know any Belle Murphy but that Belle Born was a friend of hers and had visited her some months back but had returned home. She gave Belle Born's address as Route 1, Mankato, Minnesota, and that mail addressed there would reach her.

The letter addressed to Belle Murphy was received at the post office unsealed. The post office not having any forwarding address of either Belle Murphy or B. Born, and there being no return address on the envelope, the letter is held for ten days and will then be sent to the "dead letter" office.

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

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April 11, 1935.

APR 15 1935

Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
 United States Attorney,  
 221 Uptown Post Office Building,  
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
 FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
 I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
 I.O.#1237; FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
 with aliases, I.O.#1238; WILLIAM CRAVER,  
 with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
 with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
 with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE KATON,  
 with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al.  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. - KIDNAPING -  
 HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
 NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. St. Paul File No. 7-50.

I am transmitting herewith by Special Agent K.R. McIntire the original signed statements of the following parties:

Name	Date	Ref. to in Summary Report of:	Serial No. (Our file)
Harold V. Alderton	- Chicago 1-18-35	(Barker - P. 119)	5899
Harold V. Alderton	- " 1-18-35	( " - P. 119)	5900
Herman C. Bauchs	- " 1-16-35	( " - P. 122 )	5904
Mrs. Edward R. Bishop	- Tomahawk, Wis., 1-17-35.	( " - P. 128)	5905-1
Wm. H. Bleschke	- Chicago 4-26-34	(Vidler - P. 18)	6220
Wynona Burdette	- " 9-13-34	(Barker - P. 104)	5896
Mildred Clark (alias Mildred Kuhlman)	- Chicago 1-12-35	(Barker - P. 196)	5905
Philip Delaney	- Chicago 4-27-34	(Delaney - P. 7)	2387
Jess Doyle	- K.C., 2-15-35	(Barker - P. 98)	5441
Clara Gibson	- Chicago 1-13-35	(Barker - P. 202)	5901
Clara Gibson	- Chicago - "	- - -	5948
Paula Harmon	- Chicago 9-22-34	- - -	5895
Ruth Heidt	- Chicago 1-11-35	- - -	5898
Elmer Farmer	- Chicago 1-16-35	(Farmer - P. 7)	5906
Elmer Farmer	- Chicago 1-20-35	(Farmer - P. 9)	5907
[REDACTED]	- Chicago 4-30-34	(Barker - P. 168)	6219

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ref. to in Summary Report of:</u>	<u>Serial No. (Our file)</u>
Frank Grossman	Portage, Wis., 2-21-34.	-	846
Reuben Grossman	Portage, Wis., 2-21-34.	(Barker - P. 57)	845
Lucille Hein	Rochester, Minn., 2-20-34.	(Barker - P. 58)	755
Harry N. Hibner	Portage, Wis., 2-21-34.	(Barker - P. 59)	69
Florence Humphery	St. Paul, Minn., 2-20-34.	(Barker - P. 60)	65
John Joseph McLaughlin	St. Paul, Minn., 11-2-34.	(McLaughlin-P.16)	4424
Ernest Milisch	Portage, Wis., 2-21-34.	(Barker - P. 66)	847
[REDACTED]	St. Paul, Minn., 2-15-34.	-	445
Edward Reid Moschel	Chicago, 1-16-35	(Barker - P. 127)	5902
Mrs. Edward Reid Moschel	" , 1-16-35	(Barker - P. 125)	5903
Gordon F. Mullen	Stockton, Minn., 2-26-34.	( - - - )	1425
Edna Murray	K.C., 2-12-35.	(Barker - P. 94)	5440
Leonard Rubin	Chicago, 4-30-34	(Vidler - P. 20)	6218
Mrs. Alvina Richman	Chicago, 5-28-35	(Barker - P. 169)	6020
Mrs. Gladys Sawyer	Chicago, 9-15-34	( - - - )	5897
William E. Vidler	Chicago, 4-27-34	(Vidler - P. 9)	2385
James J. Wilson	Chicago, 9-25-34	(Barker - P. 155)	3894
Signed copy of statement of:			
James J. Wilson	Chicago, 9-25-34	(Barker - P. 155)	4112

I am also including the twenty photographs showing numerous views of the interior and exterior of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, which photographs were taken by the Chicago Bureau Office photographer, L.G. Rose. These photographs are marked with St. Paul File number 7-30-4969, from A. to T., and are referred to in the summary report on ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, page 21 thereof.

I am also transmitting herewith an original drawing by Victim Brem of the latter's conception of the wall paper in his bedroom prior to the time the wall paper was positively identified. This exhibit is marked St. Paul File No. 7-30-798, and is referred to in the summary report of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, page 19 thereof.

I am also transmitting herewith the following official road maps, for the following states:

<u>State</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Ref. to in Summary Report of:</u>	<u>Serial No. (Our file)</u>
Minnesota	1933	(Barker - P. 22)	6025
"	1934	(Barker - P. 22)	5927
Illinois	1933	(Barker - P. 23)	6135
"	1934	(Barker - P. 23)	5928
Wisconsin	1933	(Barker - P. 24)	5909
"	1934	(Barker - P. 24)	5910
Wisconsin(8 weekly letters) (Showing condition of highways in Wisconsin)	1934	(Barker - P. 24)	5927
Illinois -District #1	-	(Barker - P. 23)	6136
"	"(Maintenance sections) outlined in colored pencil.	(Barker - P. 23)	6136
Illinois -District #2	-	(Barker - P. 23)	6137
Columbia County, Wis.	-	(Barker - P. 70)	344
Bensenville, Ill.	Approved June 1, 1933	(Barker - P. 24-A)	6215
(Small map - orig. made by Mr. Cather)			

Section of Bensenville, Ill., in which hideout house is located - photostatic copies.(2). (Barker - P. 24-A) 6216  
(Enlarged).

The above referred to photostatic copies of the enlargement of that section of Bensenville, Illinois, in which the hideout house is located, were made by the Chicago Bureau photographer, L.G. ROSE. Both the small map, above referred to, and the enlargements show the location of the roundhouse from which Mr. Bremer heard numerous train sounds.

Transmitted herewith also are two small pieces of the wall paper taken from Bremer's room in the hideout house at Bensenville, Illinois, by Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office, same being St. Paul File No. 7-30-5160, and referred to in the summary report of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, page 19 thereof.

There is also transmitted herewith a small yellow piece of scratch paper, containing numerous addresses, the same being taken from VIDLER at the time of his apprehension in Chicago, same being St. Paul File No. 7-30-6131, and referred to on pages 10 and 26, of the summary report of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER.

There is also transmitted herewith diagram drawn by McLAUGHLIN, SR., for Agent Brown of the Chicago Office, showing the route taken when delivering changed money, which diagram is referred to in the summary report of McLAUGHLIN, on page 8 thereof, and is St. Paul File No. 7-30-6221.

I am also transmitting herewith the original drawing of the hideout house, made at the direction of Victim Bremer, which drawing is referred to in the summary report of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, wherein Victim describes his impression of the hideout house, on page 14 of said report. This drawing is St. Paul File No. 7-30-690.

There are also being transmitted herewith certified copies of convictions of the following subjects:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ref. to in Summary Report of:</u>	<u>Serial No. (Our file)</u>
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker	{ Barker - P. 241	6089
Oliver A. Berg	{ Berg - P. 14	6143
Philip J. Delaney	{ Delaney - P. 10	6097

The photographs of the following individuals are being attached hereto for the United States Attorney's Office:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Serial No. (Our file)</u>
Arthur R. Barker ("DOC")	#11906 (Taken at Chicago)	615
Fred Barker	K.S.P. #9836	615
Kate Barker		
Oliver A. Berg alias "IZZY"	{ Taken at Chicago	
Wynona Burdette	Cleveland PD #43237 (Most recent photo)	3950
	#1846	5550
Harry Campbell	Council Bluffs, Ia. PD #5410	6035
Phillip Delaney	(Most recent photo)	2750
Dolores Delaney	#12808	5549
Volney Davis	Okla. St. Pen. #14993	612
William Weaver	(Taken at Chicago)	456
Russell Gibson alias "Slim" Gray	Chicago PD.	3897
Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler		5964
Group Photo (Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer)	Cleveland PD	3953
William J. Harrison	Harrond, Ind. PD #1829	4307
Paula Harmon	Cleveland PD #43238	3949
Alvin Karpis	K.S.P. #1539	616
Edna Murray	Mo. St. Pen. #28973	4293
Joseph B. Moran	Ill. St. Pen. #2382	2382

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Serial No.</u> <u>(Our File)</u>
Bruno Putis alias "Whitie"	Chicago PD #C-41940	5522
Harry Sawyer	Omaha PD #6463	4491
Gladys Sawyer	Cleveland PD #45259	3951.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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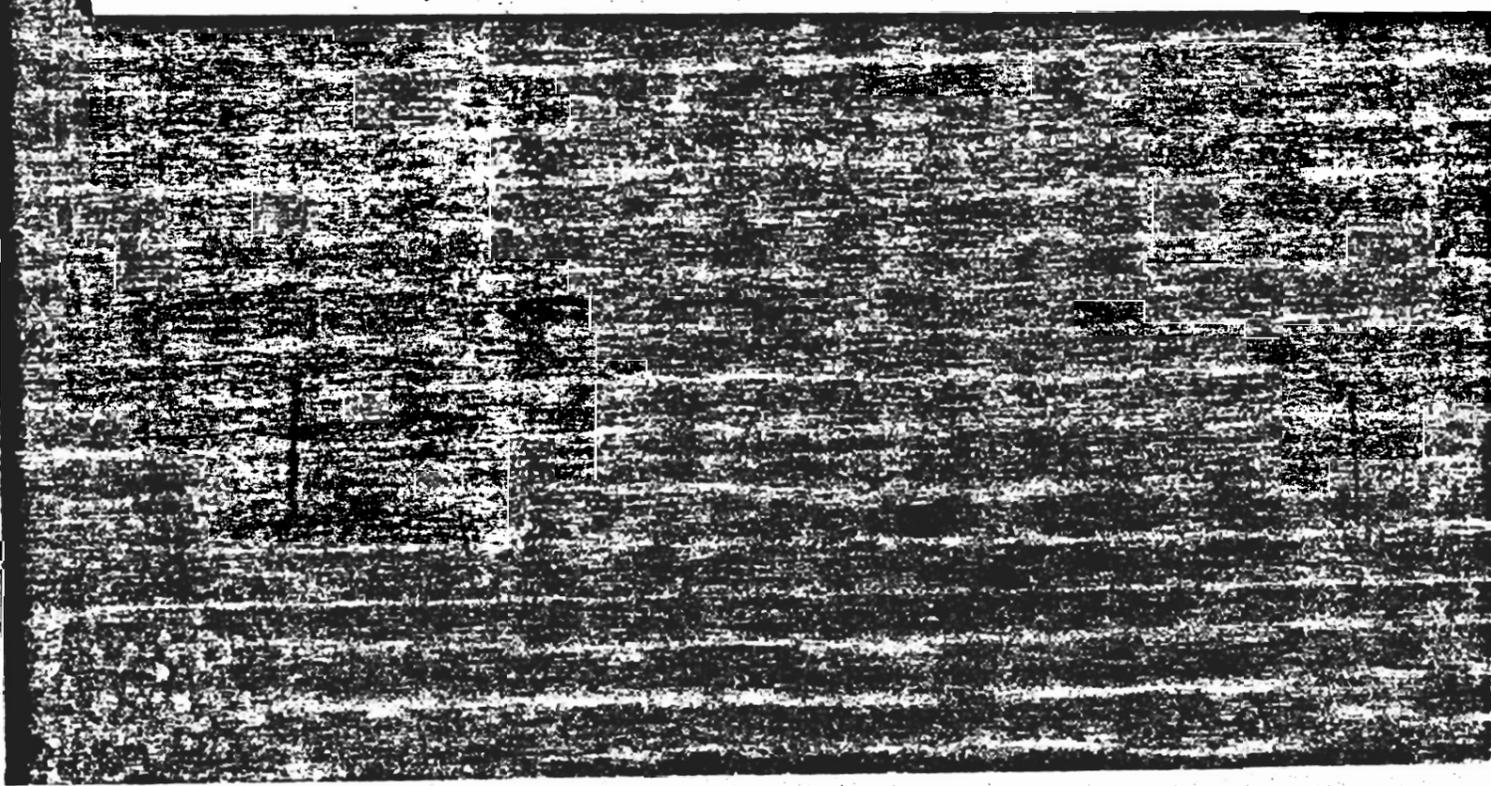
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April 13, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Please be advised that in accordance with telegram from Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, of April 10th, 1935, requesting the appearance of Special Agent S. K. McKee in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 16th, 1935, for trail, Agent McKee will leave Miami, Florida, tonight at 9:30 o'clock enroute to St. Paul.

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Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley.

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NOTE: It is noted that mail from the Bureau and Chicago is addressed to Agents J. H. Hanson and S. K. McKee c/o Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Florida.

This is to advise that these Agents are residing at 222 28th Street, Miami Beach, Florida, - telephone 5-4867.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA** FILE NO. **7-27**

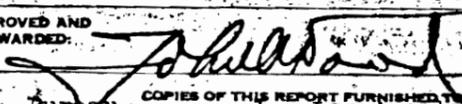
REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/2, 7/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN A. DOWD</b>
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with <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;</b> <b>HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;</b> <b>VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;</b> <b>WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;</b> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;</b> <b>HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;</b> <b>LYRLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b> <b>HARBORING OF FUGITIVES</b>
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1934 Buick Club Sedan, Motor No. 2875177 not presently registered in States of Utah or Nevada. Report received that man believed to be Subject Volney Davis with woman departed from Reno, Nevada, at 9:30 AM on 4-7-35 in Plymouth Sedan, light blue in color, carrying 1935 California license, number unknown. This man and woman stopped at Truckee, California and man proved not to be Davis.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, Utah, 3-29-35.

DETAILS:  
Under date of April 2, 1935, communications were directed to the Secretaries of State for the States of Utah and Nevada, for the purpose of learning if 1934 Buick Club Sedan, Motor No. 2875177, Serial No. 2715681 is presently registered in those States. The Secretaries of States were requested, in the event the automobile was not registered, to place a "flash" or "wanted" notice in their records, and to advise this office if and when the described Buick Club Sedan was registered. Replies were received from both Secretaries.

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of State making known that the Buick Club Sedan is not presently registered, and informed that "wanted notices" had been placed in their records to advise this office if and when the car is registered.

On April 7, 1935, at about 10 AM, Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley at Reno, Nevada, telephoned the Salt Lake City Bureau office that at about 9:30 AM on April 7, 1935, a woman dressed in a dark coat and a dark velvet dress, with long red hair, about 5ft. 6in. in height, and weighing about 130 lbs., called at the Court Garage, located next to the Sheriff's Office at Reno, Nevada, and used the dial telephone; that when dialing her number she covered the dial mechanism with her coat. She was overheard by the garage man and attendants asking for one Bob Barker, and from other conversation the garage man concluded that Bob Barker told her he would meet her in front of the Bank Club, a gambling establishment conducted by William J. Graham and James C. McKay Vice-Lords of Reno, Nevada.

After terminating her telephone call, the lady is reported to have asked the garage man where the Sheriff's Office and the Police Station was, and when told that the Sheriff's Office was next door she became excited and left. The garage man thereupon notified the Sheriff, who proceeded in an automobile to the Bank Club but just as he reached the Bank Club a Plymouth Sedan, light blue in color, carrying California 1934 license, number unknown, pulled away. The Sheriff assumed that the car contained the woman who had used the telephone in the Court Garage. The Sheriff pursued this automobile towards the California line, but because of the speed of the Plymouth Sedan, the Sheriff was left far behind and abandoned his pursuit. Chief of Police Kirkley stated that the man was identified as being Volney Davis, and that he was personally known to the Sheriff Ray J. Root, who prior to assuming the office of Sheriff for Washoe County, was in the automobile business and in the past has sold automobiles to certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Chief Kirkley stated that he had telephoned the information to the San Francisco Bureau office, and had also placed the information on his police teletype which operates in cooperation with all teletype stations in California.

Agent immediately telephoned Special Agent (A) J.C. Sloan, Overland Hotel, Reno, Nevada, and furnished him the information and instructed that he contact Chief of Police Kirkley and Sheriff Root, and arrange to have all law enforcement officers in the vicinity of Reno, and particularly located in communities through which roads and highways enroute to California pass, notified and to take such

other action possible in effecting the location of the Plymouth Sedan.

Agent immediately thereafter dispatched Special Agents J.T. McLaughlin and A.D. Horn of the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, equipped with suitable arms and necessary ammunition to Reno, Nevada.

Agent also telegraphed the information to the Director, to Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley, specially assigned to this matter in Chicago, Ill., to the Denver, Colorado, Omaha, Los Angeles, Portland, Butte and Kansas City offices of the Bureau, thinking it possible that if Volney Davis was the man in the Plymouth Sedan, that he might retrace his tracks and proceed into the territory of those offices, particularly the territory allocated to the Portland, Butte and Los Angeles offices. In addition to furnishing this information to the Kansas City office, the Kansas City office was requested to forward by airmail to Agent J.T. McLaughlin, P.O. Box 1621, Reno, Nevada, recent photograph of Volney Davis, and photographs of any women associates of his.

The information concerning the Plymouth Sedan, and the possibility that Volney Davis was in the car, was placed with the Utah State Highway Patrol, and all other police and sheriffs in Utah, stationed at strategic points, and this information was placed in the hands of all Sheriffs in the entire State of Nevada.

Later, on April 7, 1935, Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley of Reno, Nevada, telephoned this office that the Plymouth Sedan was stopped at the California Agricultural Checking Station at Truckee, California, whereupon he and Special Agent (A) J.C. Sloan of this Bureau, proceeded to Truckee and convinced themselves that the man in the car was not Volney Davis. The haste with which the man departed from Reno was explained by him by saying that he had an appointment at Sacramento, California, at 2 P.M. on April 7, 1935. The red headed girl who appeared at the Court Garage was not located, and was not an occupant of the Plymouth Sedan. Her identity, business associates and location were not determined, however, it was conclusively established that no incident occurred at Reno to reasonably place Volney Davis at Reno on April 7th, 1935.

Upon receipt of this information, all law enforcement officials as well as the Bureau, and all Bureau offices previously contacted, were advised to discontinue their interest insofar as this particular incident was concerned, and they were informed that the car was located, but that Volney Davis was not an occupant.

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SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At RENO, NEVADA, Will

confer with Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley, and Sheriff Ray J. Root  
for the purpose of determining if the identity and location of the woman  
and Bob Barker has been determined, and will secure any other information  
to indicate that they have, or have not, any connection with this case.

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April 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The United States Attorney at St. Paul has under consideration the question of dismissing those portions of the indictment charging Edna Murray and Jess Doyle with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer. In view of this I desire that you immediately take up with the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, the question of preferring harboring charges against these two individuals in order that process might be issued and detainers filed against them in the event they are not successfully prosecuted in St. Paul, Minnesota, or in the event the State authorities fail to act in the matter.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance of Alice Conrad, April 8, 1935 to April 13, 1935, unproductive of information of value. Her conversations, heard over dictaphone, devoid of any reference to instant matter. Her time spent in shopping tours, visits to theatres, and other minor amusements. Since arriving in New York City, she has not made contact with any person of interest to this investigation. Surveillance of Frank Foster, with aliases, telephone tap and mail cover, same period, also unproductive of information of value. At present he is sharing apartment 13D, 145 West 58th Street, New York City, with Harry and Blanche Williams, former residents Maryland Hotel, Chicago. Foster apparently is not employed or engaged in any current venture.

**DETAILS:**

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Seery, New York City, dated April 8, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

Surveillance of Alice Conrad, who is presently residing in the

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apartment of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Moratti, at 54 West 36th Street, for the period from April 8, 1935 to April 13, 1935, and the gist of conversations in the apartment, heard over dictaphone, previously installed by agents of the New York office, have established that Miss Conrad is apparently devoting her stay in New York City to shopping tours, during which little, if anything, is purchased, visits to theatres, mostly moving pictures, alone, with her sister, and occasionally with some friends met through the sister, and other minor amusements, such as an occasional house party, or dates with persons met through her sister, Esther Moratti, and that at no time during this period has she contacted or discussed any person of interest to this investigation.

A brief summary of the logs kept by agents maintaining the personal and dictaphone surveillances follows:

#### Surveillance

At 11:15 P.M., 4/7/35 Alice Conrad left the Moratti apartment in Chevrolet Sedan, bearing Michigan 1935 license No. Y55986, owned by Leonard G. Bradley, 4272 Pasadena Ave., Detroit, Mich., the owner of the Bradley Machinery Company, 6500 Epworth Boulevard, Detroit, Mich. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Moratti. They apparently just toured around the city, and returned to the apartment at 1:25 A.M.

It was subsequently ascertained that Leonard G. Bradley was occupying Room 1546, Lincoln Hotel, New York City, with one J.P. McCarthy, both registered as from Detroit, Mich., 6500 Epworth Boulevard. These men checked out of this hotel April 10, 1935. A list of the outgoing telephone calls made by them was secured from the hotel, and it was ascertained that during the period of their residence at the hotel, they called the following numbers:

Penn. 6-5700

Greeley Square Hotel Co.,  
Broadway and 34th Street.

Chelsea 3-6780

Cunard White Star Line Ltd.,  
Pier 54, 55, 56, 64, N. R.

Col. 5-2905

Lac. 4-0638

Lor. 7-5772

Sus. 7-8043

Hotel St. Paul,  
Columbus Ave. & 60th St.Times Square,  
8th Ave. & 43rd St.John Olson,  
807th St. & Harlem RiverApartment House,  
125 West 77th Street

The absence of Bradley from Detroit was confirmed by the Detroit office, his office having informed that Mr. Bradley was in New York City on business.

At 6:30 P.M. Miss Conrad left her apartment and proceeded to the Lincoln Hotel, called Room 1546, then proceeded to Room 1546 (occupied by L. G. Bradley and P. J. McCarthy). McCarthy left the hotel shortly thereafter, Bradley and Miss Conrad remaining in the room until 7:30 P.M. McCarthy returned to the hotel with an unknown blonde woman, and after using the house phone, proceeded to Room 1546 with this woman. At 8:30 P.M., Miss Conrad, Bradley, McCarthy and the unknown blonde woman left the hotel in Bradley's Chevrolet automobile, proceeded to Jack Dempsey's Restaurant, at 8th Avenue and 50th Street, where they had dinner in the main dining room, and at 9:30 P.M. they left the restaurant and proceeded to the Gaiety Burlesque Theatre at Broadway and 46th Street. At 11:15 P.M. they left the theatre and returned to Room 1546 at the Lincoln Hotel. At 11:45 P.M. Miss Conrad and Bradley proceeded to the Four Star Restaurant Bar on 8th Avenue opposite the hotel, had some drinks, and at 12:20 A.M. returned to the Lincoln Hotel, Room 1546. At 2 A.M., Miss Conrad and Bradley left the hotel and returned to the Moratti apartment at 54 West 36th Street, which Miss Conrad entered alone, Bradley returning to the hotel.

Dictaphone

Log for April 8, 1935 reflects conversation concerning only general topics and theatre attractions.

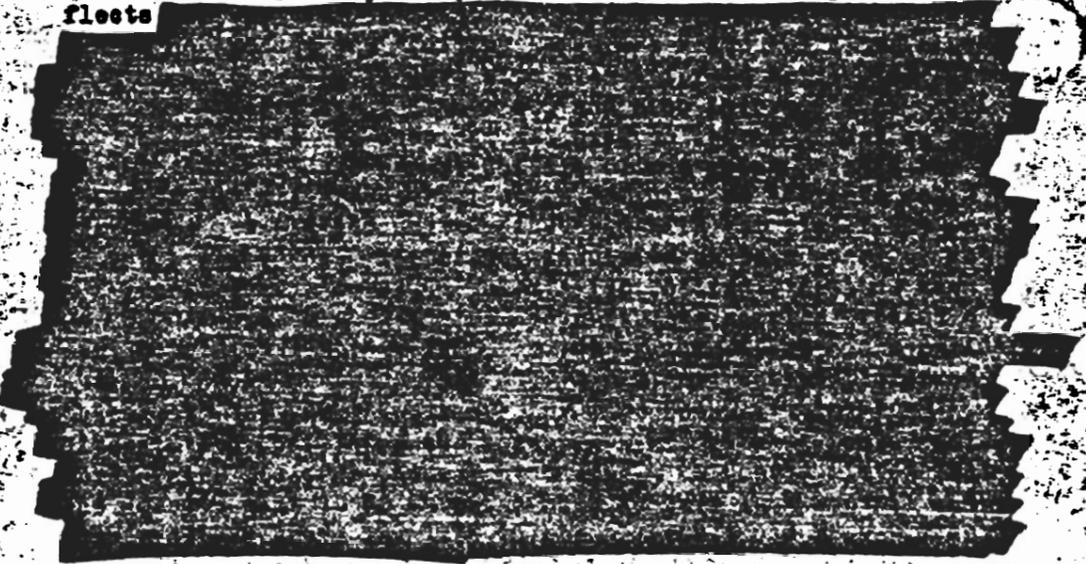
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Surveillance

At 5:40 P.M. on April 9, 1935, accompanied by her sister, Miss Conrad left the Moratti apartment and proceeded to the Woolworth store at 35th Street and Broadway, thence to Macy's Department Store, and returned to the apartment at 5:45 P.M. At 6:30 P.M. Alice Conrad left the apartment with a man in Bradley's Chevrolet sedan, with Michigan plates, drove to the Lincoln Hotel, and proceeded to Room 1546. At 8:10 P.M., with this man she left the hotel, walked to Pivoli's Restaurant at 145 West 45th Street, where they remained until 9:15 P.M. They returned to Room 1546 of the Lincoln Hotel, and remained in said room until 11:15 P.M. They then proceeded to the Four Star Restaurant Bar on 8th Avenue opposite the hotel, purchased a few drinks, and at 11:40 P.M. Bradley drove Miss Conrad to the Moratti apartment at 54 West 36th Street, which she entered alone, Bradley returning to the hotel.

Dictaphone

On April 9, 1935, conversation over dictaphone reflects



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Surveillance

On April 10th, at 2:10 P.M., Alice Conrad left the Moratti apartment, stopped at the stationery store at 41 West 35th Street and at Leggett's store, 34th Street and Sixth Avenue, then at Gimbel's Department Store, and returned to the apartment at 3:30 P.M. At 4 P.M. Miss Conrad and her sister, Esther Moratti left the apartment, proceeded to the New York Garment Co., at 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, then to a hat shop on the second floor of the building at 57th Street, four doors west of Sixth Avenue, thence to the Daniel Reeves Store at 56th Street and Sixth Avenue, returning to the Moratti apartment at 6 P.M. At 7 P.M., they left the apartment, proceeded to a jewelry store at 1965 Broadway, remained a few minutes, then proceeded to the Alden Theatre at 67th Street and Broadway, where a moving picture "New Moon" was being displayed. They left the theatre at 9:40 P.M., and returned to the apartment shortly thereafter.

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April 10, 1935 - Mostly general.

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Surveillance

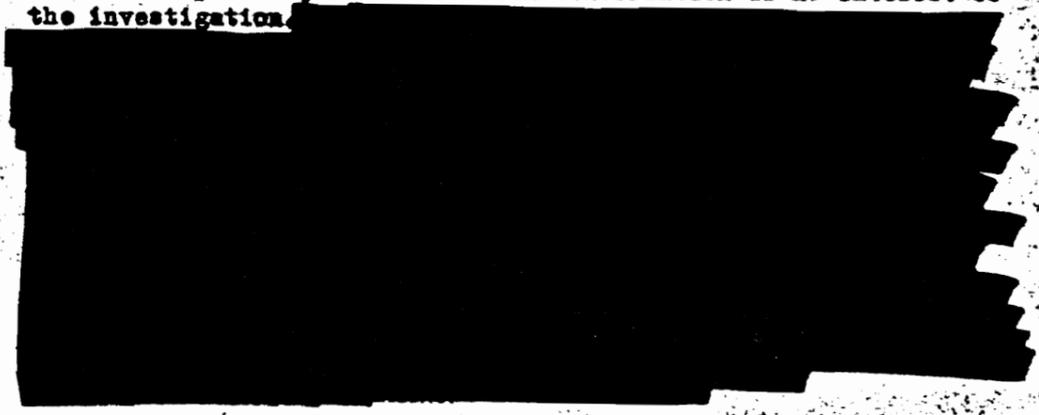
At 6:40 P.M. on April 11, Alice Conrad left the Moratti apartment with her sister, Esther, proceeded to Loew's State Theatre, 47th Street and Seventh Avenue; left the theatre at 9:50 P.M. and proceeded to a sandwich shop on 42nd Street; thence proceeded to the Pennsylvania Drug Store in the Hotel Astor at 46th Street and Broadway, where they had a light lunch; left drug store and returned to the apartment, arriving at 10:50 P.M. Did not again leave apartment this night.

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Dictaphone

April 11, 1935 - General conversation of no interest to the investigation.



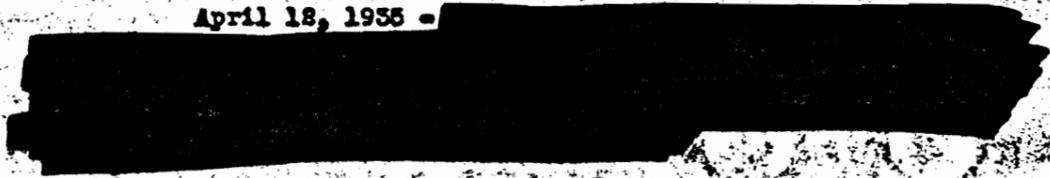
Surveillance

At 5 P.M., April 12th, Alice Conrad left the Moratti apartment and proceeded to the Roxy Theatre at 50th Street and Seventh Avenue. Attended the performance there and returned to apartment at 8:45 P.M. Left the apartment again at 9 P.M., and proceeded to 32 West 57th Street, where she met her sisters. They visited a family at that address and returned to the apartment at 10:45 P.M.

Dictaphone

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April 18, 1935 -



The cover on the mail received by Alice Conrad during this period established receipt by her of the following letters:

April 8th - Letter from her mother, 201 Ninth Street South, Minneapolis, Minn., Apt. 2.

Letter received same date from K.C.F. American Molasses Co., 333 N. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill. This letter was mailed from San Antonio, Texas, April 7, 1935.

Another letter from K.C.F. <sup>American</sup> Molasses Co. on same stationery postmarked ~~San Antonio, Texas~~, April 8, 1935.

Letter postmarked Milwaukee, April 5, 1935, from one ~~Redell~~. Photostatic copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for comparison with samples of handwriting of those involved in this case, on file at the laboratory.

With reference to the surveillance of Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost, alias Frank Forman, being maintained by agents of the New York Bureau office, there is set forth below results accomplished to date as dictated by this agent and Special Agent Lee F. Malone.

Special Agents L. F. Malone and A. F. Deere took up their residence in apartment 13-C, 145 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y., which apartment adjoins the apartment occupied by Foster who is using the name of Frost at this hotel. Surveillance to date has been unproductive in developing any contacts of Foster who apparently is unemployed and not presently engaged in any current adventure. He spends a greater part of each day in his apartment and usually in the afternoons takes a two or three-hour stroll from his apartment to the various Broadway rendezvous of the sporting fraternity, such as Lindy's, Taft Hotel, and other hotels. He has not been observed to contact anyone in particular except casually. Two afternoons he devoted to showing the sights of New York City to Blanche Williams, transportation being effected in Harry Williams' car.

Surveillance was inaugurated on April 7, 1935, and on the same date, after receipt of Bureau approval, the telephone leading from the Hotel Maurice switchboard to the apartment occupied by Frank Foster was tapped by Special Agents D. L. Nicholson, L. F. Malone and E. J. Gebben; the head set being located in apartment 13-C, occupied by Special Agents Malone and Deere. The Bureau was immediately thereafter advised of the installation of this tap.

Under date of April 7, 1935, Mrs. Foster dispatched the following telegram:

MR. HARRY WILLIAMS  
900 RUSH ST MARYLAND HOTEL ROOM 1314  
CHICAGO ILL

HARRY HAVE MET FOUR TRAINS WHAT HAPPENED TO BLANCHE AM  
WORRIED SICK WE ARE JUST SITTING HERE NOT KNOWING WHAT  
TO DO AS YOU SAID SHE WOULD BE HERE AROUND NOON WHAT  
TRAIN DID SHE TAKE OR HOW WAS SHE COMING LET ME KNOW  
RIGHT AWAY

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145 W 58 ST, CIB 77440  
D FROST.

A reply was received later the same day advising  
that "Harry Williams, 900 Rush Street, Maryland Hotel, Room 1314,  
checked out for your city, address 145 West 58th, apartment 10-D."

Inquiry developed that Foster, prior to leaving for  
Florida, had occupied apartment 10-D at the above address.

At 5:55 P. M., April 7, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Harry  
(Blanche) Williams arrived at 145 West 58th Street, New York,  
N. Y., and took up their residence with the Fosters. They arrived  
in a Pontiac Sedan bearing California license number 1K8928.  
Inquiry of the San Francisco Bureau office developed the informa-  
tion that this license number was issued for a 1923 Pontiac Coach,  
Motor No. 885644, registered to Blanche Taylor, 525 S. Cochran Street,  
apartment 102, Los Angeles, California, that this car was originally  
owned by E. O. Jackson, 3242 Doris Place, Los Angeles, and then bore  
1934 Tennessee license number 12731. A telegram was then dispatched  
to the Los Angeles Bureau office requesting discreet investigation of  
Blanche Taylor.

The descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, as  
obtained by agents maintaining surveillance, are as follows:

NAME:	HARRY WILLIAMS
Age:	35
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	135
Hair:	Black

Complexion: Dark  
 Build: Medium  
 Beard: Heavy stubble  
 Clothes: Grey hat; blue suit  
 Nationality: Italian.

NAME: BLANCHE WILLIAMS  
 Age: 30  
 Height: 5' 3"  
 Weight: 115-120  
 Hair: Blond  
 Complexion: Light  
 Build: Medium  
 Features: Sharp  
 Clothes: Black hat; black coat.

In connection with the undeveloped leads set out in report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 4, 1935, captioned as above, it was ascertained that the telephone numbers called by Foster from the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, were:

Circle 7-4640 - which is that of the Hotel Salisbury, 123 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y.

Circle 7-2700 - which is that of the Hotel Warwick, 65 West 54th Street, New York, N. Y.

Summit (N.J.) 6-4375 - which is a coin box located in the Pine Tree Inn, Springfield Avenue, Berkley Heights, New Jersey.

Inquiry at the above mentioned New York hotels was unproductive of any information concerning the identity of the persons called; the hotel managements advising that no records are kept of incoming calls, the hotels being interested only in assessing charges for outgoing calls. The New York Telephone Company also advised that it was unable to furnish the desired information, as the telephone records available in New York do not disclose the identity of persons called; that these records can only be ascertained at the Miami telephone exchange. A letter setting out these results was dispatched to the Jacksonville office, requesting an investigation with a view to determining the identity of the persons called.

Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons of Jacksonville, Florida, also reflects that Foster while at Miami disposed of his LaSalle Coupe, 1934 N. Y. license No. 4L8866. Inquiry at the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in New York City developed that LaSalle two-passenger Coupe, engine No. 2103648, serial No. 2103648, model No. 380 (1934), was purchased on October 25, 1934, from Randall Donaldson Cadillac Corporation, 749 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., by one Jack Kriger, 98 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.; that under date of October 25, 1934, New York registration 4L8866 was issued to Jack Kriger for this automobile, Kriger giving his residence address as 98 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y., and business address as 55 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. Photostatic copies of the application and certificate of sale of this automobile are presently in the New York office file.

During the course of the investigation a floor plan of the Maurice Hotel, 145 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y., was secured from the management and a survey has been made with a view to the installation of a dictaphone in the apartment occupied by the Fosters and Williams. The cooperation of the hotel management has been enlisted and necessary assistance with a view to securing entrance to the Foster apartment has been promised. However, to date the apartment has not at any time been unoccupied for a period long enough to permit the installation of a dictaphone.

A cover on the mail being received by the Fosters under the name of Frost to date has produced a record of the receipt of two letters as follows: a letter to Mrs. F. Frost, postmarked Chicago, April 6, 1935, and bearing return address, Miss Ethel Frost, 6252 North Magnolia, Chicago, Illinois; a letter addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Frost, postmarked Chicago, April 8, 1935, dispatched by air mail, bearing the return address, Pearl Holzman, 1358 1/2 Ester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent L. F. Malone secured from Manager Conlon of the Hotel Maurice a list of all telephone calls made from the Foster apartment to date. Subsequent inquiry furnished the addresses of these telephones as follows:

Circle	7-4640	1 call	Salisbury Hotel, 123 West 57th St.
Col.	5-2100	2 calls	Windsor Hotel, 100 West 58th Street.
Col.	5-9710	3 calls	Barbizon Plaza Pharmacy, 1421 Sixth Avenue.
Cir.	7-4616	1 call	Wallerstein & Simon, 182 West 58th Street.
Cir.	7-0697	1 call	O'Rourke Express, 161 West 56th Street.

Cir.	7-1150	1 call	Avalon Apartments, 840 Seventh Avenue.
Col.	5-6027	1 call	Sam Meehan, 120 West 58th Street.
Atw.	9-3152	2 calls	Philip Wagner, 401 East 89th Street.
Cir.	7-7000	4 calls	Barbizon Plaza Hotel
Cir.	7-0912	1 call	Sommer, Inc., shoes, 2 West 57th Street.
			Maryland Hotel, Chicago.
Cir.	7-2500	1 call	Alba Hotel, 203 West 54th Street.
Col.	5-5060	1 call	Weller Wise & Co., 250 West 57th Street.
Reg.	4-0500	1 call	Clark Veterinary Hospital, 229 East 60th Street.
Pen.	2-5600	1 call	Penn. Trains Information.
Van.	3-9100	1 call	Grand Central Trains Information.
Riv.	9-0776	1 call	Elias Goodman, 808 West End Avenue.
Cir.	7-5364	1 call	West 55th St. Apartments, Inc., 136 W. 55th St.
Tra.	7-4900	3 calls	Paul Kossoff, Inc., 208 W. 72nd Street.
Tra.	7-6400	1 call	Endicott Hotel, 81st Street and Columbus Avenue.
Chi.	4-8756	1 call	Nemors Cafe Corp., 200 West 48th Street.
Mad.	2-8776	1 call	E. A. Hiskany, 898 West End Avenue.
Cir.	7-6896	1 call	Bermuda Laundry, 75 West 55th Street.
Cir.	7-5385	1 call	Joe's Delicatessen, 900 Seventh Avenue.
Cir.	7-0582	1 call	Temple Garage, 118 West 56th Street.
Wis.	2-3182	1 call	Levy & Wender, 745 Fifth Avenue.
Rec.	2-1185	1 call	Private
Cir.	7-5384	1 call	Joe's Delicatessen, 900 Seventh Avenue.

On April 11, 1935, at 3:00 A. M., Dorothy Foster received a long distance telephone call, apparently from Chicago, Illinois. b7c

The telephone tap further revealed from calls other than service calls in connection with matters concerning the necessities of living that Frank Foster is apparently attempting to promote some proposition, the nature of which has not been revealed as yet in the telephone conversations. In connection with this proposition Foster has received calls from

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There were no other calls from Foster or any other person with reference to the proposition during the rest of the day (April 12, 1935) which is the last period of the tap covered by agents of this office.

The results of the surveillance to date indicate that of the two subjects under surveillance the one most likely to furnish pertinent information is Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost, alias Frank Forman. His record, mode of living and general contacts all point to the possibility if not the probability that information concerning activities of the underworld will be ascertained, which may be of assistance in the successful culmination of this investigation. During the earlier stages of the investigation concerning Foster and his activities in New York City, discreet inquiry was made of the New York City Police officers specializing in vice and gambling activities concerning persons engaged in such activities. These officers advised that Foster under his true name or aliases was unknown to them and they were unable to recognize his photograph as that of any person engaged in vice and gambling activities in the metropolitan area. It would seem, therefore, that considerable information not at present available may be secured through close surveillance of Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost, alias Frank Forman.

On the other hand only negligible results can be expected to result from further surveillance of Alice Conrad. It will be noted that prior to leaving Chicago she informed agents of the Chicago office as to her destination, the carrier to be used and the purpose of her visit, and investigation of all three statements has developed that they were absolutely truthful. Miss Conrad has been under constant surveillance by agents of the New York office since her arrival in New York City at 11:00 P. M., March 16, 1935. At no time has she contacted or been contacted by any person of interest to this investigation. Her visit to New York City appears to be exactly what she informed agents of the Chicago office it would be, that is, purely a pleasure trip for the purpose of visiting her sister.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE, will conduct investigation necessary to develop identity and connections of Ethel Frost and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams.

NEW YORK OFFICE, will conduct further appropriate investigation in this district.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO#1218 - FUGITIVE DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO#1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO#1236 VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, IO#1237, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject **William J. Harrison, with aliases, IO#1239** and **Jacob Harris #8257**, who escaped from the U.S. Penitentiary at **McNeil Island, Wash., October 9, 1931**, are not one and the same person. Subject **William J. Harrison** was never confined in above institution.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter 3-19-35 with enclosure.

DETAILS: --- At **McNeil Island, Washington** ---

**U. N. Durbin**, record clerk at the U. S. Penitentiary, **McNeil Island**, who has been at above institution for many years, upon interview and after a thorough examination of his records both by names and fingerprints advised that subject **William J. Harrison, I.O.#1239**, had never been an inmate of the above institution.

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Mr. Durbin further advised that the party referred to by Arthur D. Anderson, who is now connected with the U. S. Immigration Service as an Inspector and who was formerly a guard at the McNeil Island Penitentiary, was no doubt Jacob Harris, No. 8257, who was received at the above institution on May 2, 1930, from Salt Lake City, Utah, to serve a term of three years for counterfeiting and escaped on October 9, 1931, and to date has not been apprehended.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUGITIVE, ET AL  
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NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

You are advised that on April 5, 1935, an order was entered by Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis at Kansas City, Missouri, on the petition of United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, vesting ownership in the car formerly owned by Volney Davis, in the Bureau. It is noted that this car bears motor number 1058715. The Bureau will be advised concerning other details in connection with this order in the near future.

Very truly yours,  
*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN *Hea*  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - E. J. Connelley  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

April 12, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.#1238;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.#1240;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.#1239;  
MYRTLE KATCH with aliases, I.O.#1241; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to my letter directed to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 11, 1935, with which letter were transmitted numerous exhibits and signed statements which are to be used in the prosecution of this case.

Please be advised that the United States Attorney has declined to accept these signed statements and exhibits, and has specifically requested that they be retained in the possession of this office and be made available for the use in the trial of this case at such times as their presentation in evidence becomes necessary. Accordingly, such exhibits and signed statements are being retained in this office.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Chicago.

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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 4, 1935

The Honorable,  
The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

There is transmitted herewith an excerpt from an affidavit of Acting Postmaster Forest C. Muir of the fourth-class post office at Raytown, Mo., dated March 23, 1935 with reference to mail addressed to George L. Harper, Lock Box 12, at that office being obtained from postal custody by Special Agents Richard P. Shanahan and V. T. Parry of the Kansas City, Mo., office of the Division of Investigation.

The statements of the acting postmaster indicate that Special Agent Shanahan at least is probably chargeable with interception of mail in violation of 18 U.S.C. 317 (Section 2347 of the Postal Laws and Regulations), and the matter is brought to your attention for appropriate action.

Copies of the receipts given to the acting postmaster by the special agents for the letters addressed to Mr. Harper are attached also, and it is requested that you direct that the letters be returned to the post office at Raytown at once.

Your letter of May 28, 1934 refers to the activities along somewhat similar lines of special agents attached to the St. Paul, Minn. office in January, 1934.

It will be appreciated very much if you will take such steps as you might consider necessary with a view to preventing such occurrences in the future.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. FARLEY,  
Postmaster General.

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EXCERPT FROM AFFIDAVIT OF FOREST C. MUIR,  
ACTING POSTMASTER, RAYTOWN, MO.  
March 23, 1935

"On February 25, 1935 Mr. Shanahan came to Raytown. Five letters for Harper were then in the post office box. Shanahan asked to take the letters with him to make copies of same. I asked him whether he had authority to take the letters and he said he had and would return them right away. On March 12, 1935 V. T. Parry, Special Agent, U. S. Department of Justice, came to Raytown and on his request I delivered to him one letter mailed at Saint Louis, Missouri, March 7, 1935, addressed to Harper. Parry took this letter away with him. None of this mail has been returned up to the present time.

"On March 22, 1935 I called the Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri and told Mr. Mason (name given as that of the person answering the telephone) that I did not understand that I was authorized to deliver this mail to their agents. This person said he did not know whether the agents had authority to take the letters but he would find out. The letters have not been returned to me or to the post office here. Receipts were taken from the agents on delivery of the letters. I have had no further word from the U. S. Department of Justice."

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 Mr. Quinn.....  
 Mr. Schilder.....  
 Mr. Smith.....  
 Mr. Tamm.....  
 Mr. Tracy.....  
 Miss Gandy.....  
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COPIES OF RECEIPTS

Received from Postmaster, Raytown, Mo., one letter addressed to George Lawrence Harper, dated at St. Louis, Mar. 7, 1935.

(s) V. T. PARRY  
 Special Agent  
 U. S. Department of Justice

Received of Forest C. Muir postmaster Raytown, Mo. 4 letters and 1 postcard addressed as follows:

- Mr. G. L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo.
- Mr. George L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo.
- Mr. Geo. Lawrence Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo.
- Mr. G. L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo.
- Mr. Geo Lawrence Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo.

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(s) RICHARD P. SHANAHAN,  
 Special Agent ,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 10, 1935

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Complaint of Postmaster General  
relative to mail obtained by Special  
Agents R. P. Shanahan and V. I. Parry.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
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Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Reference is made to the letter from the Postmaster General complaining of activities of Special Agents R. P. Shanahan and V. I. Parry in that they obtained from the Postmaster at Raytown, Missouri certain mail addressed to Post Office Box 12, listed in the name of George L. Harper and signed a receipt for this mail without returning the mail.

Please be advised that the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 20, 1935 in the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim-Kidnaping, reflects, beginning on page 6, information to the effect that several communications received at Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, addressed to Volney Davis under his known aliases, George Lawrence Harper, George L. Harper and G. L. Harper, were examined for possible leads on the whereabouts of Davis. The return address of each of the communications was set forth with instructions that the appropriate Field Offices conduct investigation for any information which might be of assistance to the Bureau. The report sets out, "These letters are being placed in the file of the Kansas City Office pending the request of the respective Field Offices for their transmittal in the event any of them might be of assistance in conducting an investigation at the home of any of the above members of the Correspondence Club." This is in line with the investigation suggested in a letter of the Chicago Office dated February 14, 1935 addressed to all Bureau offices, instructing that the members of "The Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club, Box 1251, Denver, Colorado", be interviewed for any information which they may have which will assist the Bureau in locating Davis.

The report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan further states that in addition to the letters addressed to Harper from the several

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Mr. Fox  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

women named in his report, investigation at the post office at Raytown revealed the receipt of a letter dated February 6, 1935, 1423 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, written by E. P. Moriarty, Deputy Commissioner, Motor Vehicle Department, Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, apparently written in reply to a letter of Davis dated February 4, 1935, relative to the registration of a motor vehicle. The letter enclosed a Missouri automobile registration certificate for the 1934 Pontiac Sedan bearing 1935 Missouri License #43-218, made out in the name of George L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri. This Pontiac Sedan was the car recovered at the time Davis was taken into custody at Kansas City, Missouri on February 6, 1935.

The report also refers to a Government postcard addressed to G. L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, postmarked 3:00 A.M., February 9, 1935, Detroit, Michigan, being a printed advertisement of Thomas L. West, in care of the Washington Training Bureau, Incorporated, Washington Boulevard Building, Detroit, Michigan.

The report does not set out in detail the manner in which possession of the letters was obtained, nor does it indicate that a receipt was furnished the Postmaster for the letters.

It is recalled that a similar incident occurred in connection with another post office box which was rented by the same Volney Davis at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. In this instance Special Agents of the St. Paul Office accompanied a Post Office Inspector to the post office at White Bear Lake and there examined the contents of the box. The Agents, after returning to the St. Paul Office, telephoned the Postmaster at White Bear Lake without first consulting the Post Office Inspector, and instructed that the contents of the post office box be forwarded to the St. Paul Bureau Office. The Post Office Inspector, upon learning what had taken place, complained to his superiors at Washington, D. C. which resulted in a similar complaint being addressed by the Postmaster General to the Attorney General, at which time the Postmaster General was advised that the Agents had made a mistake for which they would be reprimanded, and that the Bureau would endeavor to prevent a similar occurrence.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Backus	
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Mr. Smith	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Transmitted herewith is a letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of April 4, 1935 by Mr. Farley, in which the statement is made that Agents Richard P. Shanahan and V. T. Parry of the Kansas City Office illegally obtained mail addressed to George L. Harper, Lock Box 12, Raytown, Missouri. Mr. Farley states that Special Agent Shanahan is probably chargeable with interception of mail in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 317, in intercepting mail addressed to George L. Harper. George L. Harper, for your information, is a known alias of Volney Davis. It will be noted that Agents Shanahan and Parry have given receipts to the Postmaster for the mail obtained by them and that the Postmaster at Raytown has executed an affidavit concerning this matter. I am having Mr. Newby prepare a memorandum immediately upon the facts disclosed in the Bureau's file with reference to the investigation of these two Agents at Raytown, Missouri. I am afraid that the Post Office Department has both the Bureau and the Department in an embarrassing situation and believe we should have someone proceed immediately to Kansas City to make a complete inquiry into this matter, including the obtaining of signed statements from all persons concerned. When Mr. Newby's memorandum is completed I will transmit it to you.

*John A. Tamm*

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 11, 1935

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

I have read Mr. Tamm's memorandum of April 10th, the letter of Postmaster General Farley of April 4th, together with the enclosures thereto, and Mr. Newby's memorandum of April 10th, which indicate that on February 25th of this year Agent R. P. Shanahan took or accepted from Acting Postmaster Forest C. Muir at Raytown, Missouri five letters addressed to George L. Harper, (Lock) Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, giving the Acting Postmaster a receipt therefor. Special Agent V. I. Parry, presumably on March 12, 1935, secured another letter from this Acting Postmaster, which letter was also addressed to Harper. The Acting Postmaster claims that he notified the Kansas City Bureau Office on March 22, 1935 that he did not understand he was authorized to deliver this mail to the Agents; that he was told that inquiry would be made, and that he has heard nothing further from the Agents. George L. Harper is a known alias of Volney Davis. The memorandum of Mr. Newby states that this action was reported by the Kansas City Office in a regular report, dated March 20, 1935, by Agent Shanahan.

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There would appear to be no doubt as to the legal irregularity of this transaction, although it is unfortunate that the Post Office Department insists upon a strict interpretation of legalities involving the apprehension of dangerous, kidnaper criminals. In view of the fact that both the Agent in Charge and the Bureau at Washington seem to have been placed on notice regarding this action, the responsibility unless mitigating circumstances are ascertained, seems to be extended beyond the Special Agents involved. There would appear to be little, if any, investigative activity necessary but, in all probability, it would be advisable for a Bureau official to proceed to Kansas City, and thence to Raytown, Missouri, for the purpose of indicating the Bureau's attitude as to the serious character of this offense, if for no other reason. I have in mind that it will then be reported back to the Post Office Department that serious attention is being given the matter. Statements should be obtained from the Agents, the Agent in Charge, and the Acting Postmaster should be interviewed.

I have prepared a letter for the signature of the Attorney General, to be sent to the Postmaster General, which is attached hereto. The idea would be that if this letter is transmitted to the Postmaster General it

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would obviate the necessity of a further report on the part of the Attorney General to the Postmaster General at the conclusion of our investigation.

In the event these allegations are found to be correct, and I believe they are so, it will be necessary, I believe, to send out a Bureau bulletin rather sharply calling the attention of all employees to the illegality of this procedure.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

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The Honorable,  
The Postmaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

I have your communication of April 4, 1935, transmitting an excerpt from an affidavit of Acting Postmaster Forest C. Muir, Raytown, Missouri, and other enclosures, with reference to mail addressed to George L. Harper at Raytown which, it is stated, was obtained from postal custody by Special Agents R. P. Shanahan and V. I. Parry of the Kansas City, Missouri Office of the Bureau of Investigation of this Department.

I want you to know that an immediate and comprehensive investigation will be made into these charges and appropriate action will be taken in the event it is found that these allegations are correct. Steps will also be taken to prevent the necessity of your again bringing to my attention a similar occurrence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Homer Cummings  
Attorney General.

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R.B. NATHAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LEFT RENO NEVADA THIS MORNING ABOUT TEN PURSUED BY SHERIFF RENO TOWARD CALIFORNIA WHERE LOST STOP DAVIS TRAVELLING IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CALIFORNIA LICENSE CURRENT NUMBER UNKNOWN WITH WOMAN FIVE FEET FIVE TALL HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS LONG RED HAIR WEARING DARK COAT AND DARK VELVET DRESS STOP FORWARD AIRMAIL TO AGENT J.T. MCLAUGHLIN POST OFFICE BOX SIXTEEN TWENTY ONE RENO RECENT PHOTOGRAPH DAVIS AND PHOTOGRAPH OF ANY WOMEN KNOWN YOU ANSWERING WOMANS DESCRIPTION AS ASSOCIATE OF BREKID GANG

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CC: BUREAU  
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CC: ST. PAUL  
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**C.C. SPEARS**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
411 U.S. COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED BY SHERIFF RENO NEVADA AS HAVING DEPARTED RENO ABOUT TEN THIS MORNING IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CALIFORNIA CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN TRAVELLING WITH WOMAN HEIGHT FIVE FEET FIVE WEIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY LONG RED HAIR WEARING DARK COAT AND DARK VELVET DRESS STOP SHERIFF PURSUED HIM TOWARD CALIFORNIA BUT LOST HIM STOP SUGGEST YOU FURNISH INFORMATION TO OFFICERS YOUR DISTRICT AS HE MAY ENTER YOUR TERRITORY

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CC: CONNELLEY

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722 MIDLAND SAVINGS BLDG.  
DENVER, COLORADO

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WERNER HANKE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

BERKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LEFT RENO NEVADA ABOUT TEN THIS MORNING PURSUED BY SHERIFF THERE TOWARD CALIFORNIA BUT LOST STOP TRAVELLING IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CALIFORNIA CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN WITH WOMAN FIVE FIVE TALL WEIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY LONG RED HAIR WEARING DARK COAT AND DARK VELVET DRESS STOP GIVE INFORMATION TO OFFICERS YOUR DISTRICT DAVIS MAY USE NAME BOB BARKER

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**E. J. CONNELLEY**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**1900 BANKERS BLDG.**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LEFT RENO NEVADA ABOUT THREE QUARTERS HOUR AGO HEADED FOR CALIFORNIA TRAVELLING WITH WOMAN ABOUT FIVE FEET FIVE TALL WEIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY LONG RED HAIR WEARING DARK COAT AND DARK VELVET DRESS IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CARRYING CALIFORNIA THIS YEARS LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN STOP THIS MORNING SHE APPEARED AT COURT GARAGE RENO AND USED DIAL TELEPHONE IN CALLING ONE BOB BARKER BELIEVED TO BE DAVIS STOP WHEN CALLING SHE COVERED DIAL WITH HER COAT TO CONCEAL NUMBER DIALING AND ARRANGED TO MEETH HIM IN FRONT BANK CLUB STOP SHERIFF NOTIFIED BY GARAGEMAN BUT WHEN HE REACHED CLUB PLYMOUTH PULLED AWAY STOP SHERIFF PURSUED CAR TOWARD CALIFORNIA BUT LOST PLYMOUTH STOP SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE NOTIFIED AND RENO POLICE NOTIFIED CALIFORNIA POINTS BY TELETYPE STOP AGENT SLOANE NOW RENO AND AGENT McLAUGHLIN ENROUTE THERE STOP SHERIFF BEFORE BEING SHERIFF CONDUCTED AUTOMOBILE SALES BUSINESS SOLD CARS TO MEMBERS BREKID GANG AND CLAIMS KNOW DAVIS

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 CC: CHICAGO

CC: ST PAUL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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BUTTE, MONTANA

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED BY SHERIFF RENO NEVADA WHO WHEN IN AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS SOLD HIM CAR AS HAVING DEPARTED RENO THIS MORNING HEADED FOR CALIFORNIA IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CALIFORNIA CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN WITH WOMAN FIVE FEET FIVE WEIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY LONG RED HAIR STOP SHERIFF PURSUED HIM BUT LOST CAR STOP SUGGEST THIS INFORMATION BE PLACED WITH OFFICERS YOUR DISTRICT AS IT IS FELT DAVIS MAY DOUBLE BACK AND ENTER YOUR TERRITORY

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BREKID SUBJECTS TO TULSA PD SHOULD HAVE READ HARRY CAMPBELL US ATTORNEY HERE

DISPATCHED WIRE CORRECTING NAME

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BLDG.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LEFT RENO NEVADA ABOUT TEN THIS MORNING PURSUED BY SHERIFF THERE TOWARD CALIFORNIA BUT LOST STOP TRAVELLING IN PLYMOUTH SEDAN LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CALIFORNIA CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN WITH WOMAN FIVE FIVE TALL WEIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY LONG RED HAIR WEARING DARK COAT AND DARK VELVET DRESS STOP GIVE INFORMATION TO OFFICERS YOUR DISTRICT DAVIS MAY USE NAME BOB BARKER

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**E.P. GUINANE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
406 POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

RE: REFERENCE INFORMATION TELEPHONED YOU BY POLICE RENO STOP IF NAME BOB BARKER NOT FURNISHED YOU IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING DAVIS USED THAT NAME RENO STOP SUGGEST CHECK TO SEE IF PLYMOUTH COUPE REGISTERED CALIFORNIA THAT NAME OR HIS OTHER ALIASES.

CC: BUREAU  
CC: ST PAUL  
CC: CHICAGO  
CC: CONNELLY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

BREKID DISREGARD INFORMATION MY WIRE CONCERNING VOLNEY DAVIS  
STOP PLYMOUTH SEDAN AND OCCUPANTS LOCATED CALIFORNIA CHECKING STATION  
TRUCKER CALIFORNIA AND PROVED NOT TO BE DAVIS

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CC: BUREAU  
CC: CHICAGO  
CC: ST. PAUL

(WESTERN UNION SEND ABOVE MESSAGE ALSO TO THE FOLLOWING)

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722 MIDLAND SAVINGS BLDG.  
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Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 10th, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 6th, 1935, in the above captioned case, which refers to Bureau letter of March 29th, 1935, concerning a small yellow religious card stated to have been enclosed with a letter addressed to Wynona Burdette at the time she was confined in jail at Jacksonville, Florida.

This office has made a thorough search of the file in this case, as well as companion files and has failed to locate a copy of the Bureau letter dated March 29th, 1935. Investigation at Gravette, Arkansas, with respect to the Gospel Tract Society is being held in abeyance as it is not known whether Bureau letter dated March 29th, 1935, contains essential data which this office should have before the investigation requested is made.

Please forward this office a copy of Bureau letter dated March 29th, 1935, in order that the desired investigation may be more intelligently conducted.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
St. Paul  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

April 11, 1935.

Hon. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

On February 28, 1935, this office by letter requested that the mail cover being maintained on all first class mail addressed to the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom [redacted]  
2842 North Francisco Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Emily Newbold,  
2840 North Francisco Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

be continued for an additional period of thirty days. This letter also requested that the cover be extended to include tracings of all special delivery, registered and parcel post mail addressed to the above parties. Present indications are that this cover will possibly bring desirable results, and it is requested that the above cover be extended for an additional period of thirty days, all tracings being forwarded to this office marked for file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WCR:MG

cc-Bureau ✓

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

APR 13 1935 AM

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
April, 11, 1935

*Re*

Special Agent W. E. Nepton  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you call at the identifica-  
tion unit of the Police Department at Cleveland, Akron,  
and Toledo, and request that the temporary wanted notices  
on the below listed persons be withdrawn, as they have  
been replaced by regular identification orders:

Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Harry Campbell, Volney  
Davis, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Myrtle Eaton.

The temporary wanted notices were placed with  
identification units of the above Police Departments some-  
time ago.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-J. K. Collins  
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MR. D. M. LADD  
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BREKID BRUNO AUSTIN WILL DEPART CHICAGO CUSTODY USM TEN FORTY FIVE  
TONIGHT VIA MILWAUKEE RAILROAD FOR ST PAUL

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

April 10, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUG.;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237 - FUG.;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE WATSON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
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St. Paul File No. 7-30

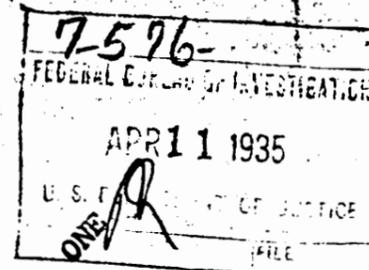
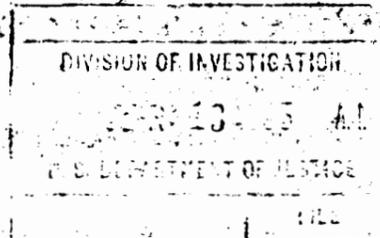
For your information there is attached hereto a copy of a letter from Honorable George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 9, 1935, addressed to Honorable Otto Kerner, Attorney General, Springfield, Illinois, with regard to producing Oliver A. Berg at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc St. Louis

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POST OFFICE BOX 612,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

April 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O.  
1239; HARRY GANTER with aliases, I. O.  
1240; MYRTLE MATON with aliases, I. O.  
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

I am attaching hereto photograph of Red D. Valley alias  
Ben Kennedy, Chicago Police Department No. C-57199, and photo-  
graph of Arthur Johnson alias Red Price. Johnson is presently  
incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary. Both of these  
men formerly resided at Calumet City, Illinois, and are known  
to have been acquainted with William J. Harrison. It is sug-  
gested that these photographs be exhibited to [redacted] to  
ascertain whether either of these men is the person named "Red"  
mentioned by her as being a close friend of Harrison.

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Joe Roberts alias Joe Festis, presently incarcerated in  
the Indiana State Penitentiary, was recently interviewed and he  
stated that prior to Harrison's coming to Chicago, Illinois, in  
1925, he was employed as a golf professional at Herrin and Benton,  
Illinois. It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made  
at these places to verify the above information and to ascertain  
any additional information that might be helpful in locating  
Harrison.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

April 11, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Special Assignment,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRI-  
SON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT. St. Paul File No. 7-30.

It is respectfully requested that the St. Paul Office be furnished with an additional set of photographs, twenty in number, of the various interior and exterior views of the hideout house at Bensenville, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

April 11, 1935.

Mr. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

On March 4, 1935, this office by letter requested that the cover which had previously been placed on all first class mail addressed to Mrs. Clara Venute, 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, be extended for an additional period of thirty days. The results obtained from this cover indicate that mail addressed to this party should be covered for a further period of thirty days, and it is, therefore, requested that the above mentioned cover be continued, all tracings being forwarded to this office marked for file No. 7-82. Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WCR:MD

cc-Bureau ✓

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In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
April 12, 1935.

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

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RW*

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. 0

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions in your letter of March 26, 1935, with reference to withdrawing the temporary "Wanted" notices which were transmitted with Bureau letter of October 13, 1934, please be advised that agents of this office have personally contacted all of the Police Departments which were furnished the aforementioned temporary "Wanted" notices. In accordance with your instructions, they were all withdrawn except those relating to Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, Bureau No. 95780, and Clyde Nimerick, with aliases, Bureau No. 77961.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/2-3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. O. Hurt--IST</b>
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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236, VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 3/2/35 Volney Davis reported seen at Belmont, California. However, investigation in and around Belmont proved unproductive. P. J. Perussina, Captain, California Highway Patrol, cooperating with Bureau Agents, endeavoring to locate Subjects at large in instant case.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call received at the San Francisco office from Captain Paul J. Perussina, to the effect that Volney Davis was seen in and around the immediate territory of Belmont, California.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agents A. T. Deere and L. S. Vandover, immediately proceeded to Belmont, California, on 3/2/35, and contacted Chief of Police Johnson. Agents presented this party a photograph of Volney Davis, and he advised he had seen an individual walking along the highway on instant date, who greatly resembled the photograph. He described this party as follows:

Age	35 to 38 years.
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Apparel	Bareheaded, dressed in a sweater and dark trousers.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5516	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 15 1935
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He was unable to give any further description. However, he did advise that the party seen by him had a scar near the right corner of his lower lip.

Agents then contacted Mrs. Kathelene Rousseau, Postmaster, Belmont, California, and she advised, upon viewing the photograph of Volney Davis, that no individual resembling the same had ever called for mail at the Post Office. Agents personally examined the Post Office boxes, and definitely ascertained that no Post Office box was rented under any of the aliases of Subject Davis. The Postmaster was left a copy of Identification Order No. 1237 on Subject Davis, and Identification Order #1236 on Harry Campbell, as well as Identification Order #1218 on Alvin Karpis. She was advised that should any individuals resembling the photographs of these Subjects call at the Post Office, to immediately contact the San Francisco Office by telephone, collect.

On 4/3/35 Agents contacted Captain P. J. Perussina, at Redwood City, California, and he advised that on the morning of 4/2/35 he saw an individual walking along the highway, near Belmont, California, who greatly resembled the photograph of Subject Davis. However, he was in no way positive of his identification. He did state that the individual he saw had numerous cuts and scratches over his forehead. The description that he gave of this party in no way corresponded with the description of Subject Davis.

He further advised that upon seeing this individual he passed him on the highway, and after driving about a mile farther on down the road, he decided to return to see what this individual was doing, and when he returned to the point where he first passed this individual, he had disappeared. However, he did advise that there may be a possibility that the individual sought would be around the jungle camps located near Belmont, California.

Agents proceeded to the jungle camps, and made a thorough investigation there, but it was definitely ascertained that no one had been there answering the description of Volney Davis. It should also be noted that from what Agents know concerning Subject Davis, Agents do not believe there is a possibility that he would visit or stay in a jungle camp.

Detailed report concerning the investigation of this case in this district will be submitted at an early date.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 13, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

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This will acknowledge receipt of all of the items of firearms  
mentioned in your letter of March 29, 1935, which were shipped to this  
office in two boxes under bill of lading #J70953.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*

D. M. LADD, *Rec*

Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul File No. 7-30.

This will acknowledge receipt of a shipment of guns mentioned  
in Bureau letter, dated March 29, 1935, which shipment was made under  
Government Bill of Lading #70954, which guns are as follows:

- 1 Thompson sub-machine gun, model #1921, number obliterated  
(restored number 198).
- 1 100 round machine gun drum loaded with .45 calibre ammuni-  
tion.
- 1 .32 Colt automatic pistol #459861.
- 1 .45 Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #C151733.
- 1 .45 Colt automatic pistol, Government model, #C162757.

Very truly yours,

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*D. M. Ladd*  
D.M. LADD, *rel*

Special Agent in Charge.

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

*W.C.*

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*[Handwritten initials and signatures over routing slip]*

DIRECTOR  
 BREKID COVER ON TELEPHONE 2024 MILWAUKEE AVENUE WITHOUT DEFINITE  
 RESULT TODAY. DAN GILBERT FORMERLY WORKING OUT OF STATES ATTORNEYS  
 OFFICE MADE SECOND IN COMMAND CHICAGO POLICE ANNOUNCED CLEAN UP  
 BOOKIE SHOPS RESULTING IN BOOKIE 2024 MILWAUKEE MOVING ACROSS STREET  
 FOR FEW DAYS. FURTHER CHECK CICERO BEING CONTINUED TO LOCATE  
 HARRISON WHERE SUPPOSEDLY SEEN. BY REASON JOHN RUSSELL MORAN WHO  
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 MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND NEBRASKA. WIRED NASHVILLE TODAY TO CHECK  
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DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 12, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:15 P.M.

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Miss Gandy	.....

United States Attorney Sullivan called on the telephone from St. Paul and said that he had had a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum served upon Oliver A. Berg, a prisoner at Joliet, Illinois, in order that he might testify at the Bremer kidnaping trial in St. Paul. He said that they are worried that the defense interests might serve a contrary writ and for that reason desire that Berg be brought to St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. He said that the United States Marshal at Chicago could probably take care of the transportation in the matter of guarding and could probably furnish the expense for transporting the prisoner and two guards, but what he would like would be for the Department to authorize Berg being immediately taken from Joliet to St. Paul by plane. He asked that I (or some other Bureau official) use whatever influence may be possible upon the proper Departmental authority in order that the United States Marshal at Chicago will be immediately authorized to take the steps to bring about the transportation of Berg by plane from Joliet to St. Paul. I will, of course, do nothing in the matter pending instructions.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

*Edwin J. Brennan*

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Mr. Nathan asks that this memo be  
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Specially - as action should prob-  
ably be taken this afternoon.

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BREKID WARDEN WHIPP ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY ADVISED SUBJECT  
 BERG BEING REMOVED TO ST PAUL 7-30 PM TODAY VIA BURLINGTON ROUTE  
 ARRIVING ST PAUL 8-10 AM APRIL 13. BERG WILL BE IN CUSTODY FIVE  
 GUARDS FROM PENITENTIARY IN CHARGE OF CAPTAIN HUMPHREY WHO HAVE  
 INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT BERG TO TALK TO ~~NO~~ NO ONE. IN THE EVENT  
 AGENTS OF BUREAU DESIRE INTERVIEW BERG SHOULD FIRST CONSULT  
 CAPTAIN HUMPHREY AND PROPERLY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. NO ONE ELSE  
 UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE PERMITTED TO TALK WITH BERG .

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: April 13, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: April 10-11-12,	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. RYAN	WCR:JMS
TITLE: 1935 ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237-FUGITIVE WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
 HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
 MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
 Edward George Bremer, Victim

Copies of all Chicago newspapers between the dates of January 17 and February 9, 1934 examined, and substance of all articles with reference to the instant case set out, for information of United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota. Names of librarians for each newspaper obtained and set forth for possible subpoena purposes.

DETAILS: The investigation set out herein is predicated upon a telephone call to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley from Special Agent A. R. McIntire, at St. Paul, Minnesota, in which Special Agent McIntire advised that the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota had requested that the issues of the Chicago Tribune of January 18, 19 and 20, 1934, be checked for the stories appearing in the papers, inasmuch as "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN had stated that he got in touch with a man named FRANKIE WRIGHT long before the money was passed, and this man said the money was coming into town, for the purpose of determining just what information had appeared in the papers at Chicago which would give McLaughlin some idea as to what the source of the money was.

Agent McIntire also advised that the U.S. Attorney requested that the various newspapers at Chicago be examined as to all issues from January 17 to February 9, 1934, in order to determine just what stories appeared with

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reference to the Bremer case in these papers; that a detailed narrative of what appeared in each issue was not necessary, but that the substance of each story should be obtained, and that the names of the librarians of the various papers should be furnished, in the event it became necessary to subpoena any one of them as to the stories appearing in the newspapers.

An examination of the newspapers for the dates indicated was made at the public library, Chicago, Illinois, at which place a complete set of the final issues of each newspaper is maintained in bound volumes. The issues of the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Herald and Examiner and the Chicago Daily and Sunday Times were examined by the writer; the issues of the Chicago Evening American were examined by Special Agent L. Whitson; and the issues of the Chicago Daily News were examined by Special Agent F. J. McArdle.

The following is a result of examination of these papers, set forth chronologically as to date under the heading of the particular newspaper. It is to be noted that the first story concerning the kidnaping of Bremer did not appear in the Chicago newspapers until the afternoon of January 18, 1934, at which time the first stories appeared in the Chicago Daily News and Chicago American. The other papers did not carry stories in this regard until the morning of January 19, 1934:

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

January 19, 1934: One column article appearing on front page captioned: "Banker is Held by Abductors. \$200,000.00 asked". This item is dated St. Paul, Minnesota January 18, 1934 and states in substance that Edward G. Bremer was seized yesterday between the hours of 8.15 and 10 A.M.; that the Bremer family had inserted an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune: "We are ready - alive"; that the ransom demand was \$200,000.00 which was to be paid in bills of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations, - used bills, not consecutive; further that the Bremer automobile had been found and that Walter Magee a friend, had been named as contact man.

January 20, 1934: Two column heading appearing on second page: "Milkwagon Driver Tells of Seeing Banker Kidnaped". This article states that James Quinehan, milkman, saw Bremer seized; the father of Bremer had appealed to President Roosevelt, and that the money was ready; that George St. Marie, a friend, saw suspicious men at a bowling alley point out Bremer on January 16, 1934.

- January 21, 1934: One column heading on page 8 - "Fate of Bremer Still a mystery after 75 Hours". It stated that no word had been received from the kidnapers; that Police and Federal authorities were withdrawing to facilitate contact.
- January 22, 1934: One column heading on page 1 - "Fear Bremer is Dead; Hunt for His Body". The article stated that search was being made for the body in Anoka County, Minnesota, as a result of an anonymous letter; that no word had been received from the kidnapers.
- January 23, 1934: One column heading on page 8 - "Gun Fight Near Home of Bremer Upsets District". The article stated that there was a heavy guard at the Bremer home; that the neighbors reported a gunfight between two cars; that there was no trace found of the cars. The article also stated that a note was said to have been hurled in a bottle through the window of Dr. H. T. Nippert.
- January 24, 1934: One column heading on page 2 - "Report Bremer Kidnapers ask Cash on Phone". The article stated that the ransom was believed to be on the way; that it was reported a contact had been made and that Bremer was due home the following day.
- January 25, 1934: Small item on page 2 - "Rumors Bremer will be Freed by Kidnap Gang soon Persist". The article stated that the family was ready to pay, but denied that contact had been made.
- January 26, 1934: One column heading on page 2 "8th Day Passes and Bremer is Still Missing". The article stated that no further word had been received from the kidnapers; that Charles Connors of the Touhy gang, and another man in Chicago were being sought in connection with the Bremer job.
- January 27, 1934: No item.
- January 28, 1934: Small item on page 8 to the effect that it was rumored the ransom had been paid.

- January 29, 1934: Small item on page 2 to the effect that the Bremer family denied payment of the ransom. In this issue there was a photograph on the back page of the ransom money in 25 bundles.
- January 30, 1934: No item.
- January 31, 1934: Small item on page 2 to the effect that no word had been received from the kidnapers in two weeks.
- February 1, 1934: Small item on page 2 that Bremer's fate was still unknown after two weeks and that no new notes had been received.
- February 2, 1934: No item.
- February 3, 1934: Small item on page 2 - No word from Kidnapers in 16 days.
- February 4, 1934: Small item on page 9 to the effect that Bremer's father had appealed the third time for his son's return, and stating that Adolph Bremer made a public appeal for word from the kidnapers, and for naming of pay-off man.
- February 5, 1934: Small item on page 6 to the effect that Bremer's family feared him slain, and reiterating father's appeal for some word.
- February 6, 1934: One half column on page 5 to the effect that 11 men were seized at Owatonna, Minn. armed with \$4,000.00; that they were questioned by the St. Paul police but appeared to have no connection; that no word had been received from the kidnapers.
- February 7, 1935: Small item on page 5 - Bremer family still awaiting word from the kidnapers.
- February 8, 1935: Small item on page 5 - Father extends deadline.
- February 9, 1935: Front page headline: "Released @ \$200,000 paid". The article stated that \$35,000 had been paid in \$5.00 and the rest in \$10 denominations.

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January 19, 1934 - two column headline on page 1 "Kidnapers Holding Son of Roosevelt's Friend for \$200,000". The article stated that the father was begging law enforcement agencies to cease efforts; that Walter Magee had been contacted by telephone and that a note had been found on the doorstep; that Bremer was kidnaped between 8.15 A.M. and 10 P.M.; that he had just returned from Chicago. The article further stated: "Shortly after William Hamm, Jr. millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company had paid \$100,000 for his release last July, it was rumored in the underworld circles that Bremer was slated to be kidnaped by a Chicago gang". The article also stated that the money had been demanded in old five, ten and twenty dollar bills - not consecutive.

January 20, 1934: One column heading on page 1 "Find Witness to Kidnaping of Bank Chief". The article stated that James Quinehan milkwagon driver stated he saw Bremer seized near Summit School; that he was a block away at the time; that he was not aware that it was a kidnaping.

January 21, 1934: One column heading on page 1 - Contact expected to be made within a few hours. The article stated that the ransom was demanded in old five, ten and twenty dollar bills, not consecutive; transferred from 9th District Federal Reserve Bank to Otto Bremer (article continued on page 8). This story also stated that the authorities were not pressing hunt until safety of victim was assured, and stated "Authorities refused to confirm a report that six or more Chicago gangsters were registered at a Twin Cities hotel about ten days before the kidnaping and that an inquiry was under way to learn their identity"; The article also stated an anonymous note had been received indicating that Bremer was dead that Florence Mathes, witness to seizure, refused to talk to reporters; that Mrs. Ida C. Belanger saw seizure from an apartment but could not identify anyone; that J. A. Letourneau, Minneapolis, Minn. stated he saw a man resembling Bremer at the western limits of the city in a coupe. There was also a small item on page 8 to the effect that Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan feared Bremer had been slain.

- January 22, 1934 - Full headline on page 1 "200,000 Ransom Ready". The article stated that the money was ready in old five, ten and twenty dollar bills, not consecutive; that it was practically certain that the numbers of the bills had been recorded; that Duluth Police were seeking a Duluth gambler for questioning; that it had been learned that a member of a bootlegging ring, after a heated argument, had withdrawn his account from the Bremer bank.  
One half column article on page 2 - Basil Banghart and Charles (Ice wagon) Connors under indictment in Factor case being sought as possible Bremer kidnapers.
- January 23, 1934 - One column heading on page 5 "Bremer Truck Ready to Dash with Ransom". The article stated that the money was ready; that Dr. H. T. Nippert denied receiving a note in a milk bottle; that Abe Ginsberg, a suspect in Hackett kidnaping had been arrested; that Verne Sankey was sought as a suspect.
- January 24, 1934 - Page 4 - one column heading - Close friends of family predict Bremer return in 24 hours. The article stated that the money was being demanded in only old five and ten dollar bills, to be wrapped in large cardboard boxes.
- January 25, 1934 - One column heading - County Attorney Michael Kinkaid declared belief ransom paid and family "double-crossed". The article stated that there was a possibility suggested that Leon Gleckman, under indictment on income tax, might be connected with the Bremer disappearance because Bremer bank records were to be used in the case against him.
- January 26, 1934 - Small item on page 4 - No word from kidnapers. The article stated that mailmen in St. Paul had been instructed to look for Bremer; that the Gleckman angle was being checked.
- January 27, 1934 - Small item on page 5 - No news from Kidnapers. The article stated that the Bremer family had been in a squabble with Government investigators.
- January 28, 1934 - Small item on page 4 - Rumors that ransom has been paid.
- January 29, 1934 - Small item on page 5 - Bremer family making efforts to make contact for ransom payment with kidnapers.

- January 30, 1934 - Small item on page 6 - Bremer family tried to half the ransom by indicating with half blue eagle in window that amount could be paid.
- January 31, 1934 - No item.
- February 1, 1934 - Small item on page 6 - No word from Kidnapers in 15 days. The article stated that \$200,000 ransom was ready; that Walter Magee was keeping vigil by phone for word.
- February 2, 1934 - No item.
- February 3, 1934 - Small item on page 4 - Bremer kidnap gang still silent after 17 days. \$200,000.00 ready.
- February 4, 1934 - one column heading on page 4 - "Elder Bremer in Last Plea to Kidnapers". The article stated that Adolph Bremer offered full cooperation and secrecy to gang in contact in plea through press; that he asked gang to have Edward Bremer write party of his own selection, in his own handwriting, and refer to article in the press; that Adolph Bremer stated that instructions contained in the note would be followed in secrecy; that if he received no word in three days and three nights he would feel that the gang did not want to deal; that he was interested only in safe return and would have no interest after his son's release. The article also stated that William Paris, prisoner in Cook County Jail at Chicago told Federal men of a group in St. Cloud prison which was planning to kidnap Bremer's daughter Betty.
- February 5, 1934 - Small item on page 4. Bremer plea to kidnapers unanswered after one day.
- February 6, 1934 - Half column on page 5 - Bremer gone 20 days. Federal and State agencies to act if no answer to father's plea in 36 hours. The article stated that 11 men arrested at Owatonna, Minnesota were found to have no connection with the Bremer kidnaping by Chief of Police Thomas Dahill.
- February 7, 1934 - Small item on page 5 - Bremer gone 3 weeks. Less than 24 hours of grace left before father calls on authorities for aid.

February 8, 1934 - Small item on page 2 - Adolph Bremer gave Kidnapers one more day to communicate without fear of police intervention.

February 9, 1934 - Full headline on page 1 - "Bremer tells Kidnaping story". The article stated that Bremer was released February 7, 1934, at 8 P.M. in Rochester, Minnesota; that the ransom had been paid - \$85,000.00 in \$5 bills and the rest in \$10 bills - \$28,500 in notes; that Bremer said he had been kept blind-folded the whole time.

DAILY TIMES

January 19, 1934 - Headline on back page "Father Pleads for Life of Kidnaped Banker". 2 column heading on page 2 - Edward G. Bremer kidnaped last Wednesday - \$200,000.00 demanded. No details of seizure; American Legion to aid in search for him.

January 21, 1934 - Two column heading on page 2 - "Halt Kidnapers Hunt to Save Banker's Life". The article stated that one message had been received directing preparation of \$200,000.00 in small bills; that rumors that Bremer's body had been found at Anoka, Elk River, Lake Owasso and Stillwater had been discounted.

January 22, 1934 - Headline on back page "Fear Bremer Slain U.S. Hunts kidnapers". One column heading on page 3 - Bremer feared dead. The article stated that blood stains had been found in auto from which he was seized; that the money was ready; that the elder Bremer pleaded for another day without Police interference.

January 23, 1934 - One column heading on pages 2 and 4 - The \$200,000.00 ransom in old 5-10 and 20 dollar bills not numbered consecutively being ready indicates Bremer release near. The article stated that the Brewery truck in the rear of Bremer's home was for possible use in ransom payment; that a large sedan had flashed lights in front of Dr. Nippert's home.

January 23, 1934 (continued) - Full story on page 12 by Val O'Farrell, in which O'Farrell alleges that the Touhy gang kidnaped Bremer to obtain funds for defense in Factor kidnaping. He deducts that Bremer was followed from Chicago to St. Paul by Touhy gangsters; that since acquittal in Hamm kidnaping they felt safe on any kidnaping in St. Paul.

January 24, 1934 - Page 2 - two column heading - Attempt to deliver ransom believed to have failed, because wrong car was followed. The article stated that two cars which stopped auto of Harry Bachman near Hinckley, Minnesota were believed to be kidnapers looking for ransom contact.

January 25, 1934 - Two column heading on page 2 - States Note reported to have been received asking 3 day delay in ransom negotiations. The article stated that Verne Sankey and Gordon Alcorn were being sought; that Police theory was that the kidnapers had headquarters in St. Paul and that Bremer was being held within an hours ride of the city; that the machine gun attack on Ray McCord was believed to indicate that the kidnapers were in St. Paul.

January 26, 1934 - One column heading on page 5 - Rumors current that Bremer ransom is paid. The article stated that an air of fear and anxiety appeared gone from the Bremer household; that Police and Federal officers did not appear to be interfering.

January 28, 1934 - Small item on page 4 to the effect that no contact had been had with the kidnapers in four days; that the family awaited the next word from them.

January 29, 1934 - Small item on back page to effect that Adolph Bremer pleads with kidnapers for some sign that his son is alive.

January 30, 1934 - Small item on page 2 to the effect that there is still no sign from the abductors; that the family is still hopeful.

January 31, 1934 - No item.  
February 1, 1934 - No item.  
February 2, 1934 - "  
February 4, 1934 - "  
February 5, 1934 - Page 25 - small item to effect that father of Bremer pleads for son's return in three days ; that the plea had been ignored by kidnapers.  
February 6, 1934 - No item.  
February 7, 1934 - No item.  
February 8, 1934 - Page 1 headline "Kidnapers Free Banker Bremer". Small item on page 2 - Bremer released 8 P.M. last night near Rochester, Minn. \$200,000 paid.

NOTE: No issue of this paper is published on Saturdays.

CHICAGO EVENING AMERICAN

January 18, 1934 - Page 1, column 5, continued page 2, column 6, Associated Press, St. Paul, January 18; headline "Banker held for \$200,000.00 Ransom". Bremer kidnaped shortly after return from Chicago. Police as yet have no official notification. Walter W. Magee located and recovered Bremer auto after kidnapers contacted him seven months after Hamm kidnaping.  
January 19, 1934 - Page 1, column 5, continued page 4, column 1; Associated Press, St. Paul, January 19, 1934, headline "Blood in Car of Kidnaped Banker". Indication that Bremer was brutally slugged. No fingerprints found in car; Federal investigators on case. Dr. Russell R. Noice, Minneapolis, reported to police he had seen a man resembling Bremer in a coupe with another man on the night of the 18th in North Minneapolis.

- January 20, 1934 - Page 1, column 7, International News Service, St. Paul, January 20, 1934; headline "Bremer Slain by Kidnapers, Says Note". Postmaster W. C. Robertson of Minneapolis received note mailed in St. Paul to the effect Bremer was accidentally killed. Note believed from crank.
- January 21, 1934 - No Sunday edition.
- January 22, 1934 - Page 1, Column 1, continued page 2, column 2; Special St. Paul, January 22, 1934; headline "Bremer Kidnap Deal Awaited". The Federal Government is looking for Verne Sankey as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping. Walter Magee is believed to be contacting the kidnapers.
- January 23, 1934 - Page 5, column 1, Associated Press, St. Paul, January 22, 1934; headline "Mystery Mask Over Bremer Ransom Plan". A second ransom note has been reported but unverified. The Bremer family for the past three days has had \$200,000.00 in old five, ten and twenty dollar bills, in accordance with the instructions received from the gang as contained in the first note received by Magee.
- January 24, 1934 - Page 3, column 6, International News Service, St. Paul, January 24, 1934; headline "Bremer Kidnap Deal Hinted". Otto Bremer, uncle of kidnap victim, is out of town on mysterious errand. Newspaper reporters unable to locate Magee.
- January 25, 1934 - Page 4, column 4, Associated Press, St. Paul, January 25, 1934; headline "Women Reveal Bremer Clues". One woman reports she witnessed abduction at distance of 20 feet; another obtained license number of kidnapers' car. Their identities not disclosed.
- January 26, 1934 - Page 1, column 1, continued page 2, column 2, Special, Tucson, Arizona, January 26, 1934; headline "Link Dillinger with Bremer Kidnaping". Dillinger, three aids and three women taken by Tucson police. One woman admitted the gang did not start west until two days after the Bremer kidnaping. Pierpont was forced by Tucson police officers to cough up a piece of writing paper which he was trying to swallow. The contents of the paper were said by police to directly connect the Dillinger gang with the Bremer kidnaping. Page 3, column 4, Special St. Paul, January 26; headline "Find New Clues in Bremer Case". Agents of the Department of Justice held a secret meeting to discuss the kidnaping. Two women, whose names are not disclosed, saw the kidnaping and obtained the license number of the kidnapers' car.

January 27, 1934 - No items in the paper this date.

January 28, 1934 - No Sunday edition.

January 29, 1934 - Page 6, column 1, International News Service, Washington, D. C. January 29; headline "Bremer Alive, Gang Peeved, Say U. S. Men". Kidnapers of Bremer lost patience with victim's father because he put one-half of a blue eagle in a window designated by the kidnapers for the display of a complete blue eagle, signifying willingness to pay \$200,000.00 ransom. Kidnapers were alleged to have sent another note, expressing their displeasure. Both Federal agents and police are lying low at the request of the Bremer family.

January 30, 1934 - Page 4, column 6, Associated Press, St. Paul January 30; headline "Bremer is Held 14th Day". Fourteen days have elapsed without developments in the Bremer kidnaping.

January 31, 1934 - Page 7, column 5, Associated Press, St. Paul, January 31; headline "Bremers Deny Word from Gang". Scores of letters have been received by the Bremers but none have come from the kidnapers.

February 1, 1934 - No item.

February 2, 1934 - Page 3, column 1, Associated Press, St. Paul, February 2, headline "Family of Bremer Still Hopeful". Seventeen days have elapsed since the kidnaping.

February 3, 1934 - No item.

February 4, 1934 - No Sunday edition.

February 5, 1934 - No item.

February 6, 1934 - No item.

February 7, 1934 - No item.

February 8, 1934 - Page 1, column 8, continued page 4, column 2, International News Service, St. Paul, February 8; headline "Bremer Set Free for \$200,000.00". \$85,000.00 in \$5.00 notes and remainder of ransom in \$10.00 bills. A list of the numbers on each bill of the ransom money was compiled by agents of the Department of Justice and will be broadcast to the banks in the country. A general story of the circumstances of Bremer's release was set out.

February 8, 1934 (Cont'd) - Same edition, page 4, column 2, St. Paul, February 8; headline "Bremer's Father Thanks Those Who Aided". Letter of thanks published by father of kidnap victim.

Page 4, column 3 Associated Press, Washington, D. C. February 8, 1934; headline "U. S. Will Push Bremer Case". Department of Justice held off until the victim was returned alive. Investigation will be pressed.

February 9, 1934 -

Page 6, column 1, Associated Press, Milwaukee, February 9, 1934; headline "Grill Two Bremer Suspects in Milwaukee". Two men with \$2,000.00 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills, were questioned by the Milwaukee police, who said they had just arrived from Minnesota. They are believed to be minor bootleggers.

Page 6, column 1, International News Service, St. Paul, February 9, 1934; no head. Bremer can positively identify two of the kidnapers, according to Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill.

#### THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

January 18, 1934 -

7-columns, streamer; Kidnaped St. Paul Man; Asked \$200,000.00. Page 1, Column 3. Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, (AP). Kidnapers demand \$200,000.00 ransom; abducted Edward G. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and prominent Democrat of Minnesota, yesterday morning.

January 19, 1934 -

Page 1, Column 1 - Continued to Page 3, Column 3. Heading: "Bloodstains Found on Kidnaped Banker's Car; \$200,000.00 Ransom Ready." Copyright, 1934, by the United Press. Date Line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 19, (UP).

January 19, 1934 (Cont'd)

Discovery of bloodstains in the automobile from which Edward G. Bremer was dragged by kidnapers has filled the banker's family with dread that he was seriously injured or perhaps dead, the United Press learned today, as the rendezvous for the payment of \$200,000.00 ransom was awaited. Continuation to Page 3, Column 3. Yesterday the Bremer family inserted a newspaper advertisement saying "Everything is ready", but there was no sign of a reply through the same channel today.

January 20, 1934 -

Page 4, Columns 2 and 3, Heading: "Kidnaped Victim's Father Sure Bremer Is Alive". Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 20, (UP).

January 22, 1934 -

Page 1, Column 3, Heading: "Hint Contact Made With Gang Holding Bremer." Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, (AP). Unusual activity by police and members of the Bremer family today led to the suggestion that contact with the kidnapers of Edward Bremer, wealthy banker abducted for \$200,000.00 ransom, was expected.

Page 1, Column 3. Date line, Washington, D. C., January 22, (AP). In its search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul the Federal Government today intensified its long hunt for Verne Sankey, under indictment in Denver for the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, II.

January 23, 1934 -

Page 4, Column 4. Heading: "Bremer Release Now Expected within Twenty-Four Hours". Sub-heading: "Payoff man with \$200,000.00 reported on way to rendezvous." Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 23, (UP). Release of Edward G. Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, was expected within twenty-four hours today following a series of rapid fire developments. Representative of Adolph Bremer,

Victim's father, reported to have renewed contact with the kidnapers and to have dispatched negotiator with \$200,000.00 ransom to a designated payoff rendezvous. Two notes thrown through Dr. Nippert's window gave directions. Thereafter appeared an advertisement in two Minneapolis papers, "Rose. Please phone today. D.O.C." Police advanced theory experienced gang did kidnaping; that hunt would swing to Chicago.

January 24, 1934 -

Page 3, Columns 2 and 3. Heading: Verne Sankey, An Aid, Hunted Here By The U.S. In Bremer Kidnaping Case.

January 25, 1934 -

Page 3, Column 1. Heading: "Eye Witnesses Supply Bremer Kidnaping Clues." Two women witnesses to snatch. One gave auto license number of kidnaper's car. Identities not disclosed.

January 26, 1934 -

Page 4, Column 1. Heading: "Police Keep Hands Off in Bremer Case". Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 26, (UP). All appearance of fear and anxiety was gone today from the household of Edward G. Bremer. Report persists that the ransom had been paid and that Bremer would be returned to his family by tomorrow night.

January 27, 1934 -

Page 4, Column 5. Heading: "Bremer Family Awaits Word From Kidnapers". Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 27, (AP). All avenues of communication were kept open today to smooth the way for contact between the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and his kin. "We are not cooperating with the authorities", said Walter McGee, wealthy contractor and contact man, "because we wish to leave open every possible chance for the holders of Mr. Bremer to communicate".

January 29, 1934 -

Page 8, Column 4. "Adolph Bremer Pleads For Sign Son is Alive". Statement of Adolph Bremer: "Please communicate with us. We want our son back. We are ready to negotiate and the money is ready if you will only tell us where to meet you".

January 30, 1934 -

Page 3, Columns 3 and 4. Heading: "U.S. Agents Block Release of Bremer Underworld Rumor". Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 30, (UP). This story hints that the police were informed by underworld contacts that Bremer would be released when U. S. agents went off the case.

February 2, 1934 -

Page 3, Column 1. Heading: "Bremer Kidnapers Silent After Seventeen Days". Date line, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 2, (AP).

February 5, 1934 -

Front page cut showing pictures of twelve persons who had been kidnaped with the number of days they were held and the amount of ransom they paid. The center of the panel shows a picture of Edward G. Bremer. The heading of this panel: "Bremer missing twenty days. Nears record".

Page 1, Column 4 - "Fear Grows Kidnaped Banker Has been Slain".

February 6, 1934 -

Page 6, Column 4. Heading: "Bremer Family To Call Upon Police For Aid".

February 7, 1934 -

Page 4, Column 8. Heading: "Deadline Today In Kidnaping of Banker Bremer". This story advised that Mr. Bremer would release the police and federal agents from their promise not to interfere with the negotiations being conducted by the contact man and the kidnapers.

February 8, 1934 -

Front page story relating the release of Edward G. Bremer, carrying pictures, one picture showing the victim standing in front of a shelf on which has been placed what is reported to be the packages of ransom money. The notation is made in the details that the bills were old bills in \$5. and \$10. denominations and filled two suitcases and were unmarked.

Following are the names of the librarians of the above newspapers who are competent to testify to and introduce copies of their respective newspapers, in the event it becomes desirable to do so:

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O.#1241; et al.  
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I am transmitting herewith to the Bureau three copies of the  
following pages, which are to be inserted in the summary report of  
Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935,  
which is the summary on ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER:

Pages 21-A, 142A, 239A, and 139A.

Two copies of the above inserts are being designated for Mr. E.J. Connelley  
at Chicago, and one copy for the Jacksonville Office.

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April 10, 1935, which is the summary on ELMER FARMER. This insert is page  
17-A. I am also transmitting an insert, page 28-A, which should be placed  
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